

## MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11 November 2013, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

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

Parishioners: 5

**1 APOLOGIES:** None

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Monday, 14 October 2013 were agreed and signed after two amendments.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** As follows:

- Confirmed that he had attended the A48 Meeting and raised the issues that had been raised by the parishioners at the October meeting.
- Regarding the congestion of the traffic on the A48 and A40 lobbying will need to be done to raise the profile of this issue.
- Has a meeting of the Severn Estuary on Wednesday this week.

The Chairman said that he could not believe the difference in the volume traffic on the A48 and A40 when the schools are on holiday and really felt that free transport needs to be made available for schoolchildren to stop parents having to carry out school runs. A lengthy discussion took place how the Parish Council can try to get other Parish Councils along the A48 and A40 and the Emergency Services involved in a campaign to raise the problems with the time it takes to travel a short distance either from the Forest into Gloucester or along the A40 into Gloucester. It was thought that if a meeting could be arranged with interested parties the Highways Agency and MP must be present. It was agreed to discuss this further at a meeting at the Chairman's house as to the best way forward.

**5 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** As follows:

- JCS consultation extended to Friday, 13 December 2013.
- Reported on a survey carried out by TBC at a cost of £4,200. 3,000 residents were selected from the electoral role. He read out some of the results.

**6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES):** Comments received.

**7 PLANNING**

**7.1 Application:** None

**7.2 Decisions:** None

**7.3 Appeals:** None

**Appeal Decisions/Site Inspections:** None

**7.4 Enforcement Matters: Starcroft Lane, Minsterworth:** The Clerk emailed Paul Skelton to request that one of his Officers checks that a register is in fact being held. He confirmed that he would ask one of the Enforcement Team to request details and get back to the Parish Council.

**7.5 Appletree Pub, Minsterworth:**

The Parish Council would like to submit an email in support of The Appletree Pub, Minsterworth. The Appletree Pub provides the following:

- Provides a centre to the Village
- Hosts Post Office two mornings a week
- Provides local employment
- Listed building and any alterations/improvements have been carried out tastefully and sympathetically
- Current owners have improved the pub significantly since taking it on as previously the building was run down and going to rack and ruin which would have been an eyesore for the village.
- Anything that has been done by the owners has been to the benefit of the Village.

The Parish Council has not received any complaints regarding the noise levels from any events held at the Appletree.

**8 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

Accounts for Payment:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-30 November 2013	328.12		
Less Tax for November	<u>44.00</u>	284.12	Cheque No: 101198
 Inland Revenue		 44.00	 Cheque No: 101199
 MVH – Hire of hall 14.10.13		 28.60	 Cheque No: 101200
 Royal British Legion: cost of poppy Wreath		 17.00	 Cheque No: 101201
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£373.72</b>	

**Receipts**

**Total Receipts** **£0.00**

**8.2 Financial Statement** for the month ended October 2013 was circulated – contents noted.

**8.3 Budget 2014/15:** The Clerk circulated a draft budget to Councillors. The Clerk reported that TBC were not in a position to confirm how much the Community Grant Support would be for Parish and Town Councils. It is anticipated that there will be a reduction of 15%. It was agreed that Councillors would take this away and bring it back next month for further discussion.

**9 MATTERS ARISING:**

**9.1 JCS and Tewkesbury Borough Plan and Flood and Water Management SPD:** The consultation date had been extended until Friday, 13 December. The Chairman said that he had read the Flood and Water Management SPD and was surprised that there was no mention of the River Severn. County Councillor Awford said that this was really relevant to Tewkesbury and the more relevant article on Flood Risk Management was in the JCS on Page 44. It was agreed that the Councillors would meet at the Chairman’s house to draft a response to these documents and bring back to the December meeting before submitting to TBC.

**9.2 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee:** Nothing to report.

**9.3. Highway Matters:**

**A48 Meeting:** Councillor Crisp reported that he had raised the issue of traffic speeding up after passing the first speed camera when travelling towards the Forest as raised by the parishioners at the October meeting. GCC present at the meeting were not keen on more signage and felt the way forwards was

“driver education”. A few Councillors felt that by cutting back the vegetation and suckers on the bank on the bend after the entrance to the Starcroft Lane would improve the visibility for the parishioners trying to enter and exit their property. Councillor Thomas agreed to make enquiries as to who owned the land and County Councillor Awford said he would raise this with GCC Highways.

**9.4 Affordable Housing Scheme:** The Chairman said that he wanted to thank all Councillors especially Councillor Blowey for everyone’s efforts in making the Consultation Event on Tuesday, 22 October a great success. There was a very good turn out with 84 people giving their views. All comments have been passed to Martin Hutchings of GRCC and Erin Davies of TBC for collation and they have written a response to each of the issues raised.

Martin Hutchings and Erin Davies will attend the next Parish Council meeting on Monday, 9 December to present the schedule of comments together with their responses and to discuss the issues that have been raised by residents with the Parish Council and hopefully agree a final response that could be placed on the Parish Council’s website after the meeting. Councillor Blowey had put an article together for inclusion in The Villager to inform parishioners of this event.

**9.5 Dog Fouling:** Councillor Thomas asked County Councillor Awford to get an update at the forthcoming Governors meeting with respect to the posters that the children were producing.

County Councillor Awford said that a new Working Group called “Environ crime” had been set up at TBC and dog fouling comes under this now along with fly tipping etc.

Councillor Blowey had written an article for the next edition of The Villager.

**9.6 Welcome Leaflet:** Councillor Garbutt reported that he had been unable to produce another draft and it was agreed that this matter would be deferred to the January meeting.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Service Village Forum:** Correspondence from Alderton Parish Council and Elin Tattersall from GRCC circulated prior to the meeting. Alderton Parish Council in conjunction with GRCC was taking the lead on this Service Village Forum. The first forum meeting will be held at TBC offices on Monday, 25 November 2013 6-8pm. Councillors Few and Crisp said they would attend this meeting. It was agreed to go through the questionnaire at the meeting to be held at the Chairman’s house on Monday, 18 November at 7pm.

## **11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Church Calenders:** These are available from Councillor Thomas.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday 30 November 10-2pm St Peters Church, Minsterworth

**New Vicar:** Sunday 1 December 2013 at St Peter’s Church, Minsterworth 3pm – Steven Taylor.

**Christmas Evening Event:** Friday, 20 December – walk with donkeys, singing carols.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday 9 December 2013 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.10pm.