

# Agenda Information pack 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## 5. Update from Cllr P McLain 09.12.2024

Just by way of update, I continue to liaise with the project manager working on road safety improvements, which of course includes safety improvements to A48 where goes from Minsterworth to Westbury on Seven

He confirms that they have put together road safety package of works to try and deliver in the current financial year FY24/25 and he met with the primary contractor on site on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the works to Village gateway signage and road markings - and future proposed works also

As you know that have proposals drawn up to improve pedestrian facilities in Minsterworth area including improvements to traffic signage, road markings, ANPR systems and new crossing islands and refuges. I know most of these were detailed in the last update we provided to the Parish

I understand that the Parish have also been asked for response to 20Mph proposal they put forward to us to investigate. Oliver tells me that he is following up as to whether you *“could provide additional funding to support this (funds towards design work , TRO and delivery)”*

As mentioned at the last meeting, I am delighted that the new day-staffed community fire station in Cinderford has been confirmed. Adjustment to shift patterns will help the county meet its risk and demand profile, providing an increase of 14 firefighters (Including crew and watch managers).

The changes to cover in Cinderford has been modelled to improve attendance times to incidents by nearly two minutes, not only in Cinderford but importantly along the A48. The introduction of a new day-staffed community fire station will offer increased resilience in the area and ensure fire crews are immediately available during the day, which is when the majority of emergency calls are received in the area.

GCC budget has just gone out to public consultation. Worth noting that it is one of a minority of local councils across the UK which is able to propose a balanced budget and showing real terms growth rather than cuts. The proposed spending plans for 2025/26 will see spending rise by more than £32.7 million on 2024/25 levels, to almost £650 million.

The council is in a good financial position meaning it is able to continue support for existing services as well as make significant investments across the county.

The £649.6 million proposed budget includes significant investment into the council's priority areas of highways, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), adult services, infrastructure, and the environment.

A further £10 million is proposed to be put towards delivering on the council's £100 million four-year commitment to go on improving Gloucestershire roads, with a greater focus in 2025/26 on tackling rural roads.

A total of £12.8 million is set to go towards a new £16.5 million 200 place special school.

Young people with SEND and their families would be supported with an extra £2.1 million.

£7.5 million towards the future construction of three new adult care homes is being set aside, with further investment planned in future years.

The council plans to increase capacity and improve school buildings and facilities of other schools across the county with a £12.4 million investment.

Household Waste Recycling Centres across the county will see improvements with a £1.3 million injection.

The budget proposes raising £16.5 million to help fund services through a council tax increase of 2.99%. The proposals would also see £7.8 million raised specifically to support work with the most vulnerable adults in the county through a further 2% increase in the adult social care precept.

Despite this increase the council still expects to have one of the lowest council tax levels of any county council. Based on a band D property, residents would pay an additional £6.65 each month.

## **8. Financial Statements – See additional information**

### **10. To receive an update and agree any actions on Drainage/pooling of water in Watery Lane.**

Update from Cllr Powell.

### **10.2 To discuss and agree a course of action regarding 20mph speed zones on the roads around the A48 and the requested contribution towards the Traffic Regulation Order.**

Mon 09/12/2024 11:19

Good Morning Kate

In order to install these 20mph signs we would need to have a TRO as outlined in my previous email , that statutory order would allow us to install the 20mph signage in the locations requested and it be enforceable.

This would mean we need to designate areas for 20mph limit and have proposal to go to public and stakeholder consultation. This would include communicating to public in the area, the local Parish and key stakeholders like the local Police and Fire and Rescue Service amongst others

The TRO process can vary in price depending on complexity from £6000 pounds to £15,000 for more complex TRO with many highway changes and larger consultation area and population, although we could try to combine this proposal with the process to deliver 50mph zone on A48 in order to try and reduce these costs .

I produced a rough estimate however, this would be subject to some changes from our contractor of works, for example if there are costs that I might not have included or they plan to deliver the works in a different manner than what I have priced .

The estimate I have devised for 20mph is for £11,400 which is for cost of materials for signage and posts and foundations, labour, Traffic Management only with TRO included could be £17,400 to £26,000 .

If this was combined with TRO for 50Mph Zone then could be reduced to nearer lower estimate of £17,400 (note this not fixed estimate currently as design could change)

It be useful to know sooner if you can provide funds to support this measure as currently we reviewing project costings and design programme, of which this contribution would have impact.

Kind regards

*Project Manager*

Traffic and Transport

Hello

I have received responses from Gloucestershire Police Service that they would support 20mph zones on side roads off A48 in the Parish including Pound Lane, Church Lane , Watery Lane and Lower Ley Lane for 20mph, after we provided survey data to them.

