

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 12 October 2015, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey – Vice Chairman

R Crisp

N Garbutt

S King

T Pearson

C Thomas

County Councillor Phil Awford (partial attendance)

Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 4

1 APOLOGIES Borough Councillor Davies

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on the Monday, 14 September 2015 having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Wanted to formally record his thanks to the late Richard Few for all the help Richard had given him and he enjoyed working alongside him – he will be sorely missed.
- Highways Matters: Safety signs are now back up,; chevron signs still to be re-erected; footway will be sided-back from the Railway Bridge to the Appletree 12 or 13.10.15 – he is funding this from his allowance; 2 potholes Bury Lane have been repaired.
- Closure of A48 29 September; Road was closed at Highnam Roundabout for over 1.5 hours causing complete chaos. Although Police knew where accident was (outside Water Gardens, Westbury-on-Severn) local traffic was not allowed through the barrier. He had written to Chief Inspector Neil Smith at Waterwells asking why local traffic could not be let through. Had not made any headway. [It was agreed the Parish Council would also write to Chief Inspector Smith]
- GCC has now submitted a bid for Devolution.
- Enforcement- Hygrove: Two TBC officers have been to the site and met with the site owner Mr Brazil but were denied access – they will be making arrangements for a second visit via Mr Brazil's planning agent and will report back to the PC. However there have to be two Enforcement Officers for site visits and one of the Enforcement Officers has moved over to planning so the Enforcement Office currently has one Officer. The Deputy Chief Executive, Rachel North was keen to meet with the local community so maybe this would be an ideal opportunity for her to accompany David Taylor on his site visit. MPC would write to TBC suggesting this visit.
- JCS: Currently the Inspector is looking at the various sites that had been omitted from the JCS with regards to possible development sites.

Councillor Thomas thanked Councillor Awford for his support when the A48 was closed.

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT: Not present

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Received

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 TBC Decisions:

15/00876/OUT Rosemary Cottage, Calcotts Green, Minsterworth: Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and construction of vehicular access (all matters reserved) - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals: None

7.4 Planning and Travellers:

Traveller Numbers: David Steels from TBC had supplied the PC with a list of the number of pitches occupied at each inspection a copy of which had been circulated to Councillors for their information.

Enforcement Hygrove: See Councillor Awford's report above.

JCS GTTS Sites: Reply received from Ian Kemp following the PC's letter to Elizabeth Orde. Informing that JCS Authorities are in the process of compiling a number of documents in response to queries the Inspector has raised during the process thus far. One of the subject matters which they are due to cover is Gypsies and Travellers. The Inspector believes that MPC should be afforded the opportunity to comment on this new information and once received Mr Kemp will contact the PC again to make the information available and establish a timeframe for a response. Following any subsequent response the Inspector will take a view as to whether further site visits are appropriate. Clerk to email Mr Kemp to see when the MPC will be given the opportunity to comment.

New Policy Document from DCLG: Councillor Davies had sent a copy of the new planning policy for Traveller sites. This document had been circulated to Councillors for their information.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary 1-31 October 2015	348.10		
Less Tax for October	<u>19.60</u>	328.50	Cheque No: 101307

Inland Revenue		19.60	Cheque No: 101308
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meeting 14.9.15		28.60	Cheque No: 101309
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Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager A5 booklet 194 copies of 24 pages – October		71.71	Cheque No: 101310
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Royal British Legion: Cost of wreath		17.00	Cheque No: 101311
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Total:		£465.41	
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Receipts:

Further contributions towards cost of printing

The Villager	30.00
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Total:	£30.00
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8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended September 15 was circulated and signed by Councillor Blowey.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

Bury Lane: Potholes and ruts in the surface. Councillor Awford to report to Richard Waters.

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: Councillor Blowey said a meeting has been arranged for Monday 16 November between all interested parties to progress the discussions regarding Minsterworth Village Hall land, specifically the car park and access to the proposed housing development. Councillor Blowey will attend. He confirmed that this would not delay TBC

considering the planning application. Councillor Blowey has kept Felicity Karger informed.

9.3 Service Village Forum: Elin Tattersall has sent out a revised spreadsheet (without Stoke Orchard) on Settlement Audit Update and Service Villages.

9.4 Village Green: The Clerk reported that she had submitted the forms to Land Registry again and was waiting to hear back.

9.5 Resilience Plan: Councillor Pearson reported that he had met with Councillors King, Garbutt and Thomas and that he would draft a Resilience Plan and then involve the Village Hall. Another priority is to identify asap where the remainder of the Resilience Grant Money will be spent.

9.6 Village Hall: The Chairman reported that the hedge had been cut but not the gap through to the overflow carpark. Clerk to email Richard Cockcroft to find out whether any progress had been made with regards to the disabled access. Councillor Garbutt said that he would be attending the next VHC meeting.

9.7 Councillor Vacancy: The Clerk reported that TBC had informed her that there had not been a request for an election so the Parish Council are able to co-opt. Three expressions of interest had been received and these were from Mr Terry Bourne, Mr Gerry McGrath and Mrs Julie Wardle. The Councillors voted by “secret” ballot and voted in favour of Mr McGrath. The Chairman thanked Mr Bourne who was present at the meeting for his continued interest in the Parish Council.

9.8 Remembrance Sunday: The service will be held on Sunday, 8 November 10.45am at Westbury-on-Severn.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC Town/Parish Seminar: Wednesday, 11 November 2015 None of the Councillors were able to attend. The Clerk said she may attend.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Wednesday 21 October: Fish and Chip Supper plus a film

Saturday 24 October: Churchyard cleaning 9am-12 noon with coffee and cake

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9 November 2015 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 8.45pm.