

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 20 August 2020 via Zoom.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey
N Garbutt
S Ingham
N Powell
C Thomas
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 5

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor King

2 PLANNING:

2.1 Applications:

20/00618/FUL Eame Hill, Main Road, Minsterworth: Change of use of vacant barns to Use Class B8 (storage and distribution)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **supports** this application

20/00662/FUL Highbury, Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of two storey side/rear extensions. Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side extension (Revision of 19/00711/FUL)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **supports** this application

19/00465/FUL Charlton, Main Road, Minsterworth: Change of use C3 (dwelling house) to C2 (children's care home) Erection of Replacement single storey rear extension and front and rear dormer windows (revised plans)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application for the following reasons:

1. Extending the front of the house forwards reduces the amount of available parking, and we consider that there is inadequate parking for the number of cars likely to be needed for a care home, especially when staff for the next shift arrives to take over from the previous shift, and there will be two lots of vehicles present
2. The proposed west facing windows will look directly into the garden of the adjacent property. Whilst this may be acceptable while both properties are under the same ownership, we do not consider that it is acceptable in the longer term
3. There is a significant alteration to the street view with the building line being brought forward
4. We continue to have serious concerns over a drainage system that, to our knowledge, has yet to be 'signed off' as acceptable for a commercial property by the Cheltenham inspectorate. The TBC flood risks management surveyor states in his consultation comments "*he would not be comfortable supporting this application (even under condition) unless it is proven that the means of managing the foul and surface waters, to the required standard of protection, is viable and sustainable – for reasons of human health, environmental pollution and flood risk.* Minsterworth Parish Council fully supports these comments
5. We do not consider that it is appropriate to have a care home in a semidetached house, where there are no facilities for teenage children in Minsterworth village

2.2 TBC Decisions:

20/00252/APP Land at Hectors Farm, Hygrove Lane, Minsterworth: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for the erection of 9 dwellings & vehicular access – **Granted**

20/00081/PIP Land to the West of the A48 Minsterworth Village: Residential development for between 4-8 dwelling houses – **Granted**

20/00257/APP Land at Appithorne, Main Road, Minsterworth: Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for the erection of 5 dwellings & associated vehicular access - **Granted**

20/00252/APP Hectors Farm, Main Road, Minsterworth: Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 9 dwellings and vehicular access.

3 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Paid prior to the meeting:

West Gloucestershire Association:

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| Neighbourhood Watch Signs x 4 | 48.00 | Via Bank Transfer |
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Agreed at the meeting:

AGP Garden Services:

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| 2 cuts 3 & 7 July | 74.00 | |
| 1.5hrs mole services | <u>30.00</u> | 104.00 Via Bank Transfer |

4 URGENT MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

The Villager: Discuss future of continuation of the production of the monthly magazine. Unfortunately, there has been an almost total loss of revenue from advertisers which normally subsidises the production costs. Over the last 2 years revenue 2018/19 £400 production costs £1286; 2019/20 revenue £3 production £1018 and 20/21 to date revenue £40 production £258 – productions costs down for this year due to Covid 19 and the issues regarding distribution.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Councillors welcomed Dawn Field's kind offer to take on the role of attracting more advertisers whilst the PC needs to look at improving and expanding the content. Several Councillors felt there was duplication with the Church magazine and perhaps the two magazines should be amalgamated. It was agreed that the Parish Council would financially support the Villager for the next 6 months with the production of a Villager every other month.

Bus Shelter: The Hygrove, Apple Tree and Ellis Bank shelters currently look in a state of disrepair. The Chairman had spent quite a lot of time clearing some of the ivy from the shelter at the Apple Tree but still requires further works to remove the vegetation. Councillor Powell said he would have a look at this shelter and see what works need doing.

Hygrove Shelter: During recent heavy rain, the shelter floor was flooded and would be very unpleasant for people to have to stand in there waiting for the bus. It was agreed that the Chairman would obtain a quote for creating a forwards slope to the floor to allow the water to run away.

Ellis Bank: Vegetation to be cut back.

Highways: Reduction of Speed Limit A48: The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a local resident asking for the PC to again consider pursuing a reduction in the speed limit on the A48 especially if all the new proposed houses are built. It was agreed to discuss this further at the September meeting.

5 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14 September 2020 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 20.55pm