

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 14th July 2016 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: A. Davies (Chairman), A.J. Etherington,
J. Keighley, Mrs C Powell-Chandler, Mrs S Rush,
Mrs Willder, O. Williams

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan

**Members of the
Public:** 2

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Mrs D Holt.

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd May 2016 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 that there had been developments in the negotiations for the procurement of waste collection services. The targeted savings of £250,000 were still likely to be met.

6. Report from the Police

None.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Presentation by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

Mr Rob Allen introduced himself as a representative of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, a registered charity which purchases land within Worcestershire and manages it with the intention of maintaining or creating wildlife reserves. The Trust was in the process of purchasing land at Hardwick Green for which it was seeking a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, and sought the support of the Council.

Councillors were told that as part of the project the Trust would develop an oral history repository by seeking evidence from older residents and would make this available for the young. The Trust was keen to engage the public to as great an extent as possible with the project.

9. Green Lane

Councillors noted that the letter from the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board, received in response to the Council's complaints about the felling of more than 120 trees in the Green Lane, rejected any possibility of discussion of the matter. Councillors found the letter rude, arrogant and confrontational.

The Clerk was instructed to respond to the letter by writing to the Chairman of the IDB asking that the Council be given a copy of the draft bio-diversity assessment plan now in preparation by the IDB and suggesting that the Council might wish to comment on that draft.

10. Planning

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

15/01581/FUL Two additional gypsy pitches together with formation of hardstanding ancillary to that use to include reconfiguration of existing permitted grant at appeal (ref 08/00886/FUL)

pitch

- Fieldview, Malvern Road, Staunton, Worcestershire,

Council's Comments

We are concerned that the proposed increased density on the site will place too much demand on the water supply that serves both the site and close neighbours. We understand that the water supply comes through a pipe that was laid privately - and so is not the responsibility of Severn Trent. We understand that on one occasion, when there was an gathering of travellers on the site, the water supply could not cope with the additional demand. Hence there are fears that, with increased occupancy, this could become a regular occurrence and a hazard to health be thereby created.

We note also that the gates to the site are on a stretch of road where there is poor visibility, yet unfortunately there is no safer alternative position. With the increased volume of traffic that an expanded site will generate plus the speed and volume of the traffic that already travels along this stretch of road, we believe that the proposed access would not offer an acceptable degree of safety.

In the absence of satisfactory resolution of the above two concerns we cannot support the application.

Approval (Full Planning)

16/00307/HOU Replacement single storey extension; new porch and amended roof to annexe

- Brook Cottage, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LU

Council's Comments

My Council has considered the application in greater detail and believes that the proposed development would be disproportionately large compared with the existing dwelling and would be visually intrusive.

Accordingly my Council recommends refusal.

Withdrawn By Applicant.

16/00405/FUL

- Proposed new access
- Barn at Marsh Court Farm, Bridgend, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PN

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

Approval (Full Planning)

16/00453/HOU

- Two storey side extension to provide lounge with bedrooms over. Two storey side extension to provide garage and utility with office over. Single storey extension to provide sun room. Revised scheme 14/01725/HOU. (Part retrospective)
- Orchard Rise, Link End Road, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4NN

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

15/01566/FUL

- Erection of replacement dwelling
- Annexe At, Ploughs End, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LZ

Council's Comments

We have no objections.

Pending Decision

16/00854/HOU

- Extension to existing dwelling to form an annexe.
- 3, Prospect Cottages, Lime Street, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4NX

Council's Comments

We have no comments.

16/00625/FUL

Proposed conversion of upper floor of existing garage to holiday let including external alterations for dormer windows and additional fenestration

- Springfield Cottage, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LU

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

16/00431/FUL

Conversion and extension of existing barn/outbuilding to from 2 bedroom holiday cottage (alternative scheme to approval 13/00800/FUL)

- The Grove, Lime Street, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4NX

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

Appeal APP/J1860/W/16/3152002

Councillors had received additional representations with respect to the above appeal now before the Planning Inspectorate. They had given these representations their consideration and instructed the Clerk to write to the Planning Inspector advising him that in the opinion of the Council the current proposal, with respect to its size, design and location, was in visual harmony with other buildings in Corse Lawn and that the Council therefore recommended that the appeal should not be refused on these grounds.

11. Lengthsman

The Clerk gave a short description of the work undertaken by the Lengthsman during November and December. Councillors expressed their satisfaction. It was RESOLVED that the Lengthsman's invoices for April 2016 (£118.00) May (£236.00) and June £236.00 be paid.

12. Committed Funds

The statement of Committed Funds circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

13. Worcestershire Wildlife Trust

The Council discussed the report by the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

Recognising the importance of maintaining – and where possible improving - the landscape and its ecology, Council, warmly endorsed the Trust's proposals and instructed the Clerk to write a letter of support for use by the Trust in its grant application.

14. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£ 198.10	J L Gabbott
£125.20	HMRC
£590.00	Mr J Moore, Lengthsman services (April 2016, £118.00; May, £236.00; June, £236.00)

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted

- St John the Baptist, Eldersfield: Letter of thanks in respect of grant of £2,000

16. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 14th September at Eldersfield Lawn School commencing at 7.30 p.m. or immediately after the presentation on broadband, if later.

17. Other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.48 p.m.

JLG
19.7.16