

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9 December 2013, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey
R Crisp
R Few
N Garbutt
S King
S Ruffley (partial attendance)
C Thomas
County Councillor Awford
Borough Councillor Davies
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 18

1 APOLOGIES: None

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday, 11 November 2013 were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 MARTIN HUTCHINGS, GRCC AND ERIN DAVIES, TBC: Analysis of suggestions put forward at open day for the Minsterworth's Affordable Housing Scheme held on 22 October 2013. Erin Davies took everyone through the various points/comments that arose from the meeting. She stated that over 80 people attended the meeting and they received comments from around 50 people.

Simon Ruffley entered

Mr Bourne requested that the Clerk minuted that “due to a lack of publicity by the Parish Council not enough people were aware of tonight's event”.

Councillor Blowey said that it was unfortunate that this had happened as it had been omitted from The Villager.

Erin Davies agreed to come back again to answer questions and that the comments be put on the Parish Council website and a link printed in the next edition of The Villager.

Most of the sites that were initially considered were rejected by Highways and the preferred site by most people was the one adjacent to The Village Hall.

The Chairman thanks Martin and Erin for attending tonight's meeting.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: As follows:

- The County Council are not increasing the precept for 2014/15
- BBC Radio Glos are campaigning about the considerable congestion on the A48 in the mornings and he had attended a meeting along with other County Councillors held at the Premier Inn at Longford. This issue has received considerable airtime and he felt that constant lobbying at high level needs to take place involving MPs along with the HA. He thinks that serious consideration needs to be given to a second river crossing west of the Severn.
- A Park & Ride at Highnham would be at least 9 years away.
- Hatchings are going. Any proposed alterations to the roundabouts etc will not happen until 2015 at the earliest.
- Hoping to get a meeting with the Forest MP to put more pressure on the HA.

The Chairman said that the Councillors had got together after the last Parish Council meeting and discussed this further. Councillor Blowey said that all Minsterworth residents needed to be informed

about the proposals that are being put forward by the Highways Agency. He agreed to draft a note for The Villager asking for suggestions from Parishioners how the road layout can be improved.

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: As follows:

- Explained what the wires across the road were in Highnham.
- Following his attendance at a Countrywide Strategic Group meeting he gave an update on the Local Economic Partnership which is looking at the M5 growth zone.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES): Comments received.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Application: 13/01133/FUL Land at Starcroft Lane, Minsterworth: Variation of condition 3 of 09/01027/FUL to allow further 3 year temporary permission for use as a transit gypsy site for 8 touring caravans.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application.

8.2 Decisions: None

8.3 Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions/Site Inspections: None

8.4 Enforcement Matters: Starcroft Lane, Minsterworth: The Clerk reported that a log had been circulated with the above planning application. Councillors noted the contents.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 December 2013	328.12		
Less Tax for December	<u>44.00</u>	284.12	Cheque No: 101202
Inland Revenue		44.00	Cheque No: 101203
MVH – Hire of hall 11.11.13	28.60		
Hire of hall 22.10.13 (half the cost To be reimbursed by GRCC)	<u>50.00</u>	78.60	Cheque No: 101204
System Force IT: Renewal of contract hosting Of website site	30.00		
	<u>VAT 6.00</u>	36.00	Cheque No: 101205
Total Payments		£442.72	

Receipts

Total Receipts **£0.00**

9.2 Financial Statement for the month ended November 2013 was circulated – contents noted.

9.3 Budget 2014/15: The Clerk circulated a second draft and proposed that the precept should be increased to £6,460 which was a £100 increase on last year's precept which represents a 1.6% increase. It was agreed that the precept for 2014/15 would be £6,460.

10 MATTERS ARISING:

10.1 JCS and Tewkesbury Borough Plan and Flood and Water Management SPD: The Chairman briefly went through the draft comments that had been prepared as a response to these documents and had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to send the comments to TBC as circulated – deadline Friday, 13 December.

10.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee: Councillor Ruffley reported that a number of the committee members will be standing down after the AGM in April and there are vacancies for various positions.

10.3. Highway Matters: Grit Bin Pound Lane: This has been stolen – Clerk to email Richard Waters.
Fly Tipping: at Cornham Lane – this had been reported to TBC and dealt with.

Litter Picking: The Chairman thanked those involved with litter picking from the Highnam Roundabout to the property called Appithorne – it was an excellent job.

Road Markings Church Lane: In June Richard Waters presented a proposed scheme to improve the safety of the right turn into Church Lane. Clerk to obtain an update from Mr Waters.

10.4 Affordable Housing Scheme: Councillor Blowey again apologized that tonight's presentation from Martin Hutchings and Erin Davies was not advertised in The Villager due to a breakdown of communications. He confirmed that the preferred site was the site adjacent to the Village Hall. It was agreed to ask Martin and Erin back to the February meeting which this time would be included in the Villager without fail and he would write a short piece for inclusion. Although it was thought that the ideal site was adjacent to The Village Hall there was still time to consider any other sites that are put forward.

10.5 Dog Fouling: Councillor Thomas said that there had not been a Governors meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. The Chairman thanked Councillor Blowey for putting the article in The Villager.

10.6 Welcome Leaflet: It was agreed to defer this item until the January meeting.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 Terry Moore-Scott - State of historic cobbled causeway on The Street: Mr Moore-Scott's various emails had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and several Councillors had visited the area. After a short discussion it was agreed the Clerk email Mr Moore-Scott and ask what he wanted to be done with the area and also Councillor Awford said he would raise this with Richard Waters at Glos Highways. Clerk to also email Richard Waters.

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 January 2014 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.30pm.