

MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Maisemore Parish Council held on Monday 17th November 2014 in
Maisemore Village Hall, Committee Room

PRESENT Councillors Alan Thompson (Chairman), Debbie Burgess, Mel Cole, Carole Banks

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Awford and 14 Members of the Public

Before the start of the meeting, the following items were raised in the public session;

- There was a suggestion that the PC should consider hiring a caretaker for the village. To be discussed.
- Ditches and cleaning of gutters in Old Road discussed. Letter sent to Richard Waters and is awaiting a response. It is apparent that some work has been carried out.
- Cars parking on pavements in Main Road both north facing and south facing. Should the Council write to them and ask them to desist? To be discussed.
- Bell House Farm application – comments as follows ;
 - Although some housing has been taken further away from La Casita the bungalow will still be overlooked.
 - Can MPC request that no street lighting be included.
 - Are 2 visitor spaces enough for 20 houses?
 - Drainage currently to be private and not plumbed into the village system Can MPC request that this is made a condition of the planning application?

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Katherine Noble and Ann Vaughan

2) Declaration of Interest

None.

3) To confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2014

The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4) Matters arising from the Minutes

Items were reviewed and actions noted. Outstanding items from the action list would be carried forward.

5) Vacant seat on the Council

No election was called, therefore the Council can co-opt a new member to the Council. An advertisement will be published in the December Grapevine with a view to co-opt at the January meeting.

6) Reports from invited speakers (District/County Cllrs, Village Agent, Police)

Councillor Awford was present and he stated that he would speak with Richard Walters about drain clearing on Church Road and the Main Road and may have some additional funding available to subsidise this work on the grounds of future safety. Cllr Awford also stated that TBC was faced with making cutbacks in next year's budget of £25 million and that some services were bound to suffer. The JCS plan is being submitted on 18 November. Cllr Awford also stated that he may be able to contribute towards the cost of the variable speed signage scheme for the village.

No other representatives attended the meeting.

7) Planning

7.1 MPC representations

14/00989/FUL – Springhill Cottage, Old Road – No concerns raised.

14/01017/FUL – April End, Old Road – No concerns raised.

14/00965/FUL & 14/00966/LBC - Bell House Farm – comments to be made to TBC by 21 November. Residents who wish to make their feelings known to TBC were urged to write or email by that date. MPC to write to TBC and re-state the issues raised last time we submitted a response. Mention to be made of the section S106 for a contribution towards improvement to sewerage system/A417 flood alleviation/village gateway.

7.2 To acknowledge TBC decisions since last meeting

None reported.

7.3 Enforcement issues: awaiting action/decision from TBC or to inform TBC

No update available.

8) Highways, Rights of Way and Flooding

7.1 MPC views on scheme to 'improve' the A40 at Over

Improvements for the A40 at Over roundabout to start in January 2015.

7.2 Speeding issues

Speeding issues in the village are ongoing and are being addressed. MPC has obtained 3 quotes for variable speed signage, put in a grant request to the local authority and will be looking at the additional monies required.

7.3 Flooding issues

The manhole in The Rudge is still overflowing and Severn Trent has been appraised of the latest incident.

9) Broadband

A Member of Public informed the meeting that Fastershire is reporting that fibre optic broadband could be in the village by June 2015.

10) Finance

Due to the absence of the Clerk, all financial matters were deferred until the next meeting.

11) Correspondence and Consultations

Letter in The Citizen regarding the war memorial

No action from MPC at this time.

12) To agree MPC content for 'The Grapevine' newsletter

Brian to be contacted to see if there is to be a January edition. The following items were agreed;

- Parking on footpaths on the main road is making use of footpaths difficult for families with pushchairs and for people in wheelchairs. Please be considerate in your parking and leave the footpaths clear.
- Works to widen the road way on the north side of the Over roundabout are due to start in January 2015 and are likely to result in traffic congestion during the works.
- Application to build 15 dwellings at Bell House Farm was discussed, views were taken on board and individuals were urged to make their views known to TBC. MPC would also be responding.

Date of next meeting is Monday 12th January 2015.

(Note; since the meeting, the date of the next meeting has been rescheduled to Monday 19th January 2015)

(Minutes prepared by A Thompson)