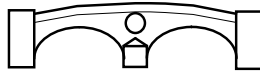


MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall
on Monday 9th January 2017**

Present:

Chairman

Andrew Cooley

Councillors

Carole Banks

Debbie Burgess

Also Present

D Baldwin

Clerk to the Council

1. **Apologies for absence** -: No apologies were received.

2. **To receive Declarations of Interest.**

No Declarations of Interest were received at this point in the meeting.

3. **Public Participation**

Public issues raised:

The issue of lack of Faster Fibre Broadband. It was suggested that everyone contacted their broadband provider to put pressure on Openreach. It was also believed that there were concerns over the cabinet being in a flooding area, although according to local knowledge this has never happened, perhaps the cabinet could be raised a couple of feet to ensure its safety from flood.

The request for a litter bin in the Weir Lay-by.

E bulletin email addresses.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th January 2017 were confirmed and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. **County and Borough Councillor Report**

Councillor Awford gave a verbal report on the business from Tewkesbury Borough Council with the main points being:

- The joint core strategy between Tewkesbury Borough, Gloucester City and Cheltenham Councils.
- The planning for 13,063 houses at Twigworth
- Cheltenham A&E department environmental scrutiny.

Councillor Awford then received questions from the members of the public present.

Reported to him was the presence of Fly tipping at Maisemore Duck Pond. Councillor Awford offered to investigate and would report back to the Parish Council via the Clerk and to the member of the public who raised the problem.

He was also asked if he would look into the problem of the Church Road Junction and widening the road up to Deanwood Lodge.

6. **Broadband**

Councillor Cooley reported that he had contacted MP Mark Harper inviting him to attend a site meeting with the Parish Council and BT to discuss the issues. Councillor Cooley will contact BT once he has heard back from MP Mark Harper to arrange an on-site meeting.

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council request an on-site meeting with the
MP Mark Harper and BT. Unanimous**

7. Services

Councillors considered the request to install a public litter bin in the Weir Lay-by area. The Clerk reported that AMEY Gloucestershire could supply and fit a suitable bin and include it on their waste bin emptying schedule once installed. The Clerk was requested to investigate other suppliers and costs for consideration.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council purchase a litter bin for installation in the Weir Lay-by up to an agreed cost of £200, subject to consideration of suitable bins. Unanimous

8. Website

Councillor Cooley presented his report to the Council on the Parish Council website with the following recommendations:

Hosting: That the Parish Council use 1 To 1 hosting basic package at a cost of £1.19 per month for 12 months and £5.99 thereafter and, if agreed, that a direct debit form be signed at this meeting.

Forum and Events Diary: That the Chairman be authorised to purchase a full registration and installation of the MegaBBS Forum and Diary software

Heading Images: That the Parish Council invite residents to contribute suitable images for use in the website heading through both the Grapevine Newsletter and on the website.

Email Alerts: That the Parish Council uses any available means to encourage residents to subscribe to email alerts of new posts on the website and sets a target of subscribers by the end of 2017

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the report and the recommendations contained within. Unanimous

Advertising: The Clerk advised that the recommendation to offer paid advertising to local businesses on the website was not lawful and therefore was not considered.

9. Parish Services

No Parish Agents were present.

10. Grapevine Newsletter

It was proposed that the Parish Council provide an extract from the website for inclusion in The Grapevine newsletter.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the use of extracts from the website for inclusion in The Grapevine newsletter.

11. Consultations

Councillor D Burgess declared an interest at this point in the meeting.

Councillors were asked to consider contributing to Gloucestershire County Councils budget 2017/18 consultation.

RESOLUTION: That the consultation be noted and the comment be submitted that the Parish Council hope that provision within their budget for local communities is extended for the foreseeable future.

12. IT Equipment

The Clerk suggested that, as there was still money available from the Transparency Grant, Councillors consider applying for the grant in order to purchase a dedicated laptop for Parish Council use.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk go ahead and apply for the Transparency Grant for the possible purchase a dedicated laptop for Council use. Unanimous

13. Planning

13.1 Planning Applications

No planning applications were received for consideration although a member of the public questioned this.

13.2 Planning Decisions from Forest of Dean District Council

Permission granted

16/01264/AGR Rectory Farm Main Road Maisemore GL2 8HE

14. Highways

Highways Reports

Councillors felt that the meeting with Rhodri Grey, Head of Gloucestershire Highways, had been constructive. An update was requested on the situation with renewing the white lines at Church Road Junction, further possible solutions in that area and the fence repair. **Actions:** The Clerk to request an update from Rhodri Grey and Councillor Awford to chase the problem with the overgrown hedges in Church Rise, which need cutting back.

15 Financial Items

15.1 Summary of Receipts and Payments

This item to be placed on the next agenda.

15.2 Invoices for Payment

The Clerk presented a list of invoices for payment.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the payment of invoices as follows:

Staff salaries	£243.39
Payroll Services	£12.50
HMRC	£60.60

15.4 Budget 2017/18

Councillors considered the budget for 2017/18 and set each item in order to calculate the precept needed.

RESOLUTION: That the budget is approved. Unanimous

15.5 Precept 2017/18

From the budget considered Councillors decided to set the precept at £6940.

RESOLUTION: To set the precept for 2017/18 at £6940. Unanimous

16. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Recycling of Christmas Trees. TBC.

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council Newsletter

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted.

17 Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Fibre Broadband, Parish Laptop, Weir Litter bin

18. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is currently scheduled for the 6th March 2017.

Meeting closed at 21.26pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____