

MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9 September 2019, in Minsterworth Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey
R Crisp
N Garbutt
S Ingham
S King
C Thomas
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
BC McLain
BC J Smith

Parishioners: 10

1 APOLOGIES: County Councillor P Awford, Councillor Powell

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on the Monday, 8 July and Monday, 5 August 2019, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and then signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

5 TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

Borough Councillor Smith reported that she sits on the Overview and Scrutiny – Glos Care Services are joining with 2gether NHS Foundation Trust on the 1 October 2019.

Borough Councillor McLain's reported as follows:

- External Audit Committee gave TBC a glowing report
- Tewkesbury Borough Plan has been approved. However Shu4 (Shurdington) has been removed, as building on greenbelt land would open the flood gates to more development

6 PUBLIC COMMENT (MAX 10 MINUTES) Received:

- Watery Lane – concern over the risk of slipping into the ditch. Could marker poles be installed to mark the edge of the road
- Concern regarding 19/00498/FUL

7 MATTERS ARISING:

7.1 Report from Village Hall Representative: Councillor Blowey reported that the new gates had been installed and wished to thank Chris and Oliver King for their considerable time input.

7.2 Minsterworth Park: Councillor Ingham said this matter was ongoing.

7.3 Defibrillator: Councillor Thomas reported that the external cabinet has been fitted and the unit will be fitted within the next 2 weeks. The First Aid training that was held was well attended and very good. She would like to know whether the PC would subsidise further First Aid Training which would result in a certificate. PC needs to know costs. Councillor Thomas to report further at the October meeting.

7.4 Highway Matters:

Ditch by the Church: This still needs to be cleared

Crossing by the School: The safety rails are broken again – this has been reported to Craig Freeman of Highways

Chevron signs still not replaced: Chairman to chase

Warcotts Green sign still not been replaced – BC Smith to chase this.

Weeds over growing new footpath by Downs Bridge:

Dustbin in Downs Bridge layby still missing: BC Smith to chase this again

Calcotts Green: The Chairman wanted to express his thanks to Hugh Dowding, Martin Watkins and others for mowing and keeping the Green tidy.

Footway alongside A48 from Oakle Street towards Gloucester: Vegetation badly overgrown the footway – parishioners have recently cleared this.

Watery Lane: It was agreed that the first step would be to have white lining painted on the road to show both edges. Chairman to contact Craig Freeman

7.5 GCC PROW: EMW29 resident has replaced the damaged stile.

Councillor Ingham reported that she had had reports from a landowner of people getting lost along the riverbank and not actually knowing where they are or getting scared as they have come across cattle and don't know any circular route to avoid the situation. This has resulted in the police being called and then them seeking support from farmers to help the person in difficulty. The landowner suggested that consideration be given to numbering the gates/ stiles along the bank and surrounding paths and having a sign erected, near St Peters Church, which would have a map of the local PROW. The map would show routes, circuit and length of time to complete. It could also show fields likely to have cattle / sheep in certain seasons. The Chairman asked Councillor Ingham to contact Suzanne Hopes to first confirm that this would not be infringing any legislation

7.6 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): The Chairman had contacted PCSO David Birch asking him to come to Minsteworth for a meeting – (awaiting a response) - and Kym Harrison the ASB Officer at TBC. Kym Harrison has been to the Village, visited farms and houses and encourages everyone to report any ASB to the Police. An article was put in The Villager informing residents how to do this. The number of ASB incidents in the last month has decreased.

The Chairman said that the Parish got little information on Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and felt this should be re-started. He would provide information to PC members for discussion at the next meeting

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank

Salary 1-30 September 2019	387.42		
Less Tax	<u>14.60</u>	372.82	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – refund to clerk		14.60	Via Bank Transfer
MVH – meeting held on 8.7.19	28.60		
5.8.19	<u>28.60</u>	57.20	Via Bank Transfer
Parish Magazine Printing for August	117.28		
September	<u>90.63</u>	207.91	Via Bank Transfer
AGP Garden Services for cutting Minsterworth Park in August		74.00	Via Bank Transfer
Total:		£726.53	

Receipts:

Total: £0.00

8.2 Financial Statement for the month ended August 2019 was circulated via email and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that AGP Garden Services had increased the grass cutting invoice by £5 per cut due to an increase in the area to be cut. Councillors approved this increase however Councillor King said he would make some enquiries whether another contractor would do this slightly cheaper.

9 PLANNING

9.1 Applications:

19/00498/FUL Land Adjacent to Rosedale House, Main Road, Minsterworth: Erection of a detached dwelling and garage block with associated vehicular access

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

- there is limited space at this site, and an extra house will lead to excessive density of housing
- Lack of privacy for the adjoining properties
- Concerns regarding the effect of the runoff of water from the proposed property on the adjoining property, The Rookery, due to the difference in height of the 2 sites, The Rookery being lower

Councillor Thomas declared an interest in the following application and stated that she had never spoken on this application at Parish Council meetings

19/00847/FUL Part Parcel 3947, Main Road, Minsterworth: Section 73 application for the variation of condition 13 of 18/01083/FUL to allow minor change to referenced plan in relation to the erection of 4 dwellings and vehicular access

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

- No logical reason was provided by the applicant as to why the houses should be made higher
- An increase in height will adversely alter the street view
- There is as yet no fully approved drainage plan for this site

The Councillors asked the Borough Councillors to speak with the Planning Department about the continual changes to these applications as they don't feel qualified on the finer details of these applications. Clerk to email the Borough Councillors with details.

19/00553/ADV St Peter's Church, Minsterworth: Installation of a pole mounted display board

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council supports application

19/00263/APP Land Adjacent to Rosedale House, Main Road, Minsterworth: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping & scale) pursuant to outline 17/00104/OUT for the erection of 5 dwellings

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council wish to reserve commenting until they have received a satisfactory response to their previous request for a drainage plan for this site which has been fully approved by TBC

9.2 TBC Decisions:

19/00550/PIP Land to the West of the A48, Minsterworth Village, Hygrove Lane: Permission in principle for the residential development of up to 9 dwelling house – **Refused**

19/00671/FUL The Old Beams, The Street, Minsterworth: Erection of a conservatory to side elevation - **Granted**

9.3 Appeal:

Appeal Decisions: None Site Inspections: None

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC Seminars: Tuesday 24 September & Tuesday 12 November: The Chairman said he was attending the seminar on the 24 September if any other Councillors wish to accompany him.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

The Chairman acknowledged the recent passing of Ronnie Knight, a former Chairman of Minsterworth Parish Council

Minsterworth School – Following a recent meeting the Diocese has accepted that the Trustees and the Village own the school. There is a working party undertaking to produce a business plan involving a village café and shop. Progress is finally being made.

Harvest Supper Saturday, 12 October

Fish & Chip Supper and Film Night Friday, 27 September 7pm

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14 October 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.