

# **ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Tom Wells (part-time)  
District Councillor Bronwen Behan  
PCSO

**Members of the  
Public:** 2

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from R.S. Manwaring MBE, Mrs C. Powell-Chandler, and  
C. J. Whitehead,

## **2. Members' interests**

None

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 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 reported that there had been modifications to the  
Development Plan; a series of briefings would be held during the following weeks. An  
exercise had been undertaken to identify areas suitable for potential development. In this  
respect, Corse Lawn - not Eldersfield - had previously been assessed as a Category 4 site (i.e.  
the most unsuitable) but following changes to the assessment methodology it was being  
proposed that it be allocated to Category 3. Factors relevant to the re-assessment were the  
presence of a pub, school, church, garage and bus service. Councillor Behan acknowledged  
that the system did not take into account the fact that the bus service was weekly and the pub  
distant; and she thought that any developer considering whether to invest his cash in building  
in the parish would be mindful that potential purchasers would be fully aware of the  
inconveniences of rural living.

County Councillor Tom Wells advised that the absence of an adopted Plan had left MHDC  
vulnerable to planning applications by developers; in the absence of such a Plan, the

presumption was in favour of development. It was for this reason that consent had been given for 200 houses to be built in Powick. A planning strategy was being formed at speed, if not in haste, by a Joint Advisory Panel at WCC; this panel consisted of 9 councillors with 3 from each of the three component south Worcestershire District Councils

#### **6. Reports from Police**

The police representative advised Council that there had been a series of burglaries and attempted burglaries in the area; the Mitre Farm Industrial Estate was a favourite target but burglaries had also occurred at the Corse Lawn Hotel and other premises.

#### **7. Public Comment**

Mr John Keighley said that he wished publicly to thank District Councillor Bronwen Behan and County Councillor Tom Wells for the help and support they had given him in securing an improvement to his broadband speed.

#### **8. Planning**

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

- 14/00430/FUL** Refurbishment, extension and conversion to two dwellings
- The Lodge, Bridgend, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PN
  - Marsh Court Farm Ltd

*Council's Comments:*  
Under consideration

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*Approval (Full Planning)*

- 14/00635/LBC** Repairs and replacement to timber framework on south facing gable
- Dunshill Farm, Swinley Lane, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4PF
  - MR S CARTER

*Council's Comments:*  
Under consideration

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*Consent (Listed Building)*

- 14/00711/HOU** Alterations and extension to existing dwelling
- Springfield Cottage, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LU
  - Mr & Mrs Campbel

*Council's Comments:*  
Under consideration

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*Approval (Full) Planning Householder*

- 14/00720/LBC**      Refurbishment, extension and conversion to two dwellings
- The Lodge, Bridgend, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PN
  - Marsh Court Farm Ltd

*Council's Comments:*  
Under consideration

*Consent (Listed Building)*

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

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

*Council's Comments:*

The proposes extension to the Old Forge will dominate and totally overpower the character of the Old Forge. We appreciate that the Old Forge itself is very small and that a modest and sympathetic extension would be beneficial.

Accordingly, we do not support this proposal.

We recommend that:

- 1) the applicant liaise with the Planning Officer and seek a more sympathetic proposal, e.g. by reducing the size and by using materials in keeping with the Old Forge;
- 2) comprehensive landscaping be a condition of any future planning consent

*Pending Decision*

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- 14/00144/FUL**      Change of use of holiday let/student/caretaker accommodation to use  
as an independent residential dwelling
- The Old Forge, Bridgend, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PP
  - Mr Scott Winnard

*Council's Comments:*  
Under consideration

*Pending Decision*

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14/00866/HOU

Extension to accommodate new music room.

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

*Council's Comments:*

Under consideration

*Pending Decision*

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## **9. Charity Documents**

Receipt from the Charity of various documents was duly noted.

## **10. Audit**

It was noted that the Grant Thornton, the Auditors, having completed their audit, had issued a report without qualification.

## **11. Catering Equipment Hire**

Receipt of £95.50 in respect of hire of the Council's stock of crockery and cutlery was noted. Council requested that the tariff of charges be considered at the next meeting.

## **12. Flower Arranging**

A request from Mrs Mitchell for a grant for £60.24 in respect of flower arranging classes held on 6 evenings in May and June at Eldersfield Lawn School was considered. It was

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £60.24 be made to Mrs Mitchell.

## **13. Authorisation of Disbursements**

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

£ 125.73	J L Gabbott
£30.80	HMRC
£60.24	Mrs Mary Mitchell

## **14. Correspondence**

**Received:**

- CALC: Updates

## **15. Future Meetings**

It was noted that future meetings of the Council would, in accordance with Minute 19 of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013, take place at 7.30 pm at Eldersfield Lawn School on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## **16. Other business**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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