

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 13th May 2010 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Present: H.S. Davis (Chairman), R.S. Manwaring MBE, Mrs M. Mitchell,
D.J. Tombs, Mrs R Wilder

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan
Pc Naulls
Miss Ellen Challoner

**Members of the
Public:** -

1. Election of Chairman

Mr H S Davis was elected Chairman *nem con*.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Mr R S Manwaring was elected Vice-Chairman *nem con*.

3. Apologies for absence

C.H. Jeffes, N.R. Stephens, C.J. Whitehead, O D Williams

4. Members to declare interests

None

5. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2010 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

7. Report from Police Beat Manager

Pc Naulls reported that there had been no change in the number of incidents reported this year compared with last although there had been a spate of thefts of caravans and 4x4s. The police station at Malvern would be permanently manned and this would increase the availability of officers for response to emergencies. One session of speed monitoring had been undertaken at the school and a number of motorists had been given advice; other sessions would be arranged. Pc Naulls thanked the Neighbourhood Watch team for their continued vigilance.

8. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Bronwen Behan reported that she had been appointed to the waste management team at Malvern Hills District Council.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Planning Matters

SECTION A

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

10/00211/FUL

- Replacement dwelling
- Villa Farm, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire GL19 4ND
 - D Moore

Council's Comments

The proposed replacement dwelling is sympathetic to the original. Whilst the actual location has been moved there is little or no impact on neighbouring properties. We support the proposal.

Approved

SECTION B

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

10/00192/HOU

- Proposed single storey extension to form additional living accommodation and new stables and carport to replace existing out buildings
- Barletts House Link End Road Corse Lawn Gloucester GL19 4NN
 - R Ridley

Council's Comments

This modest extension will sit sympathetically with the existing dwelling

The dwelling assumes a semi isolated position, consequently there is no impact on neighbouring properties

The stables and car port are constructed from traditional materials again sitting sympathetically with the main dwelling.

We support the proposal.

Pending

10/00498/FUL and 10/00500/LBC

- Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling
- Pigeon House Farm, Eldersfield, Gloucester, GL19 4NW
 - Mrs M Bainbridge

Council's Comments

11. BT Phone Boxes

A draft contract had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk advised the Council that he had received email confirmation from BT that it was their firm intention to pay for and eventually decommission the electricity supply even though this was not stipulated in the contract. The meeting **RESOLVED** that the Council purchase the two telephone kiosks within the parish at a price of £1 each and that the Clerk execute a contract for the purchase thereof.

12. Communication

Given the absence of many councillors, the Chairman felt that it was appropriate to reserve this topic for a future meeting.

It was, however agreed that the Clerk should insert in the Parish Meeting a list of the dates of the next meeting.

13. Application for Rural Rate relief

The Council noted that a request for Rural Rate relief had been received by MHDC from the owners of The Butcher's Arms, Eldersfield. After discussion the Council **RESOLVED** that, although the business was of benefit to the local community, it would not be reasonable to grant the relief in view of the fact that this would be funded in part by local Council Tax payers.

14. Insurance

An offer had been received from Allianz Cornhill (now administered by Aon Limited) to renew the Council's insurance for the year commencing 1st June 2010 at a premium of £501.79 (2009: £ 477.94). It was **RESOLVED** that this offer be accepted and the premium paid.

15. County Association of Local Councils (CALC)

The Chairman explained to the meeting that membership of CALC gave access to a useful forum within which to discuss matters of interest common to Parish Councils and he therefore recommended that membership be continued. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council renew its membership for 2010-11 and pay the fee of £ 247.60.

16. CAPRI

In welcoming Joseph Gabbott, Secretary of CAPRI, the Chairman reminded the Council that a request for a grant had been received from CAPRI.

Mr Gabbott informed the Council that CAPRI had called a Public Meeting in April, and that it had been well attended. A key conclusion emerging from that meeting was that if the community wished CAPRI to be legally represented at the forthcoming Public Inquiry a considerable amount of money would have to be raised. If that money was not forthcoming, the legal presentation would be limited.

The Council considered the matter carefully. It was recognised that National Grid's planning application was one of the most significant threats to the community and it was noted that CAPRI's previous fund raising campaign had incidentally had the highly beneficial effect of greatly improving community spirit.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that no money could be spent which had not been raised through taxes and that National Grid was free, if it so wished, to submit as many planning applications as it cared to do.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council make a grant to CAPRI of £1,000 subject to the condition that in the event of any funds remaining unspent at the end of the campaign a proportionate amount of the grant be repaid to the Council.

17. Accounts

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting be approved and adopted as the Accounts of the Council; that they be attached hereto as Appendix A; and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return Sections 1 and 2, and the Council required that the Clerk publish forthwith the relevant Notice as prescribed by regulation.

18. Investment Policy

It was **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with item 15 of the minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2006, the Council's investment policy remain that all funds be maintained in a current account and that this Policy be reviewed annually.

19. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£ 199.78	Mr J L Gabbott
£ 48.33	Inland Revenue
£ 247.60	CALC
£ 501.79	Aon Limited
£ 1,000.00	CAPRI
£ 2.00	British Telecommunications plc

20. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

Received:

- Tree Warden Scheme
- WCC: Community Greenspace Team Annual Report 2009
- WCC: Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy

21. Any other business

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.