

## **ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** H.S. Davis (Chairman), C.H. Jeffes,  
R.S. Manwaring MBE, N R Stephens, D J Tombs,  
C.J. Whitehead, Mrs R Willder,

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Tom Wells  
CSO Sarah Hide

**Member of the Public:** Miss Eleanor Challoner  
Mrs Heather Bloxham

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

Apologies were accepted from Mrs M Mitchell and O D Williams

### **2. Members to declare interests**

None

### **3. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009 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. Report from Police Beat Manager**

CSO Hide reported that there had been an increase in burglaries – from homes and garages - and she urged greater vigilance by all.

One councillor informed the meeting that his cat had been shot some months previously and he had reported the matter to the police who said that they took the incident seriously. He questioned CSO Hide as to why the matter had not been followed up. She agreed to investigate and reply directly to him.

CSO Hide emphasised that the Police welcomed information from the public. If the matter is urgent, dial 999. If it is not urgent, dial 0300 333 3000.

### **6. Reports from District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Tom Wells informed the meeting that he had been asked to advise about the speed limit to apply on the A438 at Long Green. Suggestions had been made that the number of accidents indicated a lower limit but that the sparsity of housing suggested a continuation of the same limit. He asked for the advice of the Council. Because no Councillor

lives in the vicinity, the Chairman invited Mrs Bloxham, who lives locally to Long Green, to express her views. She thought that although a lower limit would be welcome the additional signage – especially if not vigorously enforced, as was likely to be the case - would not.

### **7. Public Comment**

Miss Eleanor Challenor asked whether the Council had considered creating a Community Land Trust in order to construct affordable housing within the Parish. The Chairman responded that, although that particular mechanism had not been reviewed, a very careful study had been made of the possible provision of affordable housing; after much deliberation it had been decided to discontinue the project because of concerns about control, the charges that would be levied to beneficiaries and, associated therewith, the existence within the Parish of sufficient demand.

Miss Challenor then suggested that there was more that the Council could do to bring matters of interest to the attention of parishioners. She had in mind news of local activities and events, and useful contacts in case of an emergency. The Chairman readily agreed that there was more that could be done but emphasised that to do anything volunteers were needed and these were in short supply. He accepted that the topic could usefully be developed and invited Miss Challenor to put her views to the Clerk after the meeting.

### **8. Rôle**

During a short discussion, County Councillor Tom Wells opined that it was not the role of the Council to act as a policeman in the Parish – for example by reporting infractions of the planning laws – but that if allegations of malfeasance were made to the Parish Council it was right and proper that the Council refer these to the competent authorities. This view was accepted *nem con*.

### **9. CAPRI**

Mr Joseph Gabbott, Secretary of CAPRI, informed the meeting that National Grid had modified their application, principally by proposing additional bunding and planting, entirely with deciduous species. CAPRI believed that these modifications did nothing to mitigate the impact of the application and, indeed, were likely to have the contrary effect. The proposed industrial installation next to Flat Farm would be an alien and intrusive development in a tranquil, rural setting; there was no possibility of it being assimilated into that setting and therefore CAPRI continued in its opposition to the application.

Following Mr Gabbott's presentation, the Council instructed the Clerk to re-affirm to Tewkesbury Borough Council their firm recommendation that planning permission be refused.

## **10. Planning matters**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **SECTION A**

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

- 09/00613/HOU**                      Erection of detached garage
- Springfield Cottage, Corse Lawn Gloucester GL19 4LU
  - Mr A Beastall

##### *Council's Comments*

This single storey double garage built from traditional materials adjacent to the existing dwelling will sit sympathetically with the immediate surroundings, offering little or no impact on the neighbouring property. We support the application.

*Approved*

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- 09/00908/FUL**                      Change of use from timber yard to touring caravan storage.
- The Old Timber Yard Link End Road Corse Lawn Gloucester GL19 4NN
  - Mr R Wilks

##### *Council's Comments*

Recognising that both commercial and residential permission already exists (09/00669/CLE), we have no objection to the proposal to this proposal to change the use for part of the site from to a touring caravan store.

Any highway logistic concerns regarding access to and from the site have been identified by Jerry Thomas at a site visit. In the event that the application is successful we request that his recommendations are included as conditions of the authorisation.

*Withdrawn*

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#### **SECTION B**

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

- 08/01665/FUL (TBC)**                      Construction of a new National Gas Pressure Reduction Installation and associated works and landscaping, including boiler and generator buildings, above ground pipework, security fencing and earth bunding
- Land adj to Flat Farm, B4213, Tirley
  - National Grid

##### *Council's Comments*

Letter circulated separately.

*Application Pending Consideration*

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**09/00902/FUL**

Change of use to paddock

- Rowan Barn Newlands Eldersfield Gloucester GL19 4PR
- Mrs Susan Christy

*Council's Comments*

We note that no building work is required. We have no comments to add. We support the application.

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*Application Pending Decision*

**09/01060/HOU**

Two storey side extension and garaging to replace outbuilding

- West End Cottage Lime Street Eldersfield Gloucester GL19 4NX
- Mr R Hall

*Council's Comments*

Under consideration

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*Application Pending Consideration*

**09/01061/FUL**

Proposed agricultural building

- Land At West End Cottage Lime Street Eldersfield Gloucester GL19 4NX
- Mr R Hall

*Council's Comments*

Under consideration

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*Application Pending Consideration*

**11. Bridge**

It was **RESOLVED** that the invoice submitted by Mr Richard Ridley in respect of demolition of the footbridge in the amount of £195.90 be paid.

**12. Eldersfield Recreation Charity**

After a short debate during which the meeting was assured that, because the Charity was negotiating a long term lease of its field to Eldersfield Lawn School, this would be the last application for a grant which the Charity would make to the Council, it was **RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be made to the Eldersfield Recreation Charity.**

**13. Audit**

It was noted that the Clement Keys, the Auditors, having completed their audit, had issued a report without qualification (i.e. they had no adverse comments to make) and it was **RESOLVED that the Council pay their fees of £57.50.** The Clerk was thanked for the professionalism of his preparation and presentation of the accounts.

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

Council **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made:

£ 173.48	Mr J L Gabbott
40.14	Inland Revenue
195.50	Richard R Ridley
57.50	Clement Keys
£ 250.00	Eldersfield Recreation Charity

#### **15. Report by Clerk**

The Clerk reported that a candidate had been interested in filling the position of Parish Paths' Warden and that a meeting had been arranged between the candidate and Worcestershire County Council. He informed the meeting that he had been told that the Council's website was receiving 10 'hits' a day (a figure in which he had limited confidence) and that MHDC had advised parish councils that they were intending to make the planning consultation system entirely web based within the next few months.

#### **16. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

##### **Received:**

- CAPRI: Newsletter and copy of Letter of Objection
- Children's and Young People's Strategic Partnership: news
- Corse Lawn Women's Group: Letter of thanks for grant
- Equality and Human Rights Commission: letter re duties
- HMRC: receipt from HMRC of £75.00, being the incentive payment for filing PAYE online.
- MHDC: Annual Report
- MHDC: News from the Hills
- National Grid: Revision to submitted Planning Application
- Recreation Charity: letter (attached)
- Rural Services Network: newsletters (by email)

#### **17. Future Meetings**

It was noted that as per resolution item 18 of 13th November 2008 subsequent meetings of the Council would be held at 7.30 p.m. at Eldersfield Lawn School on the Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

#### **18. Any other business**

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.