

## ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes  
R.S. Manwaring MBE, B.N. Parsons, Mrs C Powell-Chandler,  
Mrs R Wilder, O D Williams

**In Attendance:** -

**Members of the** 1

**Public:**

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying that he had heard with sadness of the sudden and untimely death of David Tombs, who had served as a councillor of this Parish Council for many years. He asked those present to mark the community's loss with a minute's silence.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

C. J. Whitehead

### **2. Members' interests**

Cllr Davis declared a personal interest in Item 16.

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

### **4. Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that the Communications Grant of £500 had been received from MHDC.

### **5. Reports from District and County Councillors**

[Not present]

### **6. Public Comment**

Mrs Humphries reported that

a) the Mobile Library van had re-stated its visiting times. She said that it was intended that the library van be the means of delivering more services to local people and asked whether there were any suggestions, e.g. about stopping places, which councillors or other wished to make.

b) the Changing Futures Fund existed to give local organisations access to professional help; details were available either from her, the net or the Clerk.

### **7. Traffic measures**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that this item had been tabled in order that the County Councillor might be able to assist the meeting; it was only by use of his budget that any

initiative could be developed. Given his absence, it was decided that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.

The Chairman further informed the meeting that he had had a discussion with the County Councillor about the speed of traffic passing the school. The County Councillor had said that he had been made aware of concerns by parents of children at the school that the speed of traffic was too high and he had indicated his support that a further review of options be undertaken. He had suggested to the Chairman that if further expenditure were deemed appropriate it could, either in whole or in part, be funded by the Parish Council from the precept. The Chairman said that he thought that no engagement could be made by the Parish Council unless and until a formal scheme, recommended by the appropriate experts, had been put before the Council and approved.

### **8. Jubilee Souvenir photos**

Councillors reported that progress was being made on the design of the Jubilee Souvenir booklet.

The Chairman said that enormous progress had been made in establishing the Jubilee Walk. The Council expressed its thanks and gratitude to the officials of Worcestershire County Council who had been – and who were – working with such dedication on the project and, not least, to the landowners without whose cooperation the project would have been stillborn.

### **9. Notice Board**

The Clerk reported that the notice board at Bridge End was in a poor state of repair and that quotations for possible replacements had been received. Councillors agreed that a replacement was appropriate and invited Councillors Wilder and Jeffes to advise the Clerk on a replacement. It was then **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Notice-It Limited for a replacement notice board in an amount not exceeding £650.

### **10. Planning Matters**

## **SECTION A**

### **SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**

**12/01566/FUL**

**Sub division of farmhouse, conversion of outbuildings, byre and barns, to provide 5 residential units. Close main access to vehicles and re-use as public footpath. New vehicular access on south west of site.**

- Downend Farm, Long Green  
Forthampton, Worcestershire, GL19 4QJ
- The Forthampton Trust

*Council's Comments:*

The proposal to convert the byre and barns into residential units returns the character of the complex in a tasteful and sympathetic manner. We note that access has been relocated, recognising that this is a fast stretch of road we would ask the Highways Agency to confirm that the access point to the highway is wide enough to allow '2 way' traffic and under no circumstances would a vehicle be 'trapped' on the main road waiting to access the site.

We support the application.

*Approved*

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**12/01530/FUL**

**New "American Barn" style stable block. Change of use of pasture to provide hardstanding for access and parking**

- Moores Farm, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LY
- Mr & Mrs P & L Betteridge

*Council's Comments:*

This proposal using traditional stable design will sit sympathetically with the existing equestrian centre complex with little or no impact on any neighbouring property.

We support the proposal.

*Approved*

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## **SECTION B**

### **SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION**

**13/00132/HOU**

**Raise existing roof line and fitting dormer window to create en-suite bathroom within an existing roof void.**

- Rose Cottage, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LY
- Mr Michael Kurton

*Council's Comments:*

Under consideration

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**13/00210/HOU  
(and 3/00211/LBC)**

**Extension to accommodate new music room**

- Eldersfield Court, Church Road, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4NP
- Mr & Mrs Collins

*Council's Comments:*

Under consideration

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13/00214/FUL

**Extension to existing indoor arena, extension to existing outdoor arena, re-siting of viewing gallery, resurfacing of holding area, installation of spectator walkway and judges' box**

- Moores Farm Equestrian Centre, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LY
- Mr & Mrs P Betteridge

*Council's Comments:*

Under consideration

### **11. Churchyard**

The Council noted that a request for a grant had been received from the Treasurer of St John the Baptist Church, Eldersfield. It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 be made to St John the Baptist Church for the purposes of maintaining the churchyard.

### **12. Hire of Hall**

It was **RESOLVED** that an invoice for £32.00 from WCC in respect of hire of the School Hall for the Council's meetings in January and March 2013 be paid.

### **13. Authorisation of Disbursements**

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

£301.67	J L Gabbott
£74.32	HMRC
£32.00	WCC (hall hire, January and March 2013)
£500.00	St John the Baptist Church

### **14. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

#### **Received:**

- CALC: Training Bulletin
- CALC: Updates
- WCC: Request for information on Lease
- Notice-It Limited, quotations

### **15. Future Meetings**

It was noted that, in accordance with Minute 19 of 8th November 2012, future meetings would take place at 7.30 pm at Eldersfield Lawn School on the following Thursdays in 2013: 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 7th November.

### **16. Lease**

The Vice Chairman reported that he had held an unofficial meeting with the Clerk and a Trustee to discuss the execution of a lease relating to the Charity's land next to the school. It appeared that the Trustees had neither submitted to the Council a request for it to execute the lease which they were minded to effect nor were in a position to do so given that they had not complied with various requirements of the Charities Act. The Vice Chairman was confident

that these matters were capable of easy solution and that the land would be disposed of to the County Council in the near future.

**17. Other business**

It was suggested that the parish needed more grit bins; the Clerk was asked to table this as an item at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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