

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 24th March 2016 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: A. Davies (Chairman), A.J. Etherington, J. Keighley,
Mrs C Powell-Chandler Mrs S Rush,
Mrs Willder, O. Williams

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan

**Members of the
Public:** -

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Mrs D Holt.

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chairman asked whether there were any amendments to the draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2016 and which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Mrs Powell-Chandler clarified that she had not agreed to be a member of the Broadband Improvement Working Group and, subject to this one amendment, the minutes 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

County Councillor Wells was not present and had provided no report.

District Councillor Bronwen Behan advised the meeting that the volunteers were required to assist with the election on 5th May and the Referendum on 23rd June; they should contact MHDC. The turnout at the respective polls was expected to be 16% and 86%

Councillor Behan also stated that the SWDP had been approved on the 25th February 2016. She stated that the 5 year housing demand had been exceeded.

6. Report from the Police

None.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Broadband

The Clerk reported that the Group had met and had held a meeting with both WCC and the BT manager responsible for the implementation of the faster broadband project in the county.

The Group had been informed that priority for upgrading under phase 3 of the project would be given to those areas within the county where the greatest need was perceived; that need would be identified by the responses to a questionnaire then open and a decision would be made in early February.

In response to this information, the Group undertook a campaign to encourage parishioners to respond to the questionnaire.

Shortly before the decision date, the Clerk wrote to WCC again stating the need for improvements in the parish.

9. Planning

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

15/01525/FUL Change of use to convert former granary into a dwelling including single storey extensions, access and residential curtilage
Cromer Farm, Pendock, Worcestershire, GL19 3PG

Council's Comments

We offer no objection to this application.

Withdrawn by applicant

15/01575/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
The Cottage, Gadfield Elm, Staunton, Worcestershire, GL19 3PB

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

Full Planning Permission

15/01626/HOU First floor extension to side of property, orangery/conservatory to rear of property and internal alterations to accommodate planned family.
Old Cider Barn, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4PE

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

Approval (Full) Planning Householder

15/01776/FUL Proposed 4 no new dwellings with 2 no. access points
Land adjoining Brookmead Pendock, Worcestershire

Council's Comments

We understand that the area on which it is proposed to place the development is liable to surface flooding and this could, if not addressed, make the development unsuitable.

Subject to the above issue being satisfactorily resolved, we have no objection.

Refusal (Full Planning)

15/01734/LBC Proposed conversion and extension to existing barn for holiday use.
Nashend Farm, Eldersfield Marsh, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PG

Council's Comments

Consent (Listed Building)

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

15/01566/FUL Erection of replacement dwelling
Annexe At, Ploughs End, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LZ

Council's Comments

We have no objections.

15/01581/FUL Two additional gypsy pitches together with formation of hardstanding
pitch ancillary to that use to include reconfiguration of existing permitted
grant at appeal (ref 08/00886/FUL)
Fieldview, Malvern Road, Staunton, Worcestershire,

Council's Comments

We are concerned that the proposed increased density on the site will place too much demand on the water supply that serves both the site and close neighbours. We understand that the water supply comes through a pipe that was laid privately - and so is not the responsibility of Severn Trent. We understand that on one occasion, when there was an gathering of travellers on the site, the water supply could not cope with the additional demand. Hence there are fears that, with increased occupancy, this could become a regular occurrence and a hazard to health be thereby created.

We note also that the gates to the site are on a stretch of road where there is poor visibility, yet unfortunately there is no safer alternative position. With the increased volume of traffic that an expanded site will generate plus the speed and volume of the traffic that already travels along this stretch of road, we believe that the proposed access would not offer an acceptable degree of safety.

In the absence of satisfactory resolution of the above two concerns we cannot support the application.

16/00118/HOU First floor side extension and single storey porch.
Rose Tree Cottage, Lime Street, Eldersfield Gloucester GL51 6SH

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

16/00121/HOU Replacement of the existing porch and single storey extension to front elevation of dwelling.
Corners Meet, Wad Lane, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LT

Council's Comments

We have no objection to this application

16/00307/HOU Replacement single storey extension; new porch and amended roof to annexe
Brook Cottage, Corse Lawn, Worcestershire, GL19 4LU

Council's Comments

We have no objection.

16/00405/FUL Proposed new access
Barn at Marsh Court Farm, Bridgend, Eldersfield, Worcestershire, GL19 4PN

Council's Comments

[Under consideration]

10. Bank Account Signatories

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Lloyds Bank that the four nominated members of the new Council were recognised as signatories by the bank and that he had submitted to the bank a request that the two remaining signatories of the old council be deleted. The bank had informed the Chairman that it had registered all new signatories but it appeared that it had taken no action with respect to the request to delete the last two signatories of the old council. The Clerk would submit a third request for this to be done.

The Clerk advised the meeting that because of the difficulties in dealing with Lloyds there was a lacuna in the bank statements for the period since April 2015.

11. Telephone boxes

The Clerk advised the meeting that a contract had been entered into between the Council and Tewkesbury Rugby Club for the sale of the Telephone box at Swindley Lane and that it had been removed by the purchaser.

12. Lengthsman

The Clerk gave a short description of the work undertaken by the Lengthsman during January and February. Councillors expressed their satisfaction. It was resolved that the Lengthsman's invoices for January and February, each for £236, be paid.

13. Grants

It was noted with disappointment that although that the Clerk had placed advertisements inviting the submission of applications for grants in the Parish Magazine no such application has been received.

Members discussed whether they should make a grant for the purchase of a Union Jack.

14. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£ 128.53	J L Gabbott
£81.60	HMRC
£236.00	Mr J Moore, Lengthsman services January 2016
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15. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted

Received:

- CALC updates
- MHDC: News Updates
- Rural Opportunities Bulletin

18. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 3rd May at Eldersfield Lawn School commencing at 7.30 p.m. and that the next meeting of the Council would be held immediately thereafter.

19. Other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

JLG
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