

## ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes  
R.S. Manwaring MBE, Mrs C. Powell-Chandler,  
Mrs R. Wilder, O.D. Williams,

**In Attendance:** District Councillor Bronwen Behan  
Pc Allen Naulls

**Members of the** 1  
**Public:**

### **1. Apologies for absence**

B.N. Parsons, C. J. Whitehead

### **2. Members' interests**

None.

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 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.a Reports from District and County Councillors**

District Councillor Bronwen Behan informed the meeting the District Council had extended the range of services which it 'shares' with other councils (i.e. in effect outsources) to the receipt and payment of money and that this initiative is expected to save £50,000 annually.

The District Council had recently not only lost a planning appeal but had also – because of its failure to adopt an adequate planning policy - been fined £69,000.

She also noted that the planning application in respect of Moores Farm would be presented to the Planning Committee within a few days.

### **5.b Reports from Police Beat Officer**

Pc Allen Naulls reported that there had been a number of burglaries and thefts in the area recently. He advised that suspicious behaviour should be reported to the police immediately on 999.

He confirmed that Upton Police Station would remain open, despite the likelihood of reductions in police numbers.

The Chairman said that recent events had suggested that improvements could be made in police liaison with Neighbourhood Watch.

#### **6. Public Comment**

None

#### **7. Traffic measures**

County Councillor Wells was again not present to describe his proposals. Given these circumstances, it was decided that the item should no longer appear on the agenda.

#### **8. Jubilee Souvenir photos**

It was noted that the Jubilee Souvenir Booklet had been printed and issued.

Members expressed their appreciation for the hard work and imagination which had gone into the preparation of the booklet and felt that it constituted a worthy memento of a very important occasion in the history of the parish. Members instructed the Clerk to write to the publishers to convey their thanks and congratulations.

It was **RESOLVED** that the invoice for £387 from Graphix in respect of the booklet be paid.

#### **9. Planning Matters**

##### **SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**

Nil

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##### **SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION**

**13/00011/FUL**

New Grain Facility; Formation of bunding and landscaping works to provide screening to new grain facility

- Land at (OS 8015 3026), The Hawthorns, Corse, Gloucestershire, GL19 3NY

#### *Council's Comments:*

Enhanced bunding and landscaping was requested at a parish council site visit to the proposed grain facility

This proposal addresses the concerns raised.

We are pleased to support the application.

*Full Planning Permission*

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**13/00210/HOU  
(and 3/00211/LBC)**

**Extension to accommodate new music room**  
Eldersfield Court, Church Road, Eldersfield,  
Worcestershire, GL19 4NP

- Mr & Mrs Collins

*Council's Comments:*

This extension will not impact any neighbouring property. We note that both the design and materials proposed have been approved by listed building control

We support the application.

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**13/00214/FUL**

**Extension to existing indoor arena, extension to existing  
outdoor arena, re-siting of viewing gallery, resurfacing of  
holding area, installation of spectator walkway and judges'**

**box**

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

*Council's Comments:*

We have the following comments:

1. Parking

We are concerned about overspill parking in open countryside. The applicant informs us that initial estimates indicate that adequate parking already exists but that if demand increases sufficiently a planning application for additional car parking space will be submitted.

We accept that although the applicant claims to discourage visitors to the site from parking on the adjoining regulated pasture he is not in a position to require them to so refrain. We believe that our concern may best be addressed indirectly and we therefore suggest that any planning permission specify the maximum number of visitors who may use the site at any one time; the maximum number should be set at a level where parking outside the curtilage of the site is unlikely to be necessary. This condition, in the event that an application is later made for additional car parking space, may then be varied.

2. Floodlighting around open arena

Clarification on whether the existing lighting is lawful was requested some twelve months ago from the Enforcement Officer but to date he has not expressed his opinion. We note that the application makes no reference to lighting.

We believe that a full specification of the proposed lighting should be included in this application.

3. Loudspeaker system

We accept that a loudspeaker system is required.

We believe that any planning permission should contain conditions specifying the times during which the system may be used and the maximum volume which may be employed.

We have raised the above points with the applicant who indicated that he would be prepared to address them.

Subject to the foregoing, we have no objection to the application.

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**13/00539/HOU**

Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation, with single storey extension above.

- The Grove, Lime Street, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4NX
- Mr Neil Sheppard

*Council's Comments:*

A well proportioned extension sitting sympathetically within the site. No new windows overlook any adjacent dwellings and the impact of the extension on the neighbourhood will be minimal. We support the application.

*Householder Full Planning Permission*

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**13/00571/HOU**

**Erection of double garage with store over**

- Church Cottage, Church Road, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4NP
- Mr M Pitman

*Council's Comments:*

The proposed double garage sits sympathetically with the main dwelling with no impact on neighbouring properties

Entrance to the property from the road is also improved

We support the application

*Householder Full Planning Permission*

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**13/00610/HOU**

Oak framed, timber clad 2 bay garage with room above

- Guythorpe, Malvern Road, Staunton, Worcestershire, GL19 3NZ
- Mr Doug Shuter

*Council's Comments:*

Under consideration

*Householder Full Planning Permission*

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- 13/00655/FUL** Change of use to equestrian land and erection of stables with tack room and store and yard
- Land adj Church Cottage, Church Road Eldersfield Worcestershire GL19 4NP
  - Mr M Pitman

*Council's Comments:*

The proposed stable block and change of use of land to equestrian sits adjacent to the double garage covered by 13/00571/FUL. We have no further comments and support the application.

*Full Planning Permission*

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**10. Notice Board**

The Council noted that Notice Board ordered for Bridge End had been supplied and expressed its satisfaction. It was **RESOLVED** that the invoice for **£650.00 from Notice-It be paid.**

**11. Reclaim of VAT from HMRC**

It was noted that the Council had reclaimed from HMRC £235.70 of VAT which had now been received.

**12. Authorisation of Disbursements**

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

£ 164.05	J L Gabbott
£ 38.80	HMRC
£ 650.00	Notice-It
£ 387.00	Graphix (re jubilee brochure)
£ 13.80	Zurich (insurance premium tax)

**13. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

**Received:**

- Mrs M Mitchell: letter of thanks for grant
- CALC: Updates
- MHDC: Economic Development Strategy consultation

**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: 12th September and 7th November.

**15. Other business**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Parsons had informed the Council of his intention not to stand at the elections to be held in May 2014.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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