

## MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 12 July 2010, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors - T Bourne  
R Few – Chairman  
C King  
S King  
L Simms  
S Ruffley – Vice Chairman  
County Councillor P Awford (partial attendance)  
Borough Councillor D Davies  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
PC Sian Roberts (partial attendance)

Parishioners: 11

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Rod Crisp

### **2 MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 14 June 2010, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### **4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- New role for the Police Authority – moved from Forest South to Forest North.
- A lot going on in the County Council at the moment as reported in the media – a considerable amount of money has to be saved in the County.
- The proposed average speed camera scheme on the A48 has not been withdrawn yet but there is a strong possibility that it will be shelved.

There has been an increased police presence at the Severn Bore pub.

Councillor Bourne asked if any progress had been made with the Highways Agency regarding the fact that numerous vehicles have to stop when coming from Gloucester to allow one car on the opposite carriageway to turn left out of Over Farm. CC Awford said that he had taken this matter up with the Highways Agency.

### **5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- Mark Harper MP had been in touch with the Highways Agency who stressed that the problem lies at the Over Roundabout so Mark Harper has suggested that they solve the problem there so there is some relief for motorists using the road daily.
- The RSS has been scrapped however the Joint Core Strategy will continue and a Newsletter has been produced
- Public Inquiry commences Tuesday, 13 July at Staunton & Corse Village Hall regarding TBCs refusal for the gas pressure reduction station at Tirley – expected to last 2 weeks.

### **6 PRESENTATION FROM DR LYNCH RE SEVERN BORE RIVER TRAFFIC**

- Following the APA he has taken up the task of raising the fact that abuse by motorboats on the Bore is ruining it for tourists, watchers etc
- He is working with the Harbour Master – Michael Johnston to do what they can.
- Been in contact with the media and is planning to distribute information in August.

- Has identified and contacted the slipway owners who allow the boats onto the bore – the ski club only allow surfboarders to access the Bore not motorboats. [A parishioners said that the boats come from the Gloucester end and are nothing to do with the surfboarders]
- The EA has agreed to put information on next year’s timetable
- Preparing posters, handouts and stiff notices encouraging boats to stay well behind the bore waves, to respect the 12 knot speed limit and not to spoil it for the spectators.
- Want to reinforce message given out by Gloucester Harbour relating to Byelaw 12 and 15
- Been in touch with the CEO of GCC to try and get their support and will contact TBC.
- It was the motorboat associated with the photographers from National Geo magazine who ruined the last 5 star bore.

## 7 PUBLIC COMMENT: (MAX 10 MINUTES)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment.

## 8 PLANNING

### 8.1 Applications:

**10/00703/FUL** Graingers, Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of first floor extension over existing ground floor kitchen & utility to rear

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

### 8.2 TBC Decisions:

**09/01130/FUL** 3 Bury Lane, Minsterworth: Erection of a single detached private dwelling & detached garage (revised application) - **Granted**

**8.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions/Site Inspections:** Hybank, Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of lobby extension to outbuilding – Mr Chase Butler has appealed against TBCs refusal to grant planning permission for Change of use of existing commercial building and intensification of existing dwelling to provide student let accommodation, creating a total of 11 student let bedrooms. Erection of lobby extension to outbuilding. It was agreed that no additional comments needed to be added to the Parish Council’s objection to this application so these would be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

## 9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts - Councillors agreed the following finances:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 July 2010	294.81	Cheque No: 101049
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Minsterworth Village Hall – Hire of Hall:

PC meeting 14 June 10	26.00	Cheque No: 101050
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Reimbursement to Mrs F J Wallbank:

Cost of Epson B1100 A3 printer	124.68	
<u>VAT 21.82</u>	146.50	Cheque No: 101051

Cost of paper for A3 printer	10.75	Cheque No: 101052
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£478.06</b>	
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### Receipts

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
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### Payments for August 2010:

Accounts for Payment:

Mrs F J Wallbank –  
Salary 1-31 August 2010 294.81 Cheque No: 101053

Minsterworth Village Hall – Hire of Hall:  
PC meeting 12.7.10. 26.00 Cheque No: 101054

**Total Payments £320.81**

**9.2 Financial update to end of June 2010** - This was circulated with the agenda -noted.

## **10 MATTERS ARISING:**

**10.1 Neighborhood Watch Co-ordinator** – Nothing to report

**10.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee** – Works still on schedule.

**10.3 Police Matters** – PC Sian Roberts reported:

- For the month of June there was one firearms incident.
- She would be replaced in the near future by a full time police officer, PC Sharon Jubilee who is transferring from Cinderford.

GAPTC invites Parish & Town Councils to meet Gloucestershire Chief Constable, Mr Tony Melville on Tuesday, 14 September between 2-4pm at Highnam Community Centre. Councillor Bourne said he would attend and the Clerk would send in a question asking for a greater police presence on the A48 to monitor the speed of vehicles, especially motorbikes.

### **10.4 Highway Matters:**

**Exiting from the Apple Tree Pub** – The Chairman has received several complaints about vehicles leaving the pub – drivers are so busy looking at the traffic on the A48 that they ignore the fact that traffic comes from the right from Watery Lane. He has spoken to the owners of the pub and they have agreed to put up some signs when people are leaving the pub.

**Potholes** – White circles have been put around quite a lot of potholes and in fact some of these had been attended to in the last couple of hours.

**Railings by Thatchers Farm** – These have still not been attended to.

**10.5 Housing Needs Survey** – The Chairman reported that now the RSS has been abolished and the strategic planning context has changed dramatically that it would be best to delay carrying out a HNS. All Councillors were in agreement.

**10.6 Severn Bore – River Traffic** – the Chairman raised the question of the Parish Council contributing funds towards the cost of having some posters in hard frames made to put up around the parish to raise awareness of the campaign to stop motorboats ruining the Bore. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute the sum of £100 but that the Village Hall and Church should be asked to contribute as well as they benefit financially from the Bores.

**10.7 Footpath EMW/8** –The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Suzanne Hopes who had inspected the path. She will arrange for the ditch to be cleared in the autumn and also arrange for the overhanging vegetation to be cut back which should allow the surface to dry out more.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**11.1 TBC –Town/Parish Council Seminar: Wed, 28 July 6.30pm - The Planning Service** – Councillor Cathy King and Steve King said they may attend but would liaise with the Clerk.

**11.2 Joint Core Strategy Consultation Report** – Further consultation on Part 1 of the JCS until 9 August 2010.

**11.3 TBC – Licensing Act 2003 – Revision of Statement of Licensing Policy** – Councillor Ruffley will speak to the Village Hall Committee about this

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 13 September 2010 at 7.30pm to be held in Minsterworth School

The meeting closed 8.36pm.