

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on
Thursday 13th July 2017 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 R. Willder

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan

Members of the -

Public:

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs D Holt, Cllr O. Williams

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 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 reported that the Lengthsman had supplied a copy of his insurance certificate and that it was in order.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

There was no report from the County Councillor.

Mrs Bronwen Behan, the District Councillor, advised members that MHDC was launching a new 'Visit the Malverns' initiative with a presence of the web. The system would be flexible and enable submissions by local groups – advertising for example walks or other events in the parish – to be included.

In response to questions, she advised that the broadband rollout, which fell under aegis of WCC, not MHDC, was proceeding but she believed that there would necessarily be some remote area where it was not economic to provide the high speed access which the inhabitants of those areas craved. She acknowledged that mobile phone reception in many areas was poor, but this was the result of commercial decisions taken by a number of companies and not a matter over which her council had control.

6. Police Report

The Police Report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The reason why the theft of lead from the church roof had not been included was not known.

7. Public Comment:

None

8. Planning

SUMMARY OF PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

17/00170/LB Internal alterations
Hooze Farm, Eldersfield, Gloucester, GL19 4PJ

Council's Comments
We have no objection.

Approved

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISION

16/01748/FUL Conversion of granary into ancillary residential unit - including single storey extensions
▪ Cromer Farm, Pendock, Worcestershire, GL19 3PG

Council's Comments
No comment

Pending decision

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Council's Comments
Under consideration

Pending decision

17/00644/HP Proposed porch extension and two bay oak framed garage
▪ Linkend Cottage, Link End Road, Corse Lawn, Gloucester, GL19 4NN

Council's Comments
Under consideration

Pending decision

- 17/00736/HP** Demolition of existing single-storey side extension. Construction of two-storey extension.
- The Cottage Gadfield Elm Staunton Gloucester GL19 3PB

Council's Comments
Under consideration

Pending decision

- 17/00863/HP** Two storey rear extension, Two new dormer windows and new flue in rear elevation, replacement of an existing cider shed with a new cider shed and replacement of an existing garage with a car port.
- Witsend Corse Lawn Gloucester GL19 4NB

Council's Comments
Under consideration

Pending decision

9. Committed Funds

The statement of Committed Funds circulated before the meeting was noted.

10. Insurance

The offer received by the Council's current insurer Zurich Municipal to renew the insurance for the year commencing 1st June 2017 at a premium of £257.60 was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that the proposal be accepted and the premium of £257.60 be paid.

11. Car parking outside the school

The Chairman advised members a scheme had been devised as follows:

A scheme had been defined for the provision of car parking spaces at the school to facilitate the drop off and pick up of children by parents. Tenders had been issued on the basis that costs would be capped at £27,500. WCC (or Worcs Highways) would provide additional services not likely to exceed £2,500. It was therefore considered possible, but highly unlikely, that the total costs would exceed £30,000. (All figures exclude VAT; VAT is recoverable.)

The source of the funds would be the PTFA £15k; this Council £10k and the County Councillor's Discretionary Fund £5k. For reasons of efficiency the contributions from this Council and the District Councillor would be paid to the PTFA which would then pay them in accordance with instructions from WCC.

Work could be started in the first week of the school holidays but WCC required a written undertaking that the funds would be forthcoming.

The County Councillor had previously advised this Council that the PTFA, in making the proposed grant, would be acting *ultra vires*; the Chairman informed the meeting that the PTFA had since held an Extraordinary General Meeting and that the position had been regularised.

Councillors made the point that it should be a condition of any grant by the Council that no liability of any sort (other than that of making the grant) should attach to the Council and that the Council should be entitled to receive a pro-rata return of any unused funds.

They also noted that there was currently no documentation held by the Council describing or defining this project or the conditions attaching to the financing of it; the Chairman said that such documentation existed and he would arrange for a copy to be sent to the Clerk.

Council further noted that it had received legal advice that under Section 57 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 it had the power to provide car parking spaces for the purposes of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic, or to provide financial assistance for such purposes.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council issue to the PTFA a letter undertaking to make a grant to the PTFA of £10,000 for the purposes of providing car parking spaces at the school to facilitate the drop off and pick up of children by parents.

12. Lengthsman

The reports submitted by the Lengthsman for April, May and June were received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** that the Lengthsman's invoices for April, May and June 2017 in the amount of £590.00 be paid.

13. Green Lane

The lack of clarity concerning the green lane connecting Drinkers End Road to Eldersfield Marsh was discussed. It was thought that the matter lay properly with WCC and the Clerk was therefore instructed to forward the email received from Cllr Keighley to the County Councillor.

14. Telephone kiosk

The use to which the Council's telephone kiosk at Bridge End could be put was discussed. The kiosk is disused and has been newly repainted. Members thought that a role as a book exchange might be appropriate but decided that the views of Parishioners should be canvassed through the medium of the Newsletter. The matter will be reviewed in November.

15. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£ 132.36	J L Gabbott
£82.40	HMRC
£354.00	Lengthsman (£118.00 April, £118 May, £236.00 June)
£25.47	WCC (hire of hall 13th July 2017)
£257.60	Zurich Municipal

16. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

Received:

Worcs CALC: Update

17. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday 7th September July 2017 at Eldersfield Lawn School commencing at 7.30 p.m.

18. Other business

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.

JLG
14.7.17