

## MINSTERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 14 September 2020, via Zoom

### PRESENT:

Councillors - R Blowey  
N Garbutt  
S Ingham  
C Thomas  
R Thomas  
N Powell  
BC J Smith (partial attendance)  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
Parishioners: 1 (partial attendance)

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor King. CC Awford had trouble connecting to the Zoom meeting

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING** The minutes of the meetings held on the Monday, 13 July and Thursday 20 August having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Clerk

**3 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE BY NEW COUNCILLOR:** The Councillors and Clerk welcomed Ruth Thomas

**4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### 5 REPORTS FROM CC AWFORD AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

No report from the CC  
BC Smith circulated her report prior to the meeting

**6 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### 7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –			
Salary 1-30 September 2020	387.42		
Less Tax	14.40		
Plus Overpayment of tax for August	<u>3.60</u>	376.62	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue: Tax for FJW		10.80	Via Bank Transfer
Refund due to Clerk			
AGP Lawn mowing services for Minsterworth Park on the 13.8.20		37.00	Via Bank Transfer
GAPTC: Being a Better Councillor training 10.9.20 & 1.10.20		50.00	Via Bank Transfer
Parish Magazine Printing: Printing of the August Edition of The Villager		80.38	Via Bank Transfer
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£554.80</b>	

#### Receipts:

The Villager -advertising	36.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£36.00</b>

**7.2 Financial Statement:** For the month ended August 2020 was circulated via email and signed by the Clerk as agreed.

## **8 MATTERS ARISING:**

**8.1 Report from Village Hall Representative:** The Chairman reported that the Village Hall had planned to reopen on the 1 October 2020, but this may have to change with the current situation

**8.2 Minsterworth Park:** Councillor Ingham nothing to report.

**8.3 The Harvey Centre:** Councillor Ingham's husband had been at a meeting that day and gave a short report stating he and another person had been appointed as Trustees of the pre-school. They are talking to the solicitor who has been involved with the case and he has been asked to read over a new constitution for the existing charity and secondly put in a Section 554 on behalf of the landowning trustees who are The Vicar, Jo Stait and Anne Cowdrey.

### **8.4 Highway Matters:**

The Chairman reported that he had received numerous emails from parishioners who have serious concerns over the safety of traffic on the A48. The concerns have been heightened by the fact that, with partial lockdown still in force, there appears to be less traffic but traffic travelling at much higher speeds.

There have been two minor accidents on our stretch of the A 48 in the past 4 weeks, and a death in the past 2 – 3 years, so the PC want to take action before something tragic happens again.

It was agreed that the PC should send an email to Glos Highways as follows:

1. Take immediate action to try and avoid any further serious accidents.
2. Identify the mechanism (s) by which we can possibly enact safety changes
3. Hopefully, get at least some of the changes made

The main requests to Glos Highways are:

1. To have a reduced speed limit
2. To have more central islands, especially near to bus stops, as these will slow down traffic, reduce careless overtaking and make safer crossing places
3. To possibly install VAS signs
4. From time to time have a police speed check van monitoring traffic along the 60mph Oakle Street stretch of the road
5. To improve the cycle path in some sections

**A48 Meeting:** Councillor Powell to take over this role from Rod Crisp. Councillor Garbutt to find out when the next meeting is.

**8.5 PROW:** Councillor Ingham reported: Calcotts Lane Lower Lane tree has fallen over and the Chairman was asking Chris Pugh to remove it (now done). The hedgerow near Old Chapel is badly overgrown obstructing footpath EMW29, but the owner is not currently living there. The Chairman has since written to the owner.

Hugh Dowding has carried out some particularly good repairs to a stile where a parishioner had slipped.

**8.6 Provision of additional dog litter bins:** These have been installed. Thanks to Councillor Smith for her help. The litter bin at The Downs Bridge layby has also been replaced.

**8.7 Provision of bench seats:** Councillor Ingham reported that Terry Moore-Scot had received a reply from the EA who stated that they had no problem with the provision of a bench/benches however if they were in the wrong place there would be a charge to move them.

**8.8 Planting of Wildflowers:** The first test patches have been planted and will need regular watering and the second test patch will be planted next week.

**8.9 Bus Shelters (BS):** The Chairman reported that he and Chris King had completed the renovation of the Hygrove BS and was extremely to Chris King's help. Ruth Thomas and her husband had tidied up the BS by Ellis Bank. The guttering is not fully supported on the BS by Oakle Street, and the PC agreed that this should be fixed.

**8.10 The Villager:** The Parish Council were supporting the next 3 editions of The Villager. Seven new advertisers have been secured and Sharon Ingham, Dawn Ricketts, and Katie Panting were assisting with the editorial contents. In the next edition the application called "what3words ///" will be promoted

**8.11 Remembrance Day:** Councillor Ingham will report on this matter at next month's meeting.

## **9 PLANNING**

### **9.1 Applications:**

**20/00522/FUL** Goodwood, Main Road, Minsterworth: Replacement dwelling

Comment to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council have no adverse comments to this application.

The Clerk sent an email to the Case Officer pointing out that the property was not on mains drainage as stated in the application form.

**9.2 TBC Decisions: 20/00244/APP** Land at Moorcroft, Main Road, Minsterworth: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 10 dwellings pursuant to 17/00111/OUT - **Approved**

**9.3 Appeal: None**

**Appeal Decisions: None**

**Site Inspections: None**

**9.4 Enforcement Matters:**

**Charlton, Main Road, Minsterworth:** No progress. It was not being considered at the TBC September Planning Committee meeting but maybe at the October one – The Chairman has lodged his interest to speak at the meeting.

**10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None**

**11 DATE FOR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:** Monday, 12 October 2020 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.