

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 11th November 2010 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: H.S. Davis (Chairman), R.S. Manwaring MBE,
D.J. Tombs, Mrs R Wilder,

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan
Mrs Jane Griffiths

Members of the 10
Public:

1. Apologies for absence

C.H. Jeffes, Mrs M. Mitchell, N.R. Stephens, C.J. Whitehead, O D Williams

2. Members to declare interests

None

3. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2010 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

Mrs Wilder advised that she had been approached by a person wishing to make a presentation to the Council concerning Longdon Marsh. The Clerk advised that the correct procedure to be followed was for an application to be made to the Clerk.

5. Report from Police Beat Manager

6. Village Agents

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Jane Griffiths a 'Village Agent' in Gloucestershire. Mrs Griffiths described her role as being a link in specified parishes between those over 50 and the formal agencies which care for people. The financial justification for such a role was that it avoided people needing formal assistance from organisations such as the NHS and Age UK and delayed, or even avoided, their becoming dependent on the State. Councillors were impressed. The District Councillor said she would recommend to WCC that the scheme be introduced in Worcestershire, and would report at the next meeting..

7. Reports from District and County Councillors

Both the District and County Councillors were absent and no reports were available.

8. Public Comment

Eight members of the public expressed an interest in the composting unit at land off the B4208 south of Pendock. They said that planning permission had been granted for the unit by

WCC in 2008 – despite objections by both Eldersfield and Pendock Parish Councils - subject to various planning conditions and claimed that the conditions about bunds, hedging, limitations on transport movements and the quantity of compost to be stored at the site were being breached. They complained that the odour emanating from the unit was strong and unpleasant; there was dust; that the failure to complete the bunds posed a risk of escape of toxic effluent and that there had been a noticeable increase in the number of flies of an unpleasant disposition. Residents of the parishes of both Eldersfield and Pendock were being affected. Although they had raised these matters with the Monitoring Officer at WCC, little of substance had been achieved. The matter had not been put before Pendock Parish Council. They requested the assistance of Eldersfield Parish Council in resolving the matter.

9. Composting Unit

Informed by the comments made during the public debate, Councillors considered what action could best be taken. It was recognised that the powers and resources of the Parish Council were limited and it was therefore agreed that the Chairman should meet the Chairman of Pendock Parish Council together with the District and County Councillors and see how best to progress the matter. The Chairman would submit a report at the next meeting.

10. Planning matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SECTION A

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- 10/01016/FUL** Demolition of outbuildings and erection of single building for storage of hay/straw and housing of animals.
- Walnut Tree Cottage, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire GL19 4NB
 - MR B Yoxall

Council's Comments

This application proposes the demolition of an 'ageing limited use' agricultural outbuilding and replaces it with a modern building offering greater scope.

The proposes building is constructed from traditional materials sitting on a reduced footprint in the same location

We support the application.

Approved

SECTION B

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

10/00498/FUL and 10/00500/LBC

Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling

- Pigeon House Farm, Eldersfield, Gloucester, GL19 4NW
- Mrs M Bainbridge

Council's Comments

The barn conversion proposed is situated immediately adjacent the Pigeon House main residence. New windows, being the only significant structural change, have been positioned sympathetically minimising any impact on the main residence.

The proposal is confirmed to the original footprint again minimising impact on a previously converted barn to the east of the barn.

We support the application whilst noting that Listed Building Control Consent is also required prior to full approval.

Under consideration

Pending

10/01316/LBC

Addition of roof lights to front elevation

- The Pound, Church Road, Eldersfield, Gloucestershire, GL19 4NP
- S M Greener

Council's Comments

Under consideration

Pending

10/01336/HOU

Detached garage with storage loft over to replace existing.

- Orchard Cottage, Long Green, Forthampton, Worcestershire, GL19 4QQ
- A BAX

Council's Comments

Under consideration

Pending

10/01392/REM

Marsh Court, Bridgend, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PN

- Approval of Reserved Matters including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following Outline Approval 09/01493/OUT
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- Marsh Court Farm Ltd

Council's Comments

Under consideration

Pending

11. Communication

Given the reduced attendance, the Chairman with the agreement of the meeting decided to delay discussion of this topic until the next meeting.

12. BT Phone Kiosks

After a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to execute a **contact for the purchase of the two telephone kiosk** within the Parish at a purchase price of £1 each and subject to the standard conditions of British Telecommunications plc.

13. Roads

The Clerk brought to the attention of Council road closure and proposed speed limit notices which had been received. These were noted.

14. Council's shed

The repairs effected to the Council's shed were noted and it was **RESOLVED** that the **Council pay the invoice of £370 + VAT.**

15. CAPRI

Mr Gabbott, the Secretary of CAPRI, advised the meeting that the report and recommendation of the Inspector had been sent to the Secretary of State of Communities and Local Government. The Department had been unable to give an estimate of when the decision would be published.

With respect to the work being undertaken at Sladbrook Farm, National Grid had advised CAPRI that it was routine to ensure the accuracy of its previous test readings obtained by PIG by means of further testing. Two points were to be tested: one, in the Brecons had been tested and found satisfactory. The other site to be tested chosen was at Staunton; it had been chosen because it was at Sladbrook Farm that the walls of the 200 mile long pipeline were at their thinnest and it was necessary to check by means of further testing that the measurements made by the PIG were accurate. Although the further testing had not yet been conducted, National Grid had given an assurance that there was no reason to believe that the safety of the pipeline was in question.

16. Churchyard

The Chairman said that he had no further information to put before the Council with respect to the possibility of the Council assisting the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church, Eldersfield, to acquire additional land for the churchyard.

17. Authorisation of Disbursements

It was **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made:

£ 163.73	J L Gabbott
£ 39.31	Inland Revenue
£ 434.75	E J Williams
£ 2.00	British Telecommunications plc

18. Financial Estimates and Budget 2010-11

The statement of expenditure for the half year and the forecast end year position were noted and are attached to these minutes. It was **RESOLVED** that the draft budget circulated prior to the meeting be adopted as the budget of the Council and that the Precept be set at **£6,000**. A copy is attached to these minutes.

19. Future Meetings

It was resolved that future meetings of the Council take place at Eldersfield Lawn School at 7.30 pm on the following Thursdays in 2011:

13th January, 10th March, 12th May, 7th July, 8th September and 10th November

20. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Malvern Hills: Charges for planning advice
- SWDSP: Strategy development
- WCC: Speed limits at Sledge Green

21. Any other business

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.