

## ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

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

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

**Members of the  
Public:** 6

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

The Clerk apologised that he was unavoidably absent because of a prior engagement.

### **2. Personal or prejudicial interests**

Mrs Mitchell declared an interest in items 13 and 16.

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

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

### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk had requested WCC to place pots of grit at

- Hogs Pitch
- by St John the Baptist Church
- Tirley Road near where it joins the B4211
- Frogmarsh, as it joins Pendock Road (B4208)

They have responded by saying that there is a waiting list.

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

Pc Naulls reported that since November there had been 1 burglary – the criminals had been caught – 1 attempted burglary, 1 theft from a caravan and a suspicious cold caller seeking scrap.

The Chairman asked for a greater police presence outside the school. Pc Naulls said that speed guns were now available and would be deployed monthly from January.

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

District Councillor Bronwen Behan reported that MHDC were aware that there was public discontent with policing and public transport but that MHDC would collect more evidence before deciding what action to take.

The Chairman raised the matter of ‘snow wardens’. Little was known about the possibility of appointing (and equipping?) local people to clear snow but Councillors Behan and Wells undertook to research the matter and report.

County Councillor Tom Wells reported on the South Worcs Core Strategy and the Chairman and Vice Chairman decided to attend the presentation to be made at Hanley Swan.

Councillor Wells also confirmed that, despite the unhelpful response made by the Highways to the Clerk’s previous request, more grit bins could be provided if the request were repeated.

### **7. Public Comment**

A number of parishioners expressed concern at the delay that was taking place in transferring the Charity’s land to the School and asked for the Council’s view.

The Chairman explained that the Trustees were solely responsible for managing the Charity and that this was a matter being dealt with by them.

### **8. Planning Matters**

#### **SECTION A**

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

- 09/01493/OUT**                      Erection of agricultural worker’s dwelling
- Marsh Court, Bridgend, Eldersfield, GL19 4PN
  - Mr A Hobson

#### *Council’s Comments*

We note that this application for an agricultural worker’s dwelling is supported with a comprehensive farming appraisal justification.

The proposed location offers little or no impact on the main Grade 2 listed farm house.

We support the application.

*Approved*

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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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### **9. Charities**

The Chairman explained that the legal relationship between the Charities and the Council was simple: there was none. The Council had a right, but not a duty, to appoint two trustees to each of the Charities but the Council was not responsible for the management of the charities, a matter which lay entirely with the Trustees. Accordingly the matter of the speed with which the charity entered into an agreement, or did not enter into an agreement, was solely a matter for the Trustees of that charity.

The Chairman then sought nominations for the two trustee vacancies which existed. Both Councillor Whitehead and Councillor Williams said that they would be willing to serve.

After discussion and deliberation, the Council **RESOLVED that Councillor Whitehead and Councillor Williams be appointed as Trustees of the Recreation Charity and Labouring Poor Charity to serve for a period commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and ending on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

### **10. CAPRI**

Mr Gabbott reported that additional information was submitted by NG to Tewkesbury Borough Council on 8th December, and that TBC then invited statutory consultees to comment. CAPRI finds that the additional information – misleading in parts - does not alter the fundamental objection to the application in that it is contrary to national and local planning policies. CAPRI has expressed this view to TBC and a copy of CAPRI's letter has been given to the Council.

The Clerk reports that this Council responded on 20th December, confirming the views it had previously expressed.

### **11. BT Phone Boxes**

During a discussion it was suggested that if there were no electricity supply at the telephone boxes it would not be necessary to disconnect it and therefore the dauntingly high cost of doing so would be avoided. The Clerk was asked to establish whether or not there was such a supply and to form a view about the likely future cost of maintenance of the boxes.

### **12. Communication**

After an informative discussion, the Council identified a number of possible ways of improving its communication with parishioners. Much of the discussion centred on the preparation, publication and distribution of a news-sheet and whether this should be posted to householder, distributed by volunteers or left at some focal point, such as the pub.

Miss Challoner undertook to prepare a draft newsheet which she would provide to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

### **13. CLWG**

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £79.52 be made to the Corse Lawn Women's Group in respect of the Group's meetings in the School hall during the period to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

### **14. Training**

It was noted that the Clerk had attended a CALC training session on Planning in January 2009 and it was **RESOLVED** that the cost of £7.50 be paid to CALC.

### **15. Hire of Hall**

It was noted that WCC had charged £47.76 for the use of the School Hall for the four meetings held by the Council since May 2009, and it was **RESOLVED** that the cost of £47.76 be paid to CALC.

### **16. Authorisation of Disbursements**

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

£	309.41	Mr J L Gabbott
£	74.13	Inland Revenue
£	79.52	Corse Lawn Women's Group
£	47.76	WCC hire of School Hall
£	7.50	CALC

### **17. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

#### **Received:**

- WCC: Consultation on County Council Planning Department
- WCC: Invitation to budget meeting 25 January 2010, 6.30 pm, County Hall
- WCC: Word on Worcestershire Magazine
- Worcestershire Partnership: Newsletter

#### **Sent:**

MHDC: Notification of precept  
MHDC: Request to adopt BT red phone boxes  
WCC: Request for pots of grit  
WCC: Statement of Council's position re Charity

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

Standing water had been frequently noted at the junction of Lime Street and Link End Road,. The Chairman would review the matter and provide information to the Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to

- Request that a 'Go Slow' sign be placed at the first cattle grid on approaching Eldersfield Marsh;
- Inform highways that the second cattle grid approaching Eldersfield Marsh has been damaged

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.