

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 in the Vestry, Eldersfield Church, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs C Joseph (Chairman), Mrs D E Holt, Mr C Mills, Mrs T A Owen,

In Attendance: -

Members of the Public: 1

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs W Burr, Mr P Chichester
District Councillor Bronwen Behan

2. Members' interests

None

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2021 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

The following report has been received from District Councillor Bronwen Behan:

“I have received some good responses from members of the community to the Parish Plan Revision. It has been found to be very informative and interesting. Well done! It is a useful document which should give those both currently living in the Parish and those arriving the information they need.

Worcestershire County Council are in the process of introducing a new reporting system on the County website. It is for reporting blocked or damaged gullies. It will provide gully mapping for the whole of Worcestershire and they have currently identified just over 104 thousand. They are aware that there are some that will be missed (around 2%) and intend to ask PC's to provide the missing positions of any that are not mapped with GIS facility. The South Worcestershire Development Plan Revision now requires a more detailed project plan for the Infrastructure Delivery Plan + Viability work to support the plan. There will now be a considerable delay with new timescales to be voted on by the three Councils this month. This will affect dates for Consultation and submission.

David Cardiff contacted me and has said that the bend at Gadfield Elm has received damage to the road surface following the 3 Shires Race. He said there had been 140 cars travelling three times around it during the day and he was not happy about people taking photos of his house and access. I have asked him if he can send photos of the damaged road surface to both the Parish Council and Cllr Wells.”

6. Report from the Parish Footpaths Officer

The Parish Footpaths Officer was not present and no report was available.

7. The Lawns

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by manager of the Lawns that he was unfortunately prevented by a prior engagement from attending, but that he would be pleased to answer any specific queries from Councillors, subject to the constraints of GDPR and other privacy legislation.

8. Public Comment

Mr Simon Joslyn reported (by email) that there 22 live fibre broadband connections had now been established with a further 6 expected to be completed during the week. These provide speeds of up to 300mbps download and upload. A further 7 connections are expected to be made in the following week.

Mr Andrew Holt thanked the Council on behalf of the Church for the purchase and loan of the marquee, which had now (mostly) been delivered.

Mrs Lorna Hardwick had emailed the Clerk asking that her adverse experience during the recent Motor Rally be noted and that the Council object to any further use of roads within the Parish for the rally. [The Clerk has invited the rally organisers to comment and the matter will be tabled at the next meeting.]

9. Parish Plan

The Clerk reported that the Parish Plan had now been published. A copy can be downloaded in pdf format from the Council’s website (google ‘parish website Eldersfield’ and navigate) or by sending an email to the clerk at eldersfieldpc@yahoo.co.uk

10. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

A working party has been formed and comprises Mr Tim Carter, Cllr Dawn Holt, Cllr Carole Joseph, Mrs Nikki Mills and Cllr Tracy Owen. It is expected to report at the next meeting.

11. Lengthsman

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: £236 August.

12. Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now working and registered. Cllrs Mrs Holt, Joseph, Owen is to attend a training course at the end of October with a view to assessing its suitability for training within the parish.

13. Shed and Catering Equipment

A working party to consider the matter of the holding and lending of catering equipment had met and it was expected that a report would be available at the next meeting.

14. Training

Councillors who had undertaken CALC training spoke highly of it, and recommended especially the ‘5P’ course and standards training. The Clerk would advise councillors of forthcoming training.

15. Internal Auditor

Council noted that the Council’s internal auditor has indicated his intention to resign. It was accordingly decided that approaches should be made to potential candidates to fill this vacancy.

16. Information Commissioner

It was noted that the Council was registered with the Information Commissioner and that the annual fee of £40.00 was now payable.

17. Authorisation of Disbursements

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

£273.45	J L Gabbott (Clerk)
£65.80	HMRC
£40.00	Information Commissioner
£236.00	Jeremy Moore (Lengthsman, £236 August)

18. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 9th November 2021, commencing at 7.00 p.m. (not 7.30 pm) at Eldersfield Lawn School, if available.

19. Any other business

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

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