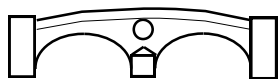


MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



DRAFT MINUTES – NOT YET AGREED

Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Maisemore Village Hall Committee Room.

Present Cllrs. David Jones (Chairman), Carole Banks and Ann Nicholson

In Attendance Leo Williams (Clerk), County Cllr. Phil Awford (Arrival noted at 8.05pm due to his prior attendance at another meeting) and up to 22 members of the public. The meeting started at 7.33pm.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Received and accepted from Cllr. Debbie Burgess and Cllr. Robert Scott. District Councillor Jill Smith also offered her apology.

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 Meetings Held On the 20th July 2021.

The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th July 2021, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

Public participation.

A number of members of the public were present having registered their intention to attend in order to ask questions regarding the recent planning application to erect two additional poultry houses and associated infrastructure at Astmans Farm, Maisemore. The farmers making the application attended and explained the application was being made as the demand for chicken in the UK meant that much was currently being imported. Maisemore Parish Council **formally thank** the farmers for coming to the meeting and answering questions from the members of the public who were unanimous in their opposition to the proposals. The key issues raised are listed with responses where appropriate:

- Is an environmental permit require? **R:** Application for a new permit required, matter pending. Should follow time scale of planning application.
- Twice the size = twice the smell? **R:** You cannot raise livestock without some smells. All units will follow the same activity cycles.
- We don't mind rural smells but this isn't typical village agriculture.
- Enhanced filtration systems? Current ones not coping. **R:** Farm currently using the most up to date systems available.

- Why not position this at Highnam? **R:** Highways objections.
- Given the impact of existing units on house sales and quality of life are you willing to consider continental technologies? **R:** Not aware of those.
- Suggest application rejected. If not, stipulate conditions re odour.
- Suggest halving the capacity to see if smells are reduced. If so, clearly the units are at fault.
- If you plough on expect resistance, media coverage, Points West etc.
- Where does the waste water and excrement go? **R:** Washdowns are captured in tanks, never go in water course. Environment Agency do visit but won't currently enter buildings due to Covid.
- Are smells monitored around the village? **R:** EA have yet to substantiate significant levels of odour.
- How is this done? **R:** Human sniff test.
- What is acceptable to EA is not acceptable to residents. EA need to intensify their monitoring. **R:** EA are aware of the farm activity cycles.
- Have TBC ignored independent monitoring?
- Ask planning committee to reject subject to EA findings. If approved, constraints needed.
- Where does the manure go? **R:** Some on own land, some to digestive unit near Dymock. Roughly 50/50 at the moment.
- Can you share activity cycles with the clerk for onward transmission? **R:** Will do.
- When is the worst time? **R:** Cycle is roughly 40 days, latter 10 are the worst.
- Is there a viewing room? **R:** Yes, currently difficult due to Covid/bio hazard.
- Where will the traffic go? **R:** Mostly north to the M50.
- What causes the smell? **R:** Bird litter on wood shavings.
- Concern about algae in the lake. Huge concerns but no proof.
- (Chairman) Analysis of 30 responses, all objections, disclosed 160 issues. Mostly size, smell, effect on use of gardens, health (asthma), public rights of way, traffic and distrust of calculations.

4. Reports.

a. Clerk – Members accepted the clerk's report. The chairman advised he had received a communication earlier in the day suggesting the release of the domain name may now be imminent.

b. County Council – Cllr. Awford began with the sad news of the passing of former councillor Derek Davies and advised his funeral will be held at Forest Crematorium at 1.30pm on 30th September.

Sally Godwin is the new Highways Team Area Manager.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee are currently looking at the creation of additional 20mph speed limit zones.

The Natural Flood Management Forum was considering the reintroduction of beavers into the wild.

c. District Council – No reports were received.

d. Highways Issues – Members agreed to look into the possibility of creating a 20mph zone at The Rudge.