They stated that they would not oppose the 20mph zones on these roads in any stakeholder and public consultation process .

However, I cannot move this item forward without some response regarding whether the Parish were able to provide funding as was previously proposed to support these 20mph enforcement.

These funds would be needed to go towards the design process , the works on site and TRO consultation process (Traffic Regulation Order)

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/traffic-regulation-orders-tro-and-traffic-schemes/what-is-a-traffic-regulation-order-tro/>

If you have any further questions regarding this item please let me know and I will respond as soon as is possible

Kind regards

*Project Manager*

Traffic and Transport GCC

## **11. To discuss Calcotts and Ham green updates and agree any actions**

**Sent:** 03 December 2024 09:41

**To:** Clerk <[clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Minsterworth Parish Council - Orchard Trees application

Dear Kate,

That's great news.

I am arranging the tree order but you (the PC) will need to organise the protection materials.

If you have a planting date/weekend in mind then I will arrange delivery for a day or two before.

It will be in the New Year.

Roger has booked onto the planning and planting workshop next week so he will know what to do by then!

Regards

**Severn Treescapes Trees and Woodlands Adviser**

### **13. To receive feedback following the GlosSES meeting regarding EDF saltmarsh proposal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.**

Update from those Councillors that attended the presentation.

### **14. To discuss and agree a course of action relating to the name of housing development 'Crimperland.'**

Sat 07/12/2024 18:11

Hello Roger/Kate

Just in case there is an issue about the correct spelling for 'Climperland', below is a straight extract from my database of Minsterworth field names detailing the numerous occurrences in the historic record of various forms of the name (i.e. with an 'l' not 'r'). Nowhere have I encountered the spelling with an 'r'.

|                   |            |                                 |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Climperland       | ?          | JG Hawkins ?Moorcott farm. (3m) |
| Climperley        | 1780       | (3d). W of Hygrove.             |
| Climperly         | 1716       | Moor Place ( 3n)                |
| Climperly         | 1750       | 1 ac. in C.... Barrow (3ae)     |
| Climperly Field   | 1679       | Assoc. w. Hathaways (3e)        |
| "                 | 17/18 cent | Hawkins (3j)                    |
| "                 | 1801       | (3w)                            |
| Climperly fields  | 1607       | 2 ridges in.. (3e)              |
| "                 | 1732       | Hawkins (3j)                    |
| Climperley Hill   | 1679       | Assoc. w. Hathaways (3e)        |
| Climperwell field | 1779       | (3x)                            |
| Clymply hyll      | 1556       | 1 ac. in Longbrook field (3r)   |
| Clymperwell       | 1544       | (3f)                            |



**15. To agree to the update of the wooden board in MVH with the current Parish Council Chair and the costs associated.**

*COSTS TBC*

**16. To discuss and agree Councillor information to be included on the website.**

From: Clerk <[clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk)>

Sent: 25 November 2024 17:24

Subject: FW: MPC members

Good Afternoon,

I have received the below request. Having looked at other PC websites, it appears there is more information included on each Councillor. (See below) Obviously going forward the new website would be ideal to include this.

[Councillors | Upton St Leonards Parish Council](#)

[Meet your Councillors – Highnam Parish Council](#)

Please confirm if you are happy to be added as an agenda item for discussion and agreement at the Dec meeting, and to decide what information should be included?

Many thanks

Kate

**17. To discuss and agree a course of action regarding the government consultation on enabling remote and hybrid attendance at council meetings.**

From: GAPTC Sent: 19 November 2024 11:51

Subject: Consultation on Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting: Have Your Say

Dear members,

We are pleased to inform you about an exciting development that could significantly impact how councils operate. The government has launched a consultation on enabling remote and hybrid attendance at council meetings, as well as introducing proxy voting for councillors who cannot attend meetings due to personal circumstances, such as maternity or paternity leave.

This consultation, open until 19 December 2024, seeks to gather views on the practical implications of these proposals. This aligns with NALC's ongoing campaign to allow greater flexibility for councils, an issue brought to prominence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We urge all parish and town councils to contribute to this vital consultation and demonstrate the sector's support for these measures.

Key Details:

- Consultation Deadline: 19 December 2024
- For more information, and to respond to the consultation:

To help you formulate your council's response to the consultation we have put together some template responses as well as a model letter to your MP voicing your council's support for remote/hybrid meetings.

Regards

Strategic Support Officer GAPTC