

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on 14th September 2023 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mrs C Joseph (Chairman), M Barton, Mrs D E Holt

In Attendance: District Councillor Mrs Jennie Watkins

Members of the -

Public:

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs W Burr, Mrs T Owen

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2023 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 District and County Councillors

District Councillor Jennie Watkins said that she was currently dealing with a number of planning issues and these were influenced by the fact that the South Worcestershire Development Plan was not yet in force. It was evident that MHDC had less than a 5 years' housing supply – it was in fact 3.7 years' – and this tilted the balance in favour of developers. She said that where individual communities had clear ideas about how they wished to see their locality in future the compilation and adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan would give comfort because it was considered by the local planning authority as a material planning consideration.

She had also noted that the government's adoption of an objective of Net Zero was now starting to have an impact in planning matters.

6. Report from the Parish Footpaths Officer

The Parish Footpaths Officer was not present but reported through the Chairman that there was nothing of significance to bring to the Council's attention.

The Chairman reported that following the inclusion of work on footpaths in the Lengthsman's permitted activities she had arranged contact between the Parish Footpaths Officer and the Lengthsman in order that a plan for resolving outstanding footpath issues might be developed.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Road Safety

The Chairman reported that she had requested Operation Snap signs which would be placed in Eldersfield.

She was also of the opinion that the erection of the gates at either end of Corse Lawn were having the desired effect of causing motorists to reduce their speed.

9. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the children's pads in the defibrillator were due to expire soon and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Clerk purchase replacement children's pads.

10. Lengthsman

The Lengthsman had presented a list of issues which had been circulated prior to the meeting; the Chairman undertook to review these and progress as appropriate.

Council noted the report from the Clerk on the services provided by the Lengthsman since the last meeting for which invoices had been submitted as follows: May £256; June £256, and **RESOLVED that these be paid.**

11. Authorisation of Disbursements

It was **RESOLVED** that the following disbursements be made for goods and services:

£109.59	J L Gabbott
£70.00	HMRC
£512.00	Jeremy Moore (£256 Jul; £256 August)
£40.00	Information Commissioner (paid by J L Gabbott)
£50.00	MHDC (re uncontested election)

12. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 7th November 2023, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in Eldersfield Lawn School

13. Any other business

A litter-pick will be organised for October.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.37 p.m.

JLG
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