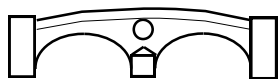


# MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



## *Draft – Not Yet Agreed*

Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.35pm using Zoom, pursuant to Section 78 Coronavirus Act 2020.

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

In Attendance        Leo Williams (Clerk), Borough Cllr. Jill Smith and 13 members of the public.

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

No apologies were received.

### **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. No such interests were declared.

### **3. To Confirm the Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council Meeting Held On the 8<sup>th</sup> March 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:

Concerns surrounding the proposed solar farm at Persh Farm and the condition of Persh Lane. In summary: (i) Persh Lane is badly afflicted by potholes and flooding (partly resolved) and some residents have made contact with Highways on the matter; (ii) 38 people attended the on-line presentation, replies to questions were not yet on the relevant website; (iii) There are already difficulties with large agricultural vehicles using Persh Lane and the prospect of lorries delivering to the site was a worry; (iv) How long would the transport movements take? What stewarding would be in place? Would mud clearance be conducted? (v) Access Points, Persh Lane is the only statutory access point, Stanleigh Terrace residents are all opposed to access via that route, concerns re Bridge Farm route; (vi) Positioning of sub-station; (vii) If there is insufficient support for public access or to provide such would be too problematic then it can be completely withdrawn from the application.

### **4. Finance.**

- (a) It was resolved to pay invoices and other payments due as detailed.
- (b) No payments had been made between meetings.
- (c) Members accepted the financial report.

- (d) Members resolved that Maisemore Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance audit in respect of 2020/2021.
- (e) Members resolved for the relevant pages of the AGAR forms to be signed in preparation for independent internal audit.

**5. Correspondence.**

- (a) Cllr. Jones volunteered to attend the GAPTC AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> July. No resolutions were proposed.
- (b) The Gloucestershire NHS Diabetes Awareness Programme was noted.
- (c) Members noted the various communications regarding the condition of Persh Lane and the situation will continue to be closely monitored. **Action:** Cllr. Jones will take photographs of the problem areas and liaise with the clerk.
- (d) The proposed solar farm had been widely discussed during public consultation. **Action:** The chairman and clerk will meet to agree the council's response to this stage of the consultation.
- (e) Members expressed interest in the possibility of visits by the Made Without Gluten mobile fish and chip vehicle. **Action:** Clerk to ask the proprietors of MWG to apply for permission to pitch in Maisemore.

**6 Planning.**

- a. For Consideration – no new matters.
- b. All relevant comments have been submitted. Further comments in Appendix A.
- c. Decided by Tewkesbury Borough Council - 20/00603/FUL – High View, Maisemore, GL2 8EX. Approved.
- d. Planning Enforcement – Maisemore Apiaries, Old Road, Maisemore. Ongoing storage of timber. **Actions:** Cllr. Jones will share documents with Cllr. Smith. Cllr. Smith will undertake a site visit with Cllr. Jones and determine next steps.

**7. Proposed Solar Farm.**

This matter was dealt with during public participation.

**8. Reports.**

**a. Clerk** – Members accepted the clerk's report. The clerk added that Came & Co had now supplied an insurance quote at an increase of 53% on last year. He is seeking alternative options at better value.

**b. County Council** – Cllr. Awford did not report owing to pre-election procedures.

**c. District Council** - Borough Cllr Smith delivered a P.E.P. compliant report and made the following points: i. The new mayor has been sworn in; ii. Economic and social recovery restart grants are available as well as grants for close contact roles, details on TBC website; iii. The abandoned caravan on the A417 near Over is a matter for TBC and she will chase this up.

**d. Highways Issues/Proposed Green Lane Cycleway Upgrade** – i. Cllr. Jones advised that members remain divided in opinion regarding the proposed upgrade of The Greenway. Consequently, he proposes an alternative approach by seeking to use the parallel rights of way to keep differing user groups apart. **Action:** Cllr. Jones will suggest this option to the scheme promoters.

ii. Cllr. Jones discussed the need to identify and purchase a second vehicle speed activated sign and mentioned that Turley Parish Council may well be upgrading their existing unit soon.

**e. Environmental Group** – In summary: i. A417 verge, seeds sewn but germination slow; ii. Area near the cross not yet ready; iii. Churchyard slow but in good order; iv. Hedges in good condition; v. A lot of land has been opened up next to the bridge. Andrew Cooley will suggest the landowner puts in an earth bank to discourage parking and fly-tipping.

**f. Parish Council Website** – This remains under review. Cllr. Jones has started to populate a site using Weebly which could provide for the fairly basic needs of the council and would be familiar to the clerk.

**g. Flooding & Drainage Issues** – Nothing to report.

**h. The Grapevine** – Next month's issue is now in draft form. It will include a feature on the open garden event at Weir Reach from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**9. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda** – None.

**10. Date of Next Meetings** – (a) Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm at Maisemore Village Hall subject to relevant legislation at that time.

Meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Signed.

Date.

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