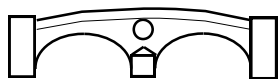


MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



DRAFT ONLY – NOT YET AGREED

Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm using Zoom, pursuant to Section 78 Coronavirus Act 2020.

Present Cllrs David Jones (Chairman), Carole Banks, Debbie Burgess, Ann Nicholson and Robert Scott

In Attendance Leo Williams (Clerk), Cllr Phil Awford (Borough and County), Cllr Paul McLain (Borough) and eight parishioners.

Before the meeting started the chairman invited all present to join in a moment of silent reflection to mark the recent death of Mr Luke Chamberlayne.

1. Apologies for Absence.

No apologies were received from members. Cllr Jill Smith (TBC) sent her apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest held by Tewkesbury Borough Council and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr Scott declared his interest in matters relating to the agricultural barn proposal that would be discussed during public participation.

3. To Confirm the Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council Meeting Held On the 11th January 2021.

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and will be signed as soon as practicable.

Public participation.

The following items were brought to the attention of the council:

- (a) Newent to Gloucester Cycleway – Tish Rickard (TR), Newent Cycling Group, presented the proposed route along the Murrell's End to Maisemore greenway to create a safe cycling route that avoids the A417. Currently this public bridleway is in a fairly neglected state that would only be passable to hard core mountain bikers. There were questions as to ownership of Blacksmith's Lane and the chairman suggested TR liaised with the owners of four houses there to clarify. Some members voiced reservations about safety due to potential heavy use by cyclists and equine groups given the proximity to Hartpury College/University and potential risks due to the wide variety of probable users. TR explained that students want to form a 'Friends of The Greenway' Group and that many of their start and activity times were staggered. Concerns were also raised regarding wild flowers, tree roots, badger setts and car parking.
- (b) Missing Link Extension to Route – Members heard that Andrew Cooley (AC) had published a possible route which had been previously circulated. AC explained this was not a set proposal, merely lines on a map to suggest a possibility. Several members of the public voiced concerns

on the basis of security, intrusion, adverse effects on wildlife and litter as well as the potential for problems with Severn Trent Water trucks serving the pumping station. Cllr Jones summarised that the council could not support the proposal in this form and suggested that AC took concerns into account before coming up with an alternative plan.

- (c) Agricultural Barn Proposal – In summary: (i) Cllr Jones has been in extensive discussions with the Planning Officer who could not explain redactions on consultee submissions; (ii) The decision date was 17th January but no decision had yet been made; (iii) There has been a statement from Chamberlayne Farms re biodiversity requirements on the planning application; (iv) Planners have been in contact with land owners about a new application expected soon. **Action:** Cllr Jones will draft a letter of complaint to Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) regarding process issues, lack of notification, timescale matters and redactions.

4. Finance.

The previous clerk advised that all outstanding invoices had been paid. As the new clerk currently has no access to council bank accounts it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

5. Correspondence.

Members made no comments re the Updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme.

6. Consultation on Street Naming for Bell House Farm Development.

Members voiced their disappointment at the choice of Honey Bee Close.

7. Planning.

- a.** For Consideration. 20/00199/FUL - Rudge Villa, The Rudge Maisemore. Retrospective application for a garage erected after owner believed it came under Permitted Development. Members resolved to object on the following grounds: 1. Design and materials out of keeping with the existing building; 2. Detrimental to daylight to adjoining premises. **Action:** Cllr Jones will prepare a response to be sent to TBC.
- b.** To Ratify the Comments For Applications and Appeals submitted since the last meeting.
- i. 20/00479/FUL - 3 Severn Close, Maisemore. It was noted this has now been approved.
- ii. 20/01275/AGR – Land off Church Road, Maisemore. Objection can be viewed on the website. **Action:** Cllr Jones will draft a Statement of Concerns.
- iii. 20/01209/FUL – Chargy Hill Farm, Maisemore. Members raised no objection but noted discrepancies on drawings.
- iv. Ty Newydd, Maisemore. Members raised no objections but noted the first floor balcony would overlook neighbouring properties.
- c.** Decided by Tewkesbury Borough Council. 20/00479/FUL - 3 Severn Close, Maisemore. Approved.
- d.** Planning Enforcement. 20/00272/ENFC – Overton Fam, Maisemore. Members agreed to continue to monitor this alleged expansion of commercial premises onto farmland.

8. Reports.

a. Clerk - The clerk delivered the report prepared by the previous clerk. **Action:** Chairman and clerk to complete bank signatory procedures.

b. County Council - GCC Cllr Awford explained the county budget had been set mostly as expected. Each member had an additional £5,000 to spend on highways matters, which is not much. There had been criticism aimed at the Environment Agency's flood warnings around Christmas time given they are now known to be the worst floods locally since July 2007. He had been tracking the A417 Maisemore to Over issue, which was costed at £25m, and would keep on pushing. Tomorrow's Adult Social Care meeting would be followed by the period of purdah.

c. District Council - TBC Cllr McLain pointed out that in spite of a 4% increase the borough still had the 6th lowest council tax in England. He mentioned the e-petition re flooding and the commissioning of flooding surveys and how the last Joint Core Strategy had not worked well for the borough. The fact that MPC had not been invited to take part in the Local Plan Review meeting was discussed.

d. Highways Issues - Cllr Jones advised that he was seeking quotes for a new vehicle activated speed sign. A good option appeared to record speeds of approaching and receding traffic and was Bluetooth compatible. This would cost just over £3,000 and may be ideal for the lower end of the village. He also mentioned the car park at Red Kite Court had been very full recently.

e. Flooding & Drainage - Cllr McLain advised that he still awaited information re flood relief grants. Cllr Awford added that he is still trying to unlock the outstanding balance from the 2007 flood appeal fund.

f. Environmental Group - The meeting heard that Mike Bubb and his team were aware of the cultivation project at the top of the village. GCC were active on land to the east of the river and items being left there had not been dumped. A question had been asked about the areas in the churchyard where growth was being encouraged as the markers appeared unclear. AC advised that all parties involved with grass cutting were aware. Cllr Burgess drew attention to the members of the public who had engaged in litter picking and suggested a mention in The Grapevine would be appropriate.

g. Maisemore PC Website - Cllr Jones advised that a meeting in February had led to a list of needs being drawn up. Two offers of free hosting for non-profit groups had been forthcoming. As the domain is up for renewal in May 2021 Cllr Jones will liaise with AC.

h. The Grapevine - Nil

9. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda.

Red Kite Court.

10. Date of Next Meetings – (a) The Annual Parish Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm.

(b) Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Monday 10th May 2021. Time and venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed.

Date.