The chairman reported that the vehicle activated sign had stopped working. The issue is not the battery and solar power will not work. The device is Bluetooth equipped but the data logging potential is unknown. It was time to obtain quotes for a second unit, probably solar powered, at a likely cost of £2,700 + VAT.

e. Environmental Group, Hedges & Churchyard Maintenance – (i) The Wild About Maisemore project did not appear to have been all that successful.

(ii) Many hedges are thick with brambles. Overgrown hedges at 6 & 7 Church Rise may merit letters from the clerk if not trimmed soon.

It was noted that The PCC have yet to apply for their grant under the Open Spaces Act towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

f. Parish Council Website – As per clerk's report.

g. Flooding and Drainage Issues – Nothing disclosed.

h. The Grapevine – The next issue was at draught stage and included an update on the Astmans Farm application plus a free advert for the Made Without Gluten visit.

5. Finance.

- (a) It was resolved to pay invoices and other payments due as detailed.
- (b) All payments made between meetings were explained and ratified.
- (c) Members accepted the financial report.
- (d) Members accepted the up to date parish accounts and were each furnished with an up to date copy.

6. Correspondence.

- (i) Members noted the date and time of the Tewkesbury Borough Council Town & Parish Councils Seminar on 23rd September but it appeared nobody was available to attend.
- (ii) Members noted the intention of Made Without Gluten to visit the Village Hall car park on Monday 11th October. A free advert had been included in The Grapevine.
- (iii) The dates of the upcoming Police Crime Commissioner's engagement events for councillors and clerks were mentioned.
- (iv) It was agreed to display the Citizen's Advice poster to promote their 'We're Still Here' campaign.
- (v) The activities of the 20's Plenty campaign group were noted.

7. Planning.

a. For Consideration – (i) 21/00870/FUL: Astmans Farm Poultry Unit, Maisemore, GL2 8HP. Erection of two additional poultry houses and associated infrastructure on existing poultry farm. The matter had largely been discussed during public questions. The chairman would look to incorporate all additional comments prior to submitting a robust **objection** to the application.

(ii) 21/0117/FUL: 1 Bridge Farm, Maisemore, GL2 8JB. Erection of new porch and partial garage conversion. This matter arrived too late for inclusion on the agenda and will be considered between meetings. Whilst there are some technical matters, re materials, there appear to be no grounds to object.

b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting –

c. Decided by Tewkesbury Borough Council – (i) Decision received on 19th July 2021, 20/00212/OUT: Land West of Persh Lane, Maisemore. Outline planning application for the development of 8 dwellings (including affordable housing contribution) together with open space, access, parking, landscaping, drainage and associated works. All matters reserved save for means of access and layout. Granted.

d. Planning Enforcement – (i)

- 8. Proposed Waste Bin, A417 layby north of Over roundabout –** The clerk explained that TBC recommend a mixed waste bin with a 120litre capacity which would be emptied weekly. Members pointed out that the purchase was agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk to establish who would install the bin.
- 9. Bus Shelter –** The ongoing litter problem was discussed. It was agreed to approach Heather Hopkinson and to investigate options for a wall mounted bin to be sited inside the shelter.
- 10. Weddings at The Steadings and the Village Hall –** There had been one complaint regarding an event at the Village Hall. The committee had been emailed but no reply received as yet. Next committee meeting will be on 2nd October. The chairman advised that several complaints had been received about events held at The Steadings. Some events carry on without issues, others attract complaints, details discussed. Bass output seemed to be a real problem at times. The landowners in attendance admitted there had been some issues in enforcing the rules and campers had caused a nuisance at one event. Decibel recordings had all been within acceptable limits. 2021 bookings were complete, the 2022 season would run from May to mid-September. Although not regulated by Planning Regs they acknowledged the need to be careful. There had been complaints that nobody knew there would be fireworks on 28th August. It was requested that the clerk be made aware of any event where fireworks were planned so people could plan for animal care. It was agreed to monitor events next year and take any steps deemed necessary.
- 11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda –** No matters were highlighted.
- 10. Date of Next Meetings – (a)** Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm at Maisemore Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Signed.

Date.

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