

## MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 8 October 2012, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

### PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey  
R Crisp  
R Few  
C Thomas  
Borough Councillor D Davies  
County Councillor Awford  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 4

**1 APOLOGIES** Councillors King, Garbutt and Ruffley

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Monday, 10 September 2012 were agreed and signed after one typo amendment.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None**

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

- Call in on the County's decision to build an energy waste facility at Javelin Park by the Planning Committee because GCC signed the contract before the planning application had been determined. This matter will probably go to judicial review and be authorized by the Secretary of State.
- Felt the badger debate was not a matter for Councillors to determine.

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

- TBC mix up concerning the Badger Debate.
- JCS making progress – Housing figures to 2031 28,000 to be built.
- Eric Pickles announced that Local Authorities will be able to immediately issue stop notices on caravans that are dropped onto land.
- Explained about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which replaces Section 106. Community Infrastructure Levy is a levy on new development over 100 sq m in size

**6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES)**

**7 PLANNING**

**7.1 Applications: None**

**7.2 TBC Decisions: None**

**7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None**

**8 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 October 2012	317.64		
Less Tax	<u>64.00</u>	253.64	Cheque No: 101150
Inland Revenue: Tax for FJW		64.00	Cheque No: 101151
MVH – Hire of hall 10.9.12		28.60	Cheque No: 101152

Mrs F J Wallbank: Expenses			
Travelling	71.10		
Photocopying	10.20		
Tel/Broadband expenses	12.00		
Expenses	22.95		
Cost of colour cartridges for Epson Printer	23.56		
	VAT 4.71		
Use of room Jan-June 2012	<u>37.50</u>	182.82	Cheque No: 101153
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£529.06</b>	

## Receipts

**Total Receipts** £0.00

**8.2 Financial Statement** for the month ended September 2012 was circulated – contents noted.

## 9 MATTERS ARISING:

**9.1 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee** –Not present

### 9.2. Highway Matters:

**A48/Telephone Box:** This has been demolished by a vehicle which was travelling at high speed along the A48. Hopefully British Telecom replace the box as previously they were thinking of removing it as it was not used very often. Along this stretch of road the speed limit is not 50mph unlike most of the A48. The Clerk reported that this was raised with Gloucestershire Highways about 2 years ago and they reported that there was a national study being taken on speed limits on A & B roads but the Parish Council has heard nothing further. Clerk to write to Nigel Rilar with copies to Councillor Windsor Clive and Jenny Wilks asking what the outcome of the study was. CC Awford said that there might be a spare speed warning sign at Tirley – he would make some enquiries.

**Overhanging Hedge in School Ally:** Councillor Thomas reported that she had spoken to the school about this matter following the last meeting and had spoken with CC Awford. He had arranged for the hedge to be cut back asap and had also arranged for the missing bollards in the layby to be replaced.

**Grass Cutting/Verges:** CC Awford reported that he had spoken to Councillor Windsor Clive following receipt of the Clerk's email. Richard Waters was preparing a reply as the Clerk had specifically asked for cost saving figures for this year's one cut. County Councillor Awford reported that officers are keen not to repeat next year how the grass cutting was handled this year.

**A40/Highnam** – The Chairman said that this had still not been cut back. The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from an officer from the Highways Agency stating that this would be done imminently but it would appear that this is not the case – she had also spoken to the officer about the crash barrier on the Highnam Roundabout blocking the site line. His response was that he did not know the barrier exactly but it would have been erected at a standard height.

**A48 between Appithorne to Railway Bridge:** The water was not getting away on this section of road. Clerk to report.

**Watery Lane:** is in a dreadful condition. The PC was told by Richard Grey that if the Parish got the ditches cleared then Gloucestershire Highway would look at the “doing” something with the road.

**Road to Mrs Trigg's property:** The chairman said that this was still in a dreadful condition but nothing could be done as the lane was under water.

**Church Lane Turning:** Following the last meeting CC Awford had emailed Richard Waters but had no further update on this.

**Footpath Oakle Street/The Dinney** overgrown: Councillor Garbutt not present to report.

**Crash Barrier:** The Chairman reported that still nothing had been done about this and one of the posts was broken. He asked CC Awford to take this up to Richard Waters and for the Clerk to chase.

**Ditch by the Churchyard:** This ditch is silted up was causing flooding to some gardens adjacent to the Church. The Chairman said he would speak to the IDB.

**9.3 Review of Severn Estuary Strategy** – The Clerk said that she had received an email from Simon Cullen from the EA stating that he and Dan Matthews were keen to keep a dialogue going with the Parish. He felt that the Gloucester Strategy will be focused on the smaller local waterways that GCC are responsible for and unlikely to have much effect on the Severn. He had offered to come along to the PC meeting but the Chairman felt that it would be best to attend the Workshop run by GCC before the Parish has a meeting with the EA. The Clerk said that a venue for the workshop had still not been confirmed and advised Councillors that she would notify them as soon as she had received notification of the meeting.

**9.4 Affordable Housing Scheme** – The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had only just received a report from Frances Evans at TBC following her tour of the Village. This had to be considered fully and the Parish Council was not in a position to identify the sites as the landowners had not been contacted. The Chairman said that he would speak further with the planners at TBC.

**9.5 The Standards Regime and the Localism Act 2011** – The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Sara Freckleton again who was still waiting for a response to her correspondence. It was agreed to defer this matter again.

**10 CORRESPONDENCE: GAPTC AGM Thursday, 11 October** – The Chairman said he would see if he could attend.

**11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Town & Parish Seminar** been postponed from Thursday, 11 October as this clashed with the GAPTC AGM. The Council Tax issue will be discussed at this.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 November 2012 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed 8.42pm.