

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 10th May 2012 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Present: H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes,
Mrs C Powell-Chandler and Mrs R Willder

In Attendance: -

**Members of the
Public:** 1

1. To elect a Chairman

Mr Davis indicated that he was willing to serve as Chairman. **It was RESOLVED that Mr Davis be chairman of the Parish Council for the year now started.**

2. To elect a Vice Chairman

Mr Manwaring being absent, Mr Davis informed the meeting that Mr Manwaring was willing to serve again as Vice-Chairman. It was **RESOLVED that Mr Manwaring be Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year now started.**

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies: R.S. Manwaring MBE, B.N. Parsons, D.J. Tombs C J Whitehead,
O D Williams

4. Members' interests

None

5. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th March were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

6. Matters arising

None

7. Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Tom Wells was not present but had asked the Chairman to report that arrangements were in hand for the Compost Unit Liaison Committee to meet by the end of the month.

District Councillor Bronwen Behan was not present and no report was available.

8. Public Comment

A member of the public informed the meeting that, with respect to the PRI, he had been told by National Grid that the bunding would be higher than it was now clear it would be, and that this was unsatisfactory because of a) the increased danger in the event of an explosion and b) the reduction in effective landscaping thereby effected. He also commented that the public would be disappointed when some of the soil which is being stored as a temporary measure – and which many people believe to be final bunding – is removed.

9. Planning Matters

SECTION A

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 12/00048/HOU** Single Storey extension to dwelling
- Greenfields, Lime Street, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4NX
 - Mr L G French

Council's Comments

Demolition of existing garage and conservatory enable additional living accommodation to be achieved with little extension to the existing footprint, offering little impact to neighbouring properties.

We note and support the supporting statement that the property is outside the potential flood zone area

We support the application.

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

- 12/00081/HOU** First floor side extension
- Cranley Farm, Link End Road, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4NN
 - Mr A Townsend

Council's Comments

This modest first floor extension is built off the existing single storey footprint offering little or no impact on adjacent properties. Materials will be either re-use of existing or matching original. We support the application.

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

- 12/00248/FUL** Installation of a 5850 kw solar panel system on an existing building
- Nashend Farm, Eldersfield Marsh, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PG
 - Mr C Gott

Council's Comments

We support the the proposal to use an existing south facing barn for the installation of a solar panel system.

Approval (Full Planning)

12/00252/FUL

Erection of cattle shed

- Gunnions Farm, Eldersfield, GL19 4PD
- Mr John Lodge

Council's Comments

This new barn situated alongside an existing barn being constructed of similar materials will sit discretely and sympathetically in the rural location.

We support the application.

Approval (Full Planning)

SECTION B

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

12/00333/FUL

Manège for use of own horses

- Palmers End Barn, Link End Road, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4NN
- Mr A White

Council's Comments

Under consideration.

10. PRI noise and light

Council debated the matter and with the comments made during the Public Comments section in mind, came to the view that, because a particular scheme had been approved by the Secretary of State, it would be unrealistic now to expect the Secretary of State to revoke that permission and impose different requirements. It was, however, a matter of legitimate interest whether the construction now being undertaken was in accordance with the plans which had been approved and Councillors therefore instructed the Clerk to make appropriate inquiries of the relevant Planning Authority.

11. Diamond Jubilee

The Clerk reported that he had received a request for a grant of £150 from the Jubilee Sunday Committee for the purpose of making a floral display. It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of **£425 be made to Mrs Carole Joseph, as representative of the Monday Committee, for the purpose of buying flowers for that floral display, but subject to the condition that should the Monday Committee later find itself in a position to refund part or all of the grant it so do.**

The Chairman reported that identification and development of the Jubilee Walk was proceeding well.

12. Accounts

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting be approved and adopted as the Accounts of the Council; that they be attached hereto as Appendix A; and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return Sections 1 and 2, and the Council required that the Clerk publish forthwith the relevant Notice as prescribed by regulation.

13. Bank Account Signatories

Council decided that no change was needed to the list of councillors authorised to operate the Council's bank account.

14. Investment Policy

It was **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with item 15 of the minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2006, the Council's investment policy remain that all funds be maintained in a current account and that this Policy be reviewed annually.

15. Risk Assessment

The Council considered carefully the Risk Statement prepared in 2011 and decided that no amendment was appropriate.

16. Insurance

It was noted that two offers of insurance for the year commencing 1st June 2012 had been received: one from Aon Limited at a premium of £542.88 (2011: £541.37) and the other from Zurich Limited at £225.00. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council place its insurance for the coming year with Zurich and that the premium of £225.00 be paid.

17. Finance Committee

The Chairman reported that he had been informed by a member of the Finance Committee that good progress had been made in the matter of the lease and that a resolution could be expected before the next meeting.

18. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£254.90	J L Gabbott
£61.53	HMRC
£242.63	CALC
£425.00	Mrs Carole Joseph (Jubilee Monday committee)
£225.00	Zurich Limited
£50.94	HMRC (to replace cheque 494, not presented)

19. Future Meetings

It was noted that, in accordance with item 19 of the meeting of 11th November 2011, future meetings of the Council would take place at Eldersfield Lawn School at 7.30 pm on the following Thursdays in 2012:

12th July, 13th September, 8th November

20. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

Received:

- CALC: Updates
- Mr J Keighley: Complaint re noise and light of PRI
- Rural Services Network: updates
- St John the Baptist: letter of thanks for grant

Sent:

- Charity for Recreation and Allotments (sent 14th November 2011; no reply received)

21. Other business

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.