

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 12 September 2011, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

Parishioners: 7

1 APOLOGIES - Borough Councillor Davies. The Chairman congratulated Mr & Mrs Dauncey on their recent diamond wedding anniversary.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday, 11 July 2011 were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATION BY MARTIN HUTCHINGS, GRCC ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING/HNS
– The Chairman welcomed Martin and said that Martin would carry out a short presentation and then Councillor Blowey, who attended a day tour of affordable sites, would give a short report.

Martin Hutchings is the Rural Housing Enabler for GRCC and works closely with Francis Evans at TBC and Severn Housing Association trying to find out local housing needs especially affordable and general needs. When a HNS is carried out a survey goes to every household and in the past return rates are generally 20-40% and finds out view of local people. Part I will be for everyone to complete re type of property they live in etc and Part II will be for those people who are in need of housing (including those people also wishing to downsize). Once questionnaires are returned Martin will prepare a report for the Parish Council

To be able to even consider building locally there must be a proven local need. If affordable houses were built and could not be filled from people in the village itself then Section 106 would be established and the housing would be offered to adjoining parishes to those with a local connection. It would take approximately 3-5 years from carrying out a survey to housing being ready for occupation. TBC Local Plan does allow planning to be granted if there is a need identified. Design, materials etc has to be within Local Planning Guidelines.

Councillor Blowey reported on his day-trip to see affordable development. They toured four different sites – one being started, two well established and one to be built. Affordable homes are essential for young families who will keep the school going and other village amenities. The land used to build affordable homes has a greater value than agricultural land – would be around £30,000 per acre. Houses will be for rent only with rentals quite low or shared ownership with people owning between 25-80% of the house.

The Chairman invited questions from the public present and various questions were put to Martin Hutchings.

The Chairman thanked Martin for attending.

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Glos Highways had cut back the foliage that was overhanging the school warning sign.
- EA Estuary Study – concerns have been expressed. This matter is on the agenda for the next Scrutiny Committee Meeting. It might be that Awre farmers may be allowed to

maintain the flood defences however it would not be fair to have different agendas on one side of the river to the other.

- In Derek Davis absence he reported that the JCS is progressing. Concerns have been raised as to where you can build in Tewkesbury where it is not going to flood.

The Chairman thanked Phil Awford for pursuing Highways to get the overhanging trees cut back.

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT: Not present

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES)

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications: No applications.

7.2 TBC Decisions: 11/00771/FUL Deep Furrow Bungalow, Main Road, Minsterworth: Demolition of existing single storey rear extensions and construction of new rear gabled extensions and side extension. - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Enforcement consultation: The Firs – The Clerk reported that she had chased this matter up with Paul Skelton and David Taylor at TBC who informed the PC in July that the Enforcement side of the Notice had been drafted and Oliver Rider was completing the Planning input and would then meet with Legal early week commencing 25 July to finalise the Notice. David Taylor said that he would update the PC following the meeting with Legal. As the Clerk had not received an update for the meeting she had spoken with Andy Powick in Legal who informed her that the Enforcement Notice was still with their Legal Department and would be issued by the end of next week.

The Councillors were furious that it had now been a year since the Chairman and Councillor Thomas had met with Paul Skelton and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to TBC.

7.5 Traveller Site Planning Policy & National Planning Police Framework – Several emails had been forwarded to Councillors on this matter. Councillor Blowey said that he could find any amendments or proposals. County Councillor Awford said that the original document was 1,000 pages and had been reduced to 60 pages. It was agreed that County Councillor Awford would find out what TBCs comments were and what the new proposals were. He said that via the JCS some new traveller sites could be available.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-30 Sept 2011	306.60		
Less Tax	<u>61.40</u>	245.20	Cheque No: 101097

Inland Revenue: Tax for FJW		61.40	Cheque No: 101098
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Minsterworth Village Hall – Hire of Hall:

PC meeting 11.7.11	28.60		
Annual Grant for The Villager	<u>216.00</u>	244.60	Cheque No: 101099

Contribution to Westbury-on-Severn PC towards cost of printer cartridge (£29.99)		10.00	Cheque no: 101100
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Mrs F J Wallbank

Expenses:

Travelling	103.95		
Photocopying	12.50		
Tel/Broadband expenses	12.00		

Expenses	16.87		
Use of room Jan-June 2011	<u>37.50</u>	182.82	Cheque No: 101101
Total Payments		£744.02	

Receipts

Total Receipts **£0.00**

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended August 2011 was circulated – contents noted

8.3 Contribution paid by PC for The Villager – in 2007/8 it was £175 after that it has been £216. This is for two pages of advertising. As Mr Dauncey had reported in Public Comment for 2010 there was a shortfall of £339.80. Councillors were in agreement that this is an excellent publication and fully supportive that it should continue. Put on the agenda for next month.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Report from representative of Village Hall Committee – Councillor Ruffley reported that the shortfall following the works carried out is being managed as before. There are a number of events planned through to the end of the year. There has been an increase in bookings especially for weddings.

9.2. Highway Matters:

Watery Lane – The Chairman reported that the damage to Watery Lane was caused by some machinery going to his farm and he said that he would repair the damage.

Highways Seminar – Monday, 10 October. The Clerk said she had pointed out to GCC that Monday's was not a good day to hold the seminar as a lot of Parish Councils meet on a Monday. Councillor Garbutt said that if the rest of the Councillors were happy for him to miss the next meeting then he would attend for Minsterworth. All Councillors were happy with this.

Winter Parish Resilience Programme – The Chairman said he was happy to stock pile salt at his farm. It was agreed not to take up GCC's offer of going "halves" on a hand salt spreader.

Foliage Obscuring School Safety Flashing Sign – This has been attended by Glos Highways. The Chairman thanked CC Awford for his input in this matter.

Calcotts Green - The Chairman reported that a watermain is going to be run across the Green. He is meeting with the water authority on Thursday. He will report back.

9.3 Areas of Responsibility – It was agreed that Councillor Garbutt would take Terry Bourne's space and team up with Councillor Ruffley and Councillor Blowey would take Lynda Simms space and team up with Councillor King. Councillors Crisp Few and Thomas would remain the same.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC - Town and Parish Seminar: Thursday, 6 October 2011 – The Clerk asked if any Councillors wanted to attend this. No one came forward. The Clerk said that she might attend.

10.2 Roses Theatre – Take Out Project (see email attached) – It was agreed that Councillor Thomas would ask the School if they wished to be involved.

10.3 GCC – Bus Review – Following the recent consultation the clerk reported that revised quotations are being sought re service 31 to provide a lower frequency service but retaining late evening and Sunday journeys for workers – timeframe on or before January 2012.

10.4 Faster Broadband in Glos (ref email of 27.8.11) – Gloucestershire has been successful in securing a substantial amount of funding to deliver Broadband Services in rural areas. Meeting to be held on Thursday, 22 September 7.30-9pm at Norton Village Hall. Councillors Blowey and Ruffley agreed to attend.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Harvest Supper - 1 October £7 per ticket.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 10 October 2011 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.15pm.