

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 14 July 2014, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Few
S King
C Thomas
Mr S Wallbank – Acting Clerk
Borough Councillor D Davies

Parishioners: 9

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Blowey, Crisp and Garbutt and County Councillor Awford
The Chairman thanked Councillor Thomas for taking part in the Sunday's sponsored walk to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on Monday, 9 June were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Councillor Awford was looking into the grass cutting on the A48 which was due to be done but no date as yet.
- Reported that the communal areas in Highnam were in a neglected state and he had orchestrated a joint working group involving the Highways, the District and Parish which has proved to be very successful and was offering to do the same for Minsterworth,.
- JCS reaching a stage where a submission plan can be made – currently up for public view until Monday, 11 August.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES): Comments taken.

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions/Site Inspections: None

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

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| Salary 1-31 July 2014 | 337.96 | | |
| Less Tax for July | <u>33.20</u> | 304.76 | Cheque No: 101235 |
| Inland Revenue | | 33.20 | Cheque No: 101236 |
| MVH – Hire of hall 9.6.14 | | 28.60 | Cheque No: 101237 |
| Total: | | £366.56 | |

Receipts:

Total: £0.00

Post dated cheques for August:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

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| Salary 1-31 August 2014 | 337.96 | | |
| Less Tax for August | <u>33.20</u> | 304.76 | Cheque No: 101238 |
| Inland Revenue | | 33.20 | Cheque No: 101239 |
| MVH – Hire of hall 14.7.14 | | 28.60 | Cheque No: 101240 |
| Total: | | £366.56 | |

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended June 2014 was circulated – contents noted.

8.3 The Villager – “Future” Email received from Mr Pearson stating that the magazine is on a financial tightrope and the working group are keen to examine all avenues for financing future editions of The Villager. The working group are seeking parishioners views as to whether The Villager should continue and if so would people be willing to pay for it? 210 copies are printed each month.

The Chairman felt the magazine was an important asset to the Village and should not go 100% on line yet. Currently the Parish Council donate the sum of £400 towards the running costs of the magazine. It was agreed that the Councillors needed to meet with The Villager working group to discuss the way forward.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Resignation of Councillor: The Clerk confirmed that there had not been a requested for an election and the Parish Council was now in a position to “co-opt” a prospective Councillor. Tony Pearson had put himself forward for fill the vacancy along with Jerry McGrath. It was agreed that the Councillors “secret ballot” would be held at the September to fill the vacancy.

9.2. Highway Matters:

Grass Cutting of verges A48: Already discussed earlier in the meeting. Clerk to email Amey and Richard Waters and copy in Councillor Awford.

Rat Run signs: The acting Clerk reported that the Clerk had completed a Community Grant Application. The Clerk had obtained a revised quote from Severn Signs for just the signs with no metal posts and this had reduced the cost to £254.40 plus VAT. The Clerk had requested 100% of this invoice from the Capital Grant fund with the Parish Council donating their material and labour for erecting the signs however the criteria is that TBC will only pay 75% with the other 25% being funded by the Parish Council. This would be £63.60 required from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund this 25% of the cost of producing 12 signs.

9.3 Affordable Housing Scheme: The Chairman gave an update – 3 prospective layouts had been looked at but only 1 scheme met everyone’s requirements and visions. The meeting on 6 September will be promoted in The Villager to encourage parishioners to attend and this will be advertised in The Villager.

Service Village Forum: Next meeting Thursday, 17 July. The Chairman said he was unable to attend but would try and get a Councillor to represent Minsterworth.

9.4 Dog Fouling: The posters had been collected from the School and laminated. Photographs were taken to advertise on the Parish Council’s website. It was agreed to put the posters around the Village on various footpaths which the Chairman and Councillor Crisp would action. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the School.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Notice of Publication of the Pre-Submission of the JCS for Gloucester, Cheltenham & Tewkesbury: Open for comments between 30 June and 11 August. It was agreed to put a link on the Parish Council website to the JCS website.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday 8 September 2014 at 7.30pm
The meeting closed 8.20pm.