

Minsterworth Parish Council



Minutes of a Minsterworth Annual Parish Residents Meeting
held on 29th April 2024 in the Minsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Roger Blowey Chair
Cllr Steve King
Cllr Victoria King
Cllr Cathy Thomas
Cllr Ruth Thomas
CCllr Paul McLain
BCllr Jill Smith

In Attendance: Kate Wilks Parish Clerk

22 x members of the public were in attendance .

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllr N Powell and Cllr N Garbutt, Mr T Moore- Scott and Mrs R Garbutt.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2023.

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. To receive reports

3.1 The County Councillor's Report - CCllr P McLain

[County Councillor's Annual Report 2024](#)

CCllr P McLain presented the attached report 3.1 detailing the key elements of the draft budget for the County Council 2024/2025 along with an outline of departmental budgets.

CCllr McLain addressed the speeding issues and the proposed speed reductions on the local Parish roads. He is keen to get this moving.

Local flooding and over grown pavements are also local issues.

CCllr asked residents to report any issues to the Parish Clerk preferably direct to Highways Gloucestershire using the links that are given in the Villager magazine, as the more people who report a problem, the more likely something will be done about it.

A Parish resident raised a question about whether the County Council has enough money to operate?

CCllr McLain explained that the Council is doing well due to schemes such as the Hardwicke incinerator, recycling waste and the funds (over £100m!) that the Council receives from this.



A Parish resident, A Holder raised concerns regarding proposed new developments in Minsterworth- Stating that new house builds are standing empty due to high prices. There is a lack of infrastructure and drainage to support these houses and the impact new build homes have on the amount of traffic. How do we get TBC to listen and take notice?

Cllr McLain explained that the Parish Council have been very verbal regarding these issues, and that TBC have chosen not to challenge any planning appeals due to the cost.

Cllr McLain suggested giving your local Parish Council support.

3.2 Borough Councillor report- BCllr J Smith

BCllr J Smith presented the attached report 3.2.

[Borough Councillor's Annual Report 2024](#)

BCllr Smith added that there will be a new local plan and vision coming to TBC, BCllr Smith will bring details of this to the Parish Council when made available.

This will include a name change currently suggested as North Gloucestershire Borough Council. The P Council have written to TBC to object to the name change due to unnecessary cost

3.3 Chairman's Report

The Chair presented the attached Chairman's report 3.3.

[Chairman's Report 2024](#)

The Chair requested that residents keep reporting issues such as the road collapse by the Church to Highways. The more people that individually report issues the more likely it will be dealt with.

Links to do this can be added to the website. Bob Holder volunteered to assist with this. **(ACTION- KW Clerk to send this information on.)**

You can also report to your Parish Council through the Clerk.

There was a discussion around the new proposed large development locally. The Chair confirmed there will be a combined approach to this through Highnam, Churcham and Minsterworth Parish Council Chairs.



Some Residents agreed that the SLP (Strategic Local Plan) survey they were asked to complete to log their concerns was hard to access and complete.

A Parish Resident- E Clack mentioned that the village looked very tidy as a particular local resident had been litter picking frequently and this should be acknowledged.

3.4 Flood Warden presentation

Flood warden Cllr C Thomas reported that there had been flooding in varying degrees throughout January, February and March of this year. Five homes had been affected, two properties had been cut off by the flood water and local Farms had been affected.

There are ongoing discussions around when and where flooding may occur. Sandbags and help are always available where required.

Following Discussions with Tewkesbury Borough Council members and a representative from planning and drainage coming to look at the area, Cllr C Thomas was hopeful that this looked positive going forward.

Cllr C Thomas added that it has been a difficult start to the year, but the community had pulled together and it was really appreciated. If anybody has any concerns or needs help please contact Cllr C Thomas, as the local flood Warden.

3.5 Speed camera Presentation

Cllr R Thomas presented the attached information 3.5 on the Community speed-watch camera.

[Community Speed watch presentation 2024](#)

A Parish resident raised a question about the speed limit signage relating to the camera and whether other villages taking part in the scheme have this yet. Cllr R Thomas confirmed that other villages are also still awaiting the signage to be displayed.

The Parish Council is doing what it can and has offered to pay for the signage but this has not been permitted by Highways.

Cllr R Thomas had not received any official guidance on whether emergency vehicles should be logged.

Cllr R Thomas confirmed that Police are not able to prosecute using speed data, but they can follow up on cars without tax and/or insurance and nationally it has also helped with crimes such as theft.

Cllr R Thomas added that as 90% of offenders do not reoffend following the initial



letter, it seemed to alter peoples behaviour.

There was a discussion around the operation of the camera and if able to operate in the dark, it would be more effective to catch those reaching the highest speeds. Cllr R Thomas confirmed that it is solar operated as this was the funding available.

A Question was raised about the other traffic cameras on the road, and whether these are operational. It was suggested that the flash from these cameras was a deterrent for speeding and this has not been working for some time.

3.6 Minsterworth parochial charities report

The Chair presented 3.6 The Parochial charities report 2024.

[Parochial charities report 2024](#)

The Chair encouraged residents or organisations who might be eligible for a grant to contact the Parish Clerk or one of the trustees. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

4. Guest Speakers

The Chair presented some feedback following a meeting with the new Police Community Support Officer Reuben Croft who was unable to attend the Annual Parish meeting.

During their meeting on Friday 26th April, they had discussed areas of concern in the parish such as sites where nitrous oxide containers are being left after use, recently 18 containers had been collected. Fly tipping was also discussed.

PCSO Croft assured The Chair that the number of patrols in the area will be increased. The Chair explained that now the Police were aware of the location of these issues, they would be more carefully monitored

PCSO Croft suggested that if the PC camera could provide speed data, he would try and arrange for a mobile speed radar van in the area.

If speed camera was mains operated rather than solar powered it would pick up more speeding vehicles overnight.

5. Matters and suggestions raised by Electors

Mr S Doyle, Chair of the Minsterworth branch of the Royal British legion stated that due

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to lack of membership (12 members and only 5 regular attendees), the Minsterworth branch will be closing. This will be announced on the 13th June 2024 at a Special general meeting.

Mr Doyle added that there is a picture within the village hall of a commemorative tree and plaque that was planted at the National arboretum in a line of 40 Oak trees on behalf of Minsterworth British legion. He hoped this would serve as a reminder of the work that the branch had done over the years.

Ms A Pearson- Requested that the local community are kept updated regarding the plans for the village greens. There are concerns about a path near the ditch, as the ditch is deep and could be dangerous if somebody were to get stuck.

The Chair confirmed this would be looked in to and would bear it in mind.

Ms J Stait- Confirmed that the new PCSO has been visible in the community recently, and she thanked The Chair and other Councillors for all of their work throughout the year.

6. Residual Items:

The Chair notified residents of the upcoming 80th D Day Commemoration event to be held at Minsterworth village hall on Thursday 6th June 2024.

It will be a social evening 6-00 to 10-00pm, and a beacon will be lit at 9:15pm as they will across the country as a sign of remembrance.

7. Date for Next Meeting: April 2025

Meeting closed at 21:03hrs

Signed:

Date: