

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 10th January 2013 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

<u>Present:</u>	H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes R.S. Manwaring MBE, B.N. Parsons, Mrs C Powell-Chandler, C. J. Whitehead, Mrs R Wilder, O D Williams
<u>In Attendance:</u>	District Councillor Bronwen Behan Mrs Carole Joseph
<u>Members of the Public:</u>	-

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from:
County Councillor T Wells.

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th November were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

The Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had requested a grant for the provision of two grit bins from WCC and that these had been ordered; he was unaware of the installation date.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Bronwen Behan informed the meeting that the MHDC website was being revamped and that improvements should soon be visible.

She also noted that a neighbourhood scheme for the bulk purchase of LPG¹ had been put in place by MHDC but that a similar scheme for purchase of oil was still in the pipeline. She was aware of a similar scheme for oil being operated by Community First.

The Clerk reported that he had received favourable comments about the LPG scheme from three grateful members of the public.

6. Public Comment

Mrs Joseph said that she had heard that a local landowner had said that he was minded to sell his land to gypsies and asked whether the Council could prevent this. The Clerk responded that landowners were free to dispose of their interest in land to whomsoever they wished, but that a change of use would require permission from the local planning authority.

¹ Details are available from the Clerk

Mrs Joseph then asked whether there had been any instances of flooding in the parish during the recent heavy rains. Neither the Clerk nor any of the councillors was aware of such an occurrence which, it was thought, was probably attributable to the greater attention now being paid to land drainage.

7. Jubilee Souvenir photos

Mrs Carole Joseph advised the meeting that in her view an A4, 8 page, booklet with about 40 photographs would be an appropriate pictorial commemoration of the Jubilee. She had the photographs; the artwork was in progress but she required a map of the Jubilee Walk. The Chairman advised the meeting that he would obtain a suitable map.

The meeting decided that a print run of 300 copies would be sufficient and asked that Mrs Joseph present the draft to the Clerk and Councillor Parsons for final comments before printing.

The meeting thanked Mrs Joseph, together with Irene and Paul Collins, for their hard work and dedication in undertaking this much valued project.

8. Funding of communications

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at the November meeting, he had applied for a communication grant, being £300 for the school Notice Board and £200 for a revised Directory. That grant had been approved.

9. Notice Board

The Clerk reported that the notice board to replace the one at the school had been received and installed. Councillors expressed their satisfaction with the board and the high standard of installation. It was **RESOLVED** that the invoice from Notice-It Limited in the amount of **£390 be paid and that the costs of £49.97 incurred in its installation be paid to Councillor Davis.**

10. Planning Matters

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SECTION A

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

12/01462/HOU

Erection of detached outbuilding for use by disabled person in association with the main dwelling.

- Thatched Rose Cottage, Corse
- Mrs Penny Glover

Council's Comments:

This application proposes further development on what in rural terms can only be described as a small site.

We accept that the impact on the vicinity would be negligible but, however, we are not comfortable to comment on the rationale behind the proposal. We trust and appreciate that the District Council must adopt a consistent approach when considering such applications.

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

12/01292/FUL

New Grain Store

- The Hawthorns, Corse, Gloucester, GL19 3NY
- R N Padfield & Sons Ltd

Council's Comments:

None

Refusal (Full Planning)

SECTION B

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

12/01566/FUL

Sub division of farmhouse, conversion of outbuildings, byre and barns, to provide 5 residential units. Close main access to vehicles and re-use as public footpath. New vehicular access on south west of site.

- Downend Farm, Long Green Forthampton, Worcestershire, GL19 4QJ
- The Forthampton Trust

Council's Comments:

The proposal to convert the byre and barns into residential units returns the character of the complex in a tasteful and sympathetic manner. We note that access has been relocated, recognising that this is a fast stretch of road we would ask the Highways Agency to confirm that the access point to the highway is wide enough to allow '2 way' traffic and under no circumstances would a vehicle be 'trapped' on the main road waiting to access the site.

We support the application.

Pending

12/01530/FUL

New "American Barn" style stable block. Change of use of pasture to provide hardstanding for access and parking

- Moores Farm, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LY
- Mr & Mrs P & L Betteridge

Council's Comments:

Under consideration

Pending

11. Financial Estimates and Budget 2013-14

The Clerk reported that the legal impediments to the Council deciding the precept for 2013-14 had been satisfactorily addressed. Councillors then briefly discussed the draft budget circulated to them prior to the November meeting and it was **RESOLVED** that the draft budget be adopted as the budget of the Council. A copy is attached at the appendix to these minutes.

12. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£187.94	J L Gabbott
£45.88	HMRC
£144.00	WCC (hall hire)
£390.00	Notice-It Limited
£49.97	H S Davis

13. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

Received:

- CALC: Training Bulletin
- CALC: Updates
- NG: Tirley PRI update
- Glos CC: Review of Glos Statement of Community Involvement

Sent:

- Charity for Recreation and Allotments (sent 14th November 2011; no reply received)

14. Future Meetings

It was noted that, in accordance with Minute 19 of 8th November 2012, future meetings would take place at 7.30 pm at Eldersfield Lawn School on the following Thursdays in 2013: 14th March, 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 7th November.

15. Other business

1. The Chairman asked that District Councillor Bronwen Behan make a presentation at the May meeting of the criteria to be employed by the Council when considering applications for rate relief, and to explain what other reliefs exist for small businesses within the parish.
2. The question was raised whether all 40 mph signs had been removed from around the PRI site. The Clerk would investigate.
3. The need for a new notice board at Bridge End was noted by the Council.

4. The Eldersfield Fête will be held at Eldersfield Court (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Collins) on 8th June, from 2 to 5 pm. There will be a strawberry team, music and a tombola.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

	2011-12	CURRENT YEAR 2012-13			2013-14
	Actual	Budget	Actual		Budget
			Yr to 30.9	Forecast	<i>adopted</i>
INCOME					
Precept	6,000	4,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
VAT repayment					
Hire of table, chairs, china	125	50	45	90	50
Grant from Community Fund	2,594				
Transfer from reserves	-	-			-
TOTAL	8,719	4,050	2,045	4,090	4,050
EXPENDITURE					
Clerk: salary, expenses	1,849	1,900	774	1,700	1,900
Insurance	541	550	225	225	250
CALC	245	250	243	243	275
Audit	60	75		144	150
Grant: Churchyard	400	600		600	600
Grant: CLWG	169	100		100	100
Grant: Jubilee	224		138	138	
Misc: WCC: school hire	112	100	96	130	100
Training		75		75	75
Contingency		200		200	200
Supported projects		1,000		1,000	1,000
Election	37				
Other					75
Transfer to reserves	-	-			
TOTAL	3,637	4,850	1,476	4,555	4,725
Net movement:	5,082	- 800	569	- 465	- 675

CASH BALANCE B/F	2,740	6,454	7,822	7,822	7,357
Add TOTAL INCOME	8,719	4,050	2,045	4,090	4,050
Less TOTAL EXPENDITURE	- 3,637	- 4,850	- 1,476	- 4,555	- 4,725
CASH BALANCE C/F	7,822	5,654	8,391	7,357	6,682