

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 9th July 2009 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 8.10 p.m.

Present: H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes,
R.S. Manwaring MBE, Mrs M Mitchell, D J Tombs
Mrs R Willder, O D Williams

In Attendance: -

Member of the Public: Miss Eleanor Challoner

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from C.J. Whitehead, District Councillor Bronwen Behan, Beat Officer Pc Allen Naulls

Absent: N.R. Stephens

2. Members to declare interests

None

3. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2009 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. Report from Police Beat Manager

The Police beat manager was not present and no report was available.

6. Milestones

Mr Ray Worth, a member of the Milestones Society, made a presentation. Throughout England, the Milestones Society restored these ancient waymarks in order to preserve a sense of history. Within the parish there were three milestones each approximately two hundred years old. Two were in good condition but the metal plate on the third had been lost. Mr Worth asked whether the Council would welcome the Society's restoration of the defective milestone and whether it would be prepared to pay the cost, expected to be about £50. The work would not be undertaken for approximately 12 months.

After discussion it was agreed that the Council would be prepared to consider the restoration of the milestone with a grant up to the value of £50 and invited Mr Worth to keep the Council informed of the progress of the project.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors

Neither the District nor County Councillor was present and no reports were available.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Disaster Recovery Plan

After a short discussion it became apparent that although the concept of having a Disaster Recovery Plan was attractive the practicality of deciding for what disaster to prepare, and in what detail, was a serious obstacle. It was agreed that easy and efficient communication was perhaps the most essential tool needed in managing and recovering from a disaster, and this was most likely to be by telephone. Accordingly the Clerk was invited to draw up a list of appropriate telephone numbers, to include the school, emergency services and local authorities likely to provide sand bags, and distribute it suitably.

10. Flood prevention

The Clerk reported that the Council's instructions to demolish the stone bridge to the east of the B4211 had been completed and a wooden replacement bridge was now in position. This change is expected to improve the flow of water away from Corse Lawn during periods of exceptionally heavy rain. The Council had agreed to pay the cost of demolition and an invoice was expected. The cost of construction of the replacement wooden bridge was to be borne by Worcestershire County Council.

The Chairman said that he had been in discussion with the Drainage Officer at Malvern Hills District Council about possible improvements to drainage near the garage, and that he expected that the Council would soon be contacted by an MHDC official on the matter.

11. Risk Assessment

The Clerk explained that it was important to maintain an up to date risk assessment. In the draft circulated he had expanded statement of risks contained in the existing Risk Assessment relating to the keeping of the Council's records, both paper and electronic and suggested that measures to limit these risks were too expensive or otherwise excessively onerous. It was **RESOLVED** that the draft Risk Assessment circulated prior to the meeting be adopted as the Risk Assessment of the Council (attached to these minutes as Appendix A)

12. CAPRI

Mr Gabbott, the Secretary of CAPRI, told the meeting that CAPRI had recently been informed by the Planning Officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council that he had put a number of questions to National Grid with respect to their application to build a Pressure Reduction Installation at Tirley. It was clear from these questions that TBC considered that improvements to the proposal could be made with respect to the landscaping and lighting, and that the council was concerned about the effect on local watercourses. TBC also requested a clearer evaluation of the site near Downend Far and an explanation why that site had been discarded. It was the view of TBC that until these questions were answered, and possibly a reconsultation completed, it would be inappropriate to bring the application before the Planning Committee; the timing of such a submission therefore depended largely on National Grid.

13. Planning matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SECTION A

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

- 09/00517/HOU** Detached oak framed double door
- Woodland Stables Cottages, Corse Lawn, Gloucester
 - Mr Christopher Whitehead

Council's Comments:
No comments

Approved

- 09/00669/CLE** Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use - Use of site for residential, timber yard and forestry
- The Old Timber Yard Link End Road Corse Lawn Gloucester GL19 4NN
 - Mr R Wilkes

(The Council, not being a statutory consultee, was not consulted.)

Permitted

SECTION B

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

- 08/01665/FUL (TBC)** Construction of a new National Gas Pressure Reduction Installation and associated works and landscaping, including boiler and generator buildings, above ground pipework, security fencing and earth bunding
- Land adj to Flat Farm, B4213, Tirley
 - National Grid

Council's Comments
Letter circulated separately.

Application Pending Consideration

09/00613/HOU

Erection of detached garage

- Springfield Cottage, Corse Lawn Gloucester GL19 4LU
- Mr A Beastall

Council's Comments

This single storey double garage built from traditional materials adjacent to the existing dwelling will sit sympathetically with the immediate surroundings, offering little or no impact on the neighbouring property. We support the application.

Application Pending Consideration

14. Authorisation of Disbursements:

Council **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made:

£ 177.99	Mr J L Gabbott
42.88	Inland Revenue

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

Received:

- Rural Services Network: Sustainable Rural Communities Seminar
- MHDC: Big Lottery Funding - Village SOS Funding
- Rural Community Network

16. Future Meetings

It was noted that as per resolution item 18 of 13th November 2008 subsequent meetings of the Council would be held at 7.30 p.m. at Eldersfield Lawn School on the following Thursdays in 2009: 10th September and 12th November.

17. Any other business:

The Chairman agreed that he would follow up the matter of 'grips' to prevent the flooding of the B4211 near the cricket pitch.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.