

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13 March 2017, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey – Chairman
R Crisp
C Elias
N Garbutt
T Pearson – Vice-Chairman
C Thomas
Borough Councillor D Davies (partial attendance)
County Councillor P Awford (partial attendance)
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Parishioners: 4 (1 partial attendance)

The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits.

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor King

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 13 February 2017, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Budget agreed as consulted on.
- Extra £9M for Highways, £0.5M for the Lengthsman scheme
- Still has his £30,000 for Highways Local Projects
- Church Lane sign is scheduled for replacement

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

- Boundary Review does not affect Minsterworth
- Proposal of 40 dwellings at Highnam

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Comments received

7 PLANNING

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 TBC Decisions:

16/01404/OUT Rosemary Cottage, Calcotts Green, Minsterworth: Outline planning permission for the erection of an infill dwelling with vehicular access and parking (All matters reserved) – **Granted**

16/01115/FUL - Ham Green Cottage Minsterworth: Erection of a replacement dwelling - **Granted**

16/01329/FUL The Forge, Main Road, Minsterworth: Single storey extension and new boundary fence – Revised plans- **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Enforcement Matters: Complaint re Startcroft Lane site

The Parish Council received an anonymous complaint regarding activities taking place at the site. This was forwarded to TBC for their attention who have reported back informing the PC that no planning regulations have been contravened.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-31 March 2017	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>36.00</u>	322.54	Cheque No: 101403

Inland Revenue		36.00	Cheque No: 101404
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Parish Magazine Printing: Printing The Villager		80.17	Cheque No: 101405
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meeting 13.2.17		28.60	Cheque No: 101406
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Mr R Crisp – reimbursement of materials required To renew seat in bus shelter		28.78	Cheque No: 101407
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Mr T Pearson – reimbursement of postage costs In mailing out The villager		105.84	Cheque No: 101408
Total:		£601.93	

Receipts:

Donations for The Villager		50.88	
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TBC grant		450.00	
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Total:		£500.88	
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Postdated cheques for April:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-30 April 2017	358.54		
Less Tax	<u>36.00</u>	322.54	Cheque No: 101409

Inland Revenue		36.00	Cheque No: 101410
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Minsterworth Village Hall: Meeting 13.3.17		28.60	Cheque No: 101411
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GAPTC – Annual subscription		109.05	Cheque No: 101412
Total:		£496.19	

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended February 2017 was circulated via email.

9 MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Highway Matters:

VASS: Councillor Pearson had spoken with Westcotec and had received some guidance and costings. Westcotec are of the opinion that VASS are more beneficial in a 30mph area. A discussion took place on whether the PC should proceed with the sign and it was agreed that the following needs to be confirmed:

1. When the grant runs out?
2. Confirm how much the grant is for?
3. Conditions of use?
4. Who will move it?

Central islands: 40mph limit –No further update waiting to hear back from Councillor Awford regarding the use of 106 money.

Calcotts Green filling the depression: Plastic has been delivered by Glos Highways. It was agreed that the PC should consult with the EA and IDB before carrying out the works to ensure that they were agreeable. Clerk to email both.

A48: There are areas of the road that are in a desperate need of repair.

Road Signs: Signs for Oakle Street and Church Lane were missing & Borough Councillor Davies said he would report the defective signs to TBC.

9.2 Affordable Housing Scheme: Matters are moving very slowly forward between the Village Hall Committee and the landowner. Charities Commission has still not responded to the VHC.

9.3 Service Village Forum: No further update.

9.4 Village Green: The Chairman reported that the PC had applied for a grant to cover the cost of the additional works required and will hear whether successful in April

9.5 Flood Resilience: The storage unit is due to be installed at the Village Hall on the 27 March. Village Hall are paying for the base to be laid. Apparently the strong box has to be bolted down onto a concrete plinth and the storage unit will not have this. At this point Councillor Elias read out a statement from the Village Hall Committee requesting that the Parish Council contributes £957 towards the costs involved in providing the storage unit. A lengthy discussion took place on how the Village Hall Committee is not using their resilience grant in the manner it was meant for especially as no resilience can be stored in the building. The Councillors took a vote whether they were in favour of paying £957 towards the costs involved in erecting the building and it was unanimously agreed that the Councillors were against the proposal. Councillor Elias refrained from taking part in the vote.

9.6 Broadband: Councillor Pearson reported that he had met with John Francis from Churcham PC and in this month's Villager Villagers are being encouraged to record their speeds on a mapping system.

9.7 Report from Village Hall Representative:

- VHC recognised how well opening the Hall on a Saturday in January was received
- VHC are requesting a copy of the check list for civil evictions. Clerk to send to Chairman.
- VHC have had lengthy discussion on the future of the VH due to the physical, financial and social state of the VH.

9.8 Severn Bores 2017: Councillors went through the Bores scheduled for the year and was agreed to hire a toilet for the Bores May and August [25-29 May & 21-24 August].

9.9 Footpath EMW17 Hygrove Lane- Obstruction: The Chairman reported that Suzanne Hopes had informed him that she had contacted the landowner.

9.10 TBC: Electoral review of Tewkesbury: Warding Arrangements: This does not affect Minsterworth.

9.11 Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed that Councillor Thomas would ask the new head of the school if she would like to come along and introduce herself. Councillors Thomas and Crisp agreed to prepare the refreshments. Clerk to get 210 copies of the APA leaflet ready for circulation with the April issue of The Villager.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 GAPTC – Housing White Paper It was agreed that this document was far too lengthy to discuss at the meeting so a separate meeting would be held to go through the 35 questions.

Any Other Correspondence:

JCS Proposed Main Modifications: Consultation period 27 February to 10 April various consultations events around the County during March and April. It was agreed that MPC would send in a response.

TBC Recycling: Julie Davies' email had been circulated to the Councillors and it was unanimously agreed that the blue bags should be delivered by the refuse collectors when emptying the bins. Clerk to email Julie Davies.

Police Commissioner Event Thursday 30 March 6pm: The Chairman said he would attend.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Assembly Monday, 10 April 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.10pm.