

## ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 8.10 p.m.

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

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Tom Wells  
District Councillor Bronwen Behan  
Beat Officer: Pc Allen Naulls

**Member of the Public:** 1

### **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**

Mrs M Mitchell, C.J. Whitehead, O D Williams

**Absent:** N.R. Stephens

### **4. Members to declare interests**

None

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

### **6. Matters arising**

None

### **7. Report from Police Beat Manager**

Pc Allen Naulls reported that recorded crimes numbered 22 during the year just ended. Theft was a matter against which the public could in some measure protect themselves – the advertised use of ‘Smartwater’, a substance used to mark property uniquely, deterred thieves. He noted also that there was a considerable animus towards speeding motorists, although in other parishes experience had shown that about half such motorists were local residents.

In response to a plea for a police control on the speed of motorists passing the school, especially at opening and closing times, he said that the Community Service Officers were to be instructed in the use of hand held radar and would deploy these on occasions at the school

but he signalled that they had no power beyond monitoring and noting the speed of passing traffic.

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

Tom Wells, the County Councillor, reported that in his view the reduced cash resources from central government would increase the pressure for an amalgamation of the six district councils with the County Council, thereby effecting considerable savings, albeit with a cost arising from the diseconomies of the increased remoteness of the administering authority.

He had undertaken a survey – which he said was not scientifically based – of the views within the Parish towards additional housing. Although some people had suggested that the parish could accept the construction of a limited number of houses within the planning period he was not hopeful that, if development were permitted, large developments of many houses could be avoided.

Bronwen Behan, the District Councillor, said that much would depend on the framework within which any further building was authorised. Such a framework could encompass the definition of new settlements or development areas within the parish, but she thought that over this framework parishioners would have no control and therefore have no control of the housing to be constructed.

### **9. Public Comment**

One member of the public expressed his thanks to the Council for its efforts to disseminate through EldersfieldE (the Council's electronic newsletters service available to all parishioners on request by email to [eldersfieldpc@onetel.com](mailto:eldersfieldpc@onetel.com)) relevant news relating to the Council.

The problem of cars leaving the road at the north part of the B4211 was raised. A speed monitoring device was in place but it had been noted by a local resident that youth and being male were a common feature of the unfortunate drivers.

### **10. Disaster Recovery Plan**

In the light of the lack of interest shown at the Annual Assembly in developing a Disaster Recovery Plan, it was agreed that the Chairman would make private enquires before a final decision was taken by the Council

### **11. Flood prevention**

The Clerk reported that arrangements were in place for the demolition and rebuilding of the bridge to the east of the B4211 and that the work would be carried out when the contractor was available and the ground had dried out.

### **12. Parish Plan**

The Council was aware of the comments about the Parish Plan made at the Assembly which had immediately preceded the meeting, and discussion was limited. It was noted that drain clearance had been a problem mentioned in the Plan and that much remedial action had since been taken.

### **13. CAPRI**

Joseph Gabbott, Secretary of CAPRI, informed the meeting that Tewkesbury Borough Council had invited comments from the public on National Grid's proposal to hold a Pressure

Reduction Installation near Tirley. In response to that request around 900 letters of objection had been received. No date had yet been set by the council for considering the application.

#### **14. Planning matters**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **SECTION A**

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

- 08/01790/FUL** Proposed change of use agricultural land to residential use, erection of garage to rear of the garden and creation of a stone driveway
- Rowan Barn, Gadbury, Newlands GL19 3PD
  - Mrs Mila Hurst

*Council's Comments*

We note this revised application following a dialogue with the Planning Officer. We support the application.

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*Permitted*

- 09/00256/FUL** **Erection of agricultural building**
- Berth House, Moorend Road, Eldersfield GL19 4NS
  - Mr R Patte

*Council's Comments:*

This proposed agricultural building sits to the rear of the property with no impact on the adjacent dwelling.

The materials design will sit sympathetically in the immediate locality.

We support the application

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*Application Permitted*

#### **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.

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*Application Pending Consideration*

09/00451/FUL

**Erection of replacement workshop/storage building**

- Shamrock Cottage Corse Lawn Gloucester GL19 4LZ

Mr P Collins

*Council's Comments:*

Under consideration

*Application Pending Consideration*

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**15. 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; 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.

**16. Investment Policy**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council's investment policy be that all funds be maintained in a current account and that this Policy be reviewed annually.

**17. Insurance**

It was **RESOLVED** that the offer of insurance of for the year commencing 1st June 2009 at a premium of £ 477.94 made by Allianz Cornhill be accepted.

**18. County Association of Local Councils (CALC)**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council's membership of CALC be renewed for the year 2009-10.

**19. Authorisation of Disbursements:**

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

£ 236.47	Mr J L Gabbott
55.89	Inland Revenue
233.21	CALC (membership fee 2009-10)
£477.94	Allianz Insurance

**20. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- Post Office – no response received
- Information Commissioner Officer - DVD
- Equality and Human Rights Commission – statement of duties

**21. 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 following Thursdays in 2009: 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**22. Any other business:**

The Clerk was requested to write to the Post Office to ascertain the future of the post box previously situated at the south end of Corse Lawn.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.