

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan

**Members of the
Public:** -

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th September 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 advised the meeting of three matters:

a. The Development Plan was likely to be adopted and submitted to the Inspector in the near future in which case, if the Plan (including the proposal of 4 development areas – not 3) were accepted, the 5 year land supply would be assured and intending developers would face a higher bar. It was hoped that acceptance by the Inspector would be in February.

She commented that development was required to be concentrated on sites in categories 1 and 2 and that it followed that development in Corse Lawn, being in category 3 (proposed, or 4 current), was very unlikely. She also said that, despite the foregoing, developers could until the Development Plan was in force propose a development (of 5 or more houses) in Corse Lawn but would have to prove not only a local need but also the existence of adequate infrastructure (e.g. electricity, sewerage, drainage).

b. She advised that MHDC was to have a new Chief Executive from 1st December. He is Jack Hegarty; he will also be Chief Executive of Wychavon District Council.

c. Mrs Behan also said that from 2015 the EU was increasing the period when hedges were permitted to be trimmed: it would be from 1st March to 31st August. This would have implications for ditch clearing, a matter under consideration by drainage boards.

6. Reports from Police

No report was available

7. Public Comment

None

8. Planning

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

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

Council's Comments:

The proposed 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

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

- 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

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

- 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

9. Catering Equipment Hire

The Chairman advised the meeting that the tariff applied for the hire of Council catering equipment had been in force for many years and that a review was now appropriate. He offered to make a report to the next meeting in order that Council could decide what action, if any, to take.

Members accepted his proposal.

10. Shed

The Chairman said that it had been brought to his attention that the Council's shed required repainting. Members concurred. It was, however, thought that repainting should be delayed until the spring when the weather would, with luck, be drier.

11. St John the Baptist

A request received from the Parochial Parish Council of St John the Baptist for financial assistance with the costs of maintaining the churchyard was noted. It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £600 be made to the Parochial Parish Council of St John the Baptist for those purposes.

12. Corse Lawn Women's Group:

The request from the CLWG for a grant for £80.32 in respect of meetings held by the Group was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £80.32 be made to the Group.

13. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£ 122.15	J L Gabbott
£30.00	HMRC
£80.32	Corse Lawn Women's Group
£600.00	St John the Baptist PCC

14. Correspondence

Received:

- MHDC Sleeping Rough Questionnaire
- CALC: Updates

15. Future Meetings

It was resolved that future meetings of the Council take place at Eldersfield Lawn School at 7.30 pm on the following Thursdays in 2015: 8th January, 12th March, 14th May, 16th July, 10th September, 12th November

16. Other business

It was noted that

- the School had received a grant of £33,000 for the improvement of the kitchen;
- closure of the A438 (at the M50 crossing) was causing great inconvenience; the Clerk was asked to write to the local MP;
- the third grit bin at Hogg's Pitch had not materialised;
- the cattle grid in Nash End Lane and those at both ends of Marsh Road (as well as the gates to either side of the grids) required attention; the Clerk was asked to advise Highways;
- parking near Corse Lawn garage was on occasions causing inconvenience; the Clerk was asked to advise Highways;
- the offer by the NHS to hold an informal diabetes and coronary heart disease diagnosis clinic was noted; Mrs Powell-Chandler was asked to investigate further.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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