

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 9th January 2014 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, C. J. Whitehead, Mrs R. Wilder,
O.D. Williams

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan

**Members of the
Public:** Mr Scott Winnard

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Mrs C. Powell-Chandler, County Councillor Tom Wells and Pc Naulls.

2. Members' interests

Councillor Williams declared an interest in Planning Applications relating to the Old Forge.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2013 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 Bronwen Behan said that the future of the library at Upton was under consideration and suggested that anyone with strong views on the subject should make those views known to WCC. It was unclear how much demand for the services of that library emanated from this parish.

6. Reports from Police

Pc Naulls was unavailable. He did however ask the Clerk to inform the meeting that there had been a spate of thefts of catalytic converters from cars; that there had been one theft of an adjustable tow bar from a car in Frogmarsh and that the mobile police station intended to visit and he would welcome from the Council a suggestion as to the day when that could most profitably be effected.

7. Public Comment

Mr Winnard addressed the meeting in respect of his application for the Old Forge. He acknowledged that the building he had constructed did not comply with planning regulations but in mitigation he said that the regulations were complicated, had recently changed and that he had been misled by a clerical error on the part of MHDC. He undertook to soften the impact of the new construction and to work with everyone concerned. He offered his apologies.

8. Planning Matters

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 13/00800/HOU** Conversion of barn into a one bedroom holiday cottage
- The Grove, Lime Street, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4NX
 - Mr N Sheppard

Council's Comments

The Parish Council has no objection to the 'cosmetic ' changes to the structure and the change of use, however the entrance and road frontage will need to take account of the need for clear visibility splays in the bend in the road, and the provision of additional septic drainage will need to be addressed, as the area is known to have poor natural drainage.

Approval (Full Planning)

- 13/00835/HOU** Front and rear extensions and porch to side elevation.
- Burghill, Gadfield Elm, Staunton, Worcestershire, GL19 3PB
 - Mr W Mason

Council's Comments:

This modest proposal built in similar materials to the main dwelling will sit comfortably in the locality offering no impact to any neighbouring property

We support the application.

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

- 13/01291/FUL** Detached garage, built from brick and tiles similar to the main house
- Old Cider Barn, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4PE
 - Mr Doug Shutter

Council's Comments

Under consideration

Approval (Full Planning)

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

- 13/01282/HOU** Detached garage, built from brick and tiles similar to the main house.
- The Old Cider Barn, Corse Lawn, Gloucester, G119 4PE
 - Mr Oliver May

Council's Comments
Under consideration

- 13/01282/HOU** Old Cider Barn, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4PE
- Detached garage, built from brick and tiles similar to the main house
 - Mr Oliver May

Council's Comments
Under consideration

- 13/01441/COM** Variation of condition 8 on planning permission (Reference Number: 407703) dated 28th March 2008 to extend delivery hours at composting facility
- Pendock Environmental Site Office, Pendock, Worcestershire
 - Pendock Environmental

Council's comments

Our concern regarding this proposal to bring forward the site opening time focuses totally on the impact to the approach road infrastructure.

Opening from 8.00 am would clash with both school and work traffic on an already busy stretch of road.

The impact of this clash can only be evaluated by traffic census monitoring, capturing volume and spread.

We request that the Highways dept conduct a thorough review and furnish the planning officer with their findings and recommendations

Note: As we approach the Christmas shutdown it is vital that any Highway initiative captures 'normal' routine activity.

- 13/01563/S73** Removal of Condition 6 on Planning Permission 05/00370/FUL- to be used as independent unit and variation of Condition 7 to remove window and replace with door
- The Old Forge Bridgend Eldersfield GL19 3PL
 - Mr Scott Winnard

Council's Comments:
Under consideration

- 13/01565/HOU** Erection of home office/gym
- The Old Forge Bridgend Eldersfield GL19 3PL
 - Mr Scott Winnard

Council's Comments:
Under consideration

9. Finance Sub-Committee

Councillor Manwaring confirmed that the Parish Council was Custodian Trustee of land lying to the south of the School and which was held for the benefit of the Allotments and Recreation Charity. The Trustees of that Charity had decided to lease the land to WCC for a period of 99 years and had asked the Council to execute the relevant lease. As Custodian Trustee, the Council was obliged to execute the lease regardless of the wisdom or foolishness of so doing. The Sub-Committee had met and executed the lease as requested.

Because legal matters had not been finally resolved by WCC, it was agreed that the question of winding up the Sub-Committee be postponed until the next Council meeting.

10. BT Phone Boxes

The Clerk reported that there had been no progress.

11. Financial Estimates and Budget 2014-15

The statement of expenditure for the half year and the forecast end year position circulated before the previous meeting were noted.

Some minor emendations were suggested to the draft budget.

The Clerk was asked if it would be possible in future years to raise the precept without incurring penalties imposed by the government; he responded that he could offer no firm answer given that he was not privy to the government's future legislative intentions.

It was RESOLVED that the draft budget, subject to the modifications proposed, be adopted as the Budget of the Council for the year 2014-15. A copy is attached at the Appendix A.

12. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£ 157.84	J L Gabbott
£38.40	HMRC

13. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

Received:

- Worcestershire County Council: Consultation on the proposed withdrawal of subsidised bus services
- Rural Services Network: News Digest

14. Future Meetings

It was noted that future meetings of the Council would, in accordance with Minute 19 of the meeting of 14th November 2013, take place at 7.30 pm at Eldersfield Lawn School on the following Thursdays in 2014: 13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th September, 13th November.

15. Other business

- Additional grit bin to be investigated
- Rubbish dumped in ditch at Frogsmarsh
- LSITB to be congratulated on absence of flooding in marsh, but surface flooding in Bridge End.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

JLG
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FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

	2012-13	CURRENT YEAR 2013-14			2014-15
	Actual	Budget	Actual		Budget
			Yr to 30.9	Forecast	Adopted
INCOME					
Precept	4,000	4,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
VAT repayment			235	235	-
Hire of table, chairs, china	45	50	83	100	100
Grant from CAPRI			1,033	1,033	
Grant from MHDC	500				
Transfer from reserves	-	-			-
TOTAL	4,545	4,050	3,351	5,368	4,100
EXPENDITURE					
Clerk: salary, expenses	1,661	1,900	695	1,600	1,750
Insurance	225	250	244	244	250
CALC	243	275	234	234	275
Audit	144	150		150	150
Grant: Churchyard	500	600		500	600
Grant: CLWG	60	100	80	80	100
Grant: Cricket Club				400	-
Grant: Jubilee	139		387	387	-
Grant: Flower Arranging			60	60	60
Grant: Milestone Society			80	80	-
WCC: School hall hire	128	100		148	100
Training		75		75	75
Contingency		200		200	200
Supported projects		1,000		1,000	1,000
Notice Board	440		650	650	-
Election					100
Other		75		75	100
Transfer to reserves	-	-			
TOTAL	3,540	4,725	2,430	5,883	4,760
Net movement:	1,005	- 675	921	- 515	- 660

CASH BALANCE B/F	7,822	7,357	8,827	8,827	8,312
Add TOTAL INCOME	4,545	4,050	3,351	5,368	4,100
Less TOTAL EXPENDITURE	- 3,540	- 4,725	- 2,430	- 5,883	- 4,760
CASH BALANCE C/F	8,827	6,682	9,748	8,312	7,652