MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 6th March 2017

Present:

Chairman Andrew Cooley

Councillors Carole Banks Debbie Burgess

Also Present Cllr P Awford Ward Member for Tewkesbury Borough Council

D Baldwin Clerk to the Council

The meeting was attended by several members of the public.

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:

Members of the public raised several issues with the Environment Agency Permit application for the Poultry Unit at Astmans Farm with the main points being:

- Pollution into the lake
- Offensive smell
- Increase in Lorry transport along narrow lanes
- Noise
- Number of birds would require up to four houses.

One member of the public raised her concerns over the speeding problem through the village and requested that the flashing speed indicators be moved to the speed limit signs and also that the limit area be extended further out to allow for speed adjustment.

4. Minutes

Correction to agenda Item 5. Should read 1,363 houses not 13,063. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th January 2017, as amended, 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:

- Precept and Budget set resulting in Band D increase of 4.58%
- Resulting from an all day work shop the planning for 1,363 houses at Twigworth was not supported and the reduction to 995 dwellings was returned to the joint core strategy.
- 4.5 million allocated for work on the A40

Council Awford reported he had spoken to the land owner over the concerns with tipping at the Duck Pond. The Land owner assured him that this was part of the conservation work.

6. Broadband

Councillor Cooley reported that he had not so far received a reply from MP Mark Harper, but had heard from the contractor that Fibre Optic Broad band would be available by May 2018.

7. Services

Litter Bin

The Clerk presented several quotes for the litter bins in the Weir Lay-by area and after consideration Councillors felt that the Broxap