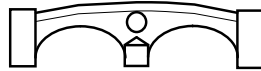


# MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



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**DRAFT** Minutes of the Meeting of Maisemore Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Maisemore Village Hall, Committee Room

PRESENT Councillors Andrew Cooley (Chairman), Debbie Burgess and Carole Banks

IN ATTENDANCE Nine members of the public, Councillor Philip Awford and Bob Lloyd, Neighbourhood Watch Officer.

**1) To note apologies for absence**

None. With the position of clerk vacant, it was agreed that Pippa Cooley would minute the meeting. The meeting was adjourned for:

**Public questions and comments**

The following items were raised in the public session;

- Hedges not yet cut back. MPC to warn owners and then refer to TBC for enforcement. (Action: New clerk, when appointed)
- Rustic House. David Jones had informed TBC of errors in application.
- Failure to roll out fibre broadband in Maisemore. David Baddeley provided details of current consultation and gave details of websites and others to contact. Details to be put on website and email sent to Mark Harper, MP (Action AC)

The meeting was then re-opened.

**2) Declaration of Interests**

None.

**3) To confirm and sign Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

**4) Outstanding actions from the Minutes not covered on the agenda**

Overgrown hedges and Church Road junction, as reported above.  
Repairs needed to bus shelter guttering (Action AC)

**5) Reports from Invited Speakers**

Cllr Phil Awford :

Broadband issues had been raised at TBC Scrutiny - no reply from MP yet.

Twigworth proposals. Three authorities working together and it will go to consultation in January. The flood risk assessment had been done twice by the same firm with different results.

There had been some staff changes at TBC and there were two new planning officers. A cycle route to Highnam had been suggested, but it would cause massive problems. Repairs to the cycle way from Maisemore to Gloucester were due to be done in 2017, but there was no firm date yet.

Bob Lloyd, Neighbourhood Watch Officer.

The list of areas covered - and no longer covered - was updated with the help of David Jones. There are 16 areas in Maisemore, of which 7 have Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

There was a need to get more people involved,

There had been 24 crimes reported to the police during the past 12 months.

Gloucestershire Police are trying to establish a force-wide Neighbourhood Watch association.

Bob Lloyd would supply some new Neighbourhood Watch signs to go on the poles used for the vehicle activated speed sign.

## 6) Website

It was agreed

To continue with the 'trial' site for the time being and until/unless GCC came up with a better solution.

That the site needs to be lively and active, with information that residents would find useful.

That maintenance of the site needs to be simplified.

That the chairman should be authorised to spend up to £100 on improvements (no costs had been incurred to date).

That the website should be used to provide material for Grapevine.

That a small amount of advertising would be acceptable on the site to help meet on-going costs and that this could include unpaid advertisements for non-profit groups within the community.

## 7) Planning

- **MPC representations for discussion**

16/01108/FUL | Redevelopment of site to include refurbishment and extension of Rustic House and formation of a new plot including the construction of a new dwelling

- **To acknowledge TBC decisions since last MPC meeting**

None

- **Enforcement issues awaiting action/decision from TBC**

Maisemore Apiaries site – Cllr Awford was asked to follow this up with TBC

## 8) Councillor Vacancies

There were no expressions of interest to consider at this meeting. There are still two vacancies for Councillors. Vacancies will be re-advertised in Grapevine and on the website. (Action AC)

## 9) Highways, Rights of Way and Flooding

- **Road Safety Community Hub** - This is a new way of raising traffic issues - details will be put on the website (Action AC)

- **Junction of Church Road with A417** – the white lines were faded and need renewing, but additional restrictions should be considered to prevent a serious accident here. The white lines also need renewing at the junction between Church Road and Old Road and the broken signpost there needs repairing. A site meeting would be sought with GCC (Action AC)

- **Data logging signs.** The Council agreed that it would be helpful to have signs on the three poles not currently holding the vehicle activated speed sign to tell drivers that there was vehicle speed data logging. The cost would be investigated. (Action AC)

## 10) Finance

- **Approve finance report**

A brief report was presented by the chairman as there had been no further transactions since the last meeting. This was approved and signed by the chairman.

- **Approve payments, sign cheques and acknowledge any receipts**

As three quotes had now been received from Maisemore Parochial Church Council for churchyard and cemetery maintenance, it was agreed that the £1,100 set aside for this for 2014/15 plus the £1,100 for 2015/16 should now be paid. The Council also agreed to consider including in its next budget a similar total amount for 2016/17 split between a routine maintenance grant and a grant for environmental initiatives.

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed accordingly:

Payee	Amount	Cheque No.	Description
Maisemore Parochial Church Council	£2200.00	500	Churchyard and cemetery maintenance grant for 2014/15 and 2015/16
Brian Knowles	£205	501	Printing Grapevine
Debbie Burgess	£5.90	502	Replacement key for MPC filing cabinet

**11) Correspondence and Consultations**

Letter from Stroud Town Council raising concerns about the presumption in favour of any unconventional exploration for and production of oil or gas - including 'fracking.' MPC to write urging a presumption against such exploration or production, at least until a full and independent investigation of the risks had been undertaken. (Action AC)  
BT had given notice of its intention to remove the telephone kiosk near the bus shelter due to its lack of use.

Historic England was seeking local historians. The Maisemore Local History Society would respond.

Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group was seeking feedback from the public. A note would be put on the website. (Action AC)

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

- Matters identified above should be included, subject to available space

**13) Future Meeting Date**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm

Signature of Chairman upon approval of Minutes.....  
Date 9th January 2017