

# **ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes  
R.S. Manwaring MBE, B.N. Parsons,  
Mrs C. Powell-Chandler

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Tom Wells (part time)  
District Councillor Bronwen Behan

**Members of the  
Public:** 1

## **1. Apologies for absence**

C. J. Whitehead, Mrs R. Wilder, O.D. Williams,

## **2. Members' interests**

None.

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th July 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. Reports from District and County Councillors**

District Councillor Bronwen Behan informed the meeting that the District Council would shortly start enforcing parking regulations in Upton upon Severn.

She also raised the matter of neighbourhood plans. Upton upon Severn was considered by the District Council to be the nearest town to Eldersfield but it had not clearly been established whether it was also the town most used by parishioners. Given that Upton was developing a plan and might request input from parishes thought to use its services, the question of what information Eldersfield should supply, and the reasons for considering that information accurate should be considered. It was agreed that a survey of parishioners' views, whether by questionnaire or public meeting, would be appropriate. However, before such initiative were launched, it was suggested that it would be wise to await a formal and specific request for information.

County Councillor Tom Wells raised the matter of improving safety for school children when arriving and departing by car. He raised three points:

- 1) Whilst it was possible that various improvements might improve safety, it was quite clear that there were other schools within the county which had a patently greater need.
- 2) Any scheme to improve safety should be carefully and properly thought out by qualified experts.
- 3) Money was tight and the cost of any improvements was likely to be high; he asked whether it was right in these circumstances that the residents of Worcestershire should pay for improvements at a school of which two thirds of the pupils came from other counties.

The Council noted these points but indicated that it was in favour of an initial study being undertaken if funds could be secured from the County Council.

#### **6. Finance Sub-Committee**

The Clerk reported that the Sub-Committee had not yet met but was expected to hold its first meeting immediately after the Council meeting.

#### **7. Public Comment**

Mrs Joseph asked that the Council give copies of the Jubilee Booklet be given to the School.

#### **8. Planning Matters**

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

NIL

##### **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.

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*Full Planning Permission*

**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.

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*Full Planning Permission*

- 13/00720/FUL** Construction of a barn for storage and change of use of land to equestrian use.
- Land at (OS 8024 3145), Nr Church Cottage, Eldersfield, Worcestershire
  - Mr M Pitman

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*Full Planning Permission*

- 13/00835/HOU** Front and rear extensions and porch to side elevation.  
Burghill Gadfield Elms Staunton Gloucester GL19 3PB  
Mr W Mason

*Council's Comments:*

This modest proposal built in similar materials to the main dwelling will sit comfortably in the locality offering no impact to any neighbouring property

We support the application.

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*Householder Full Planning Permission*

**9. CAPRI**

Council noted the letter received from CAPRI together with the grant of £1,032.67.

Members expressed the view that the PRI as erected was significantly better than would have been the case had CAPRI not entered into the campaign. The Chairman, with the unanimous support of all members, asked the Clerk to convey his thanks and those of the Council to the committee of CAPRI.

### **10. Corse Lawn Cricket Club**

Council noted the letter from the Corse Lawn Cricket Club in which it was stated that the Club required funds approximately £1,200 or so to help provide a more secure tool store. Council was aware of the benefits of sporting activities within the parish and was keen that they should be available to all parishioners. Accordingly, Council **RESOLVED** that a grant of £400 be made to Corse Lawn Cricket Club subject to the Club

- confirming that it would encourage women and girls to join the Club *pari passu* with men and boys,
- agreeing to offer to the Council, in the event of it ceasing to operate as cricket club, the storage facility to be acquired and
- providing to the Clerk documentary evidence of the container to be bought.

### **11. Milestone Society**

Council noted the receipt of the request for a grant from the Milestone Society. Council expressed itself delighted with the civic pride shown by the members of the Society and **RESOLVED** that a grant of £80 be made to the Milestone Society.

### **12. CLWG**

Council noted the request for a grant from the Corse Lawn Women's Group, Council expressed itself delighted that the Group should be as successful as it clearly is and **RESOLVED** that a grant of £80.32 be paid to the Group.

### **13. Zurich**

Council noted that the cheque for £13.80 in favour of Zurich previously issued had been reported as missing and **RESOLVED** that a second cheque for £13.80 be issued.

### **14. Authorisation of Disbursements**

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

£ 180.00	J L Gabbott
£40.00	HMRC
£13.80	Zurich
£80.00	Milestone Society
£80.32	Corse Lawn Women's Group

### **15. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

#### **Received:**

- CALC: Updates
- CAPRI
- Corse Lawn Cricket Club
- Corse Lawn Women's Group
- MHDC: Economic Development Strategy consultation
- Mrs M Mitchell: letter of thanks for grant

**16. 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, 7th November.

**17. Other business**

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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