

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
6th November 2019 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: P Chichester (Chairman), Mrs W Burr, Mrs D Holt, Mrs McKenzie Budd
Mrs Owen, Dr L Reynolds

In Attendance: 1

**Members of the
Public:** 3

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Members' interests

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2019 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Behan informed the meeting that the Development Plan, adopted in 2016, was to be reviewed quinquennially. The Plan had set a target of 14,000 additional houses to be constructed by 2041 but these were to be located in Category 1, 2 and 3 settlements; Eldersfield was Category 4, with no settlement boundary, and therefore any development permitted was likely to be *ad hoc*, and probably only for affordable housing on land of low value.

Councillor Behan also remarked on the actions taken by MHDC to mitigate the Climate Emergency.

6. Public Comment

Members of the public expressed an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.

7. Broadband

Councillor Dr Reynolds presented Councillors with an updated report. In summary, the Working Group had received an estimate from Openreach which would require each household to pay £3,500 for the provision of high speed broadband, a figure which the Working Group considered unviable. The Group was awaiting estimates from a second supplier.

Dr Reynolds expressed her view that some properties were so remote that providing them with access to broadband by either fibre or cable would never be possible at an affordable cost.

She would make a further report at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Working Group for its efforts.

8. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that a training session had been arranged for Thursday 7th November at 7.00 pm and that eight nominations to attend had been received.

9. Notice Board

The Clerk reported that he had ordered a replacement board and that delivery was expected within the next few weeks.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Mrs Holt reported that she had held a meeting with the Neighbourhood Plan advisor from MHDC. A Neighbourhood Plan was intended to indicate to those making planning decisions, with the force of a legally relevant consideration, where development would best take place and where it would be unwelcome. Mrs Holt had been told, however, that given that development was unlikely to be authorised in Eldersfield [see 5 above] the desirability of creating a Plan was not obvious.

In the light of these comments, Council considered that before embarking on the cost and effort needed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan it would be more sensible to consider the advantages of producing a Parish Plan. The first Parish Plan had been issued in 2003 [it is available on the website.]

Mrs Holt undertook to research the matter and report to the next meeting.

11. Lengthsman

The report of the Lengthsman was noted. The meeting was reminded that the Lengthsman was not authorised to conduct work on roads where the speed limit was greater than 40 mph.

12. Planning

19/01457/HP

- The Stables Hill Court Farm Frogmarsh Corse Lawn GL19 4PW
- Conversion of attached barn to extend residential dwelling and new summerhouse

and 19/01461/LB

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Councillors noted the recommendation which the Council had made with respect to a previous application for the same site. They noted the proximity of the Proposed

Development to existing structures and the location of the skylight. They took note of the advice given by the Conservation Officer.

After debate, Council agreed that no grounds existed on which they could recommend refusal of the Application but they were nevertheless concerned that some of their objections to the previous application had not been addressed in full.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council recommend that the Applications be approved.

19/01315/FUL

- Fieldview Malvern Road Staunton
- Intensification of use of existing Traveller site and extension of site through a change of use of adjacent land to increase the number of pitches from 3 pitches to 8 pitches each pitch having 1 static and 1 touring caravan.

Councillors were familiar with the site and remarked that the additional caravans would be parked at a lower level, on ground which was known to be subject to frequent and occasionally severe flooding. They considered such a site for a caravan pitch not only undesirable but also potentially dangerous. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council recommend that the Application be rejected.

13. Authorisation of Disbursements

It was **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made for goods and services:

£158.98	J L Gabbott
£38.60	HMRC
£590.00	Jeremy Moore (Lengthsman, £236 August, £236 September; £118 October)
£462.00	Notice-It Ltd
£50.94	WCC (hire of hall 6 Nov and 8 Jan)

14. Future Meetings

It was noted that the next meetings of the Council would be held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at Eldersfield Lawn School commencing at 7.30 p.m.

15. Any other business

Councillors noted that the speed limit warning lights outside the school, intended to flash during arrival and departure times at the school, were operating throughout the half term break. They considered that this was likely to desensitise drivers to the importance of these signs and asked the Clerk to request WCC, again, to rectify this shortcoming.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m

JLG
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