

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 13th January 2011 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes, R.S. Manwaring MBE,
Mrs M. Mitchell, N.R. Stephens, D.J. Tombs, C.J. Whitehead,
Mrs R Wilder, O D Williams

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan

**Members of the
Public:** 7

1. Apologies for absence

Pc Naulls

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2010 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. Report from Police Beat Manager

Pc Naulls had asked the Clerk to report that there had been three burglaries in the locality and one incident of anti-social behaviour (loud noise). He urged parishioners to report anything suspicious to the police: 999 if urgent, 0300 333 3000 if not urgent.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Bronwen Behan reported that MHDC had addressed the difficult financial situation at an early stage and would not therefore need to raise Council Tax immediately. She clarified that she was unable to predict changes in Council tax caused by the Police or other precepting authorities.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Planning matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SECTION A

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

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

Approved

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

The proposed demolition of a dilapidated concrete double garage and replacement with an oak framed building sustained on the same footprint will undoubtedly enhance the site. We support the application

Approved

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
- MARSH COURT FARM LTD

Council's Comments

Outline approval for this proposal have been previously granted in 09/01493/OUT

The size is within the approved specification. The design will sit comfortably with the 'Lodge' adjacent to the proposed site and will not impact in any neighbouring properties. We support this application for accommodation for a farm worker.

Approved

SECTION B

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

10/01316/LBC

Addition of roof lights to front elevation

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

Council's Comments

The proposed roof lights will not overlook or affect any neighbouring properties. It is noted that several close properties have already installed roof lights of a similar design.

We support this application.

Pending

10/01519/PEX

Extension of time limit to commence development of application 07/01905/FUL new leisure spa

- Corse Lawn House, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LZ
- Mrs Hine

Council's Comments

We have no objection to an extension of the time limit to commence development 07/01905/FUL new leisure spa.

Pending

9. Composting Unit

The Chairman reported that he had held a meeting with interested parties – the Environment Agency, Worcestershire County Council, the District Council and a representative of the company operating the site. That meeting had been very constructive. A key point which had emerged was the need for members of the public who had complaints to register those complaints with the Environment Agency (on 08708 506 506, Monday –Friday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm), on each and every occasion. It was only by this means that complaints could be associated with processes taking part at the site and thereby make possible identification of what gave rise to the incident.

With respect to allegations that the plant was operating outside the permitted hours, the Chairman suggested that 'operation' was capable of different definitions; it was not clear, for example, that weighing vehicles constituted an operation of the plant.

10. Role of Parish Lengthsman

The Chairman said that the role of a lengthsman was to undertake miscellaneous work that would otherwise fall to WCC to perform. This would include clearing some ditches and gullies, liaising with landowners about overhanging trees and cleaning road signs. A grant was available from WCC – currently of about £2,000 pa. A lengthsman would be an employee of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that, although the amount of the work done would necessarily be limited by the amount of cash available, some work was better than none. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Clerk apply to WCC for membership of the Scheme and advertise for a person to occupy the position.

11. Communication

The Chairman said that, Although Communication was on the Agenda, he was aware that any action agreed would have to be undertaken by the new Council to be elected in May. He therefore suggested that this item be postponed to the May meeting. The suggestion was accepted.

12. BT Phone Kiosks

The Clerk reported that a contract had been made for the purchase of the two telephone kiosks within the Parish at a price of £1 each. Ownership of the kiosks, and the responsibilities associated therewith, would transfer to the Council only after the telephony equipment had been removed; that date was not yet known.

13. CAPRI

Mr Gabbott, Secretary of RCAPRI, reported that the Secretary of State had decided to permit the construction of the pressure reduction installation, albeit under a number of conditions. He said that both CAPRI and Tewkesbury Borough Council had decided not to contest the decision by means of a Judicial Review. CAPRI would remain in existence and would keep a close eye on National Grid – which only that week had received its second fine from OFGEM, this time for reporting incorrect maintenance figures – to ensure that the company acted only in accordance with the permissions granted.

He said, as Clerk, that Chaceley Parish Council had written to the Council expressing their disappointment with the decision and suggesting that both councils write to TBC. It was agreed that this should be done.

The Chairman concluded by saying that although the final decision was not the one hoped for the results achieved by CAPRI were remarkable and well worth the effort. He congratulated CAPRI on having fought a first class campaign and wished them success in the task they had set themselves, one of which he fully approved. The meeting enthusiastically indicated its agreement.

14. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£ 165.19	J L Gabbott
£ 39.68	Inland Revenue
£ 32.08	Worcestershire County Council, hire of School Hall (January and March 2011)

15. Future Meetings

It was noted that, in accordance with item 19 of the meeting of 11th November 2010, future meetings of the Council would take place at Eldersfield Lawn School at 7.30 pm on the following Thursdays in 2011:

10th March, 12th May, 14th July, 8th September and 10th November

16. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Mr Charles Rush: summary of points made during last Council meeting
- Mr & Mrs E J Williams, confirmation of agreement with above
- Mrs C Felton: confirmation of agreement with above
- Worcestershire Miles
- View from the Hills
- Rural Services Network

17. Other business

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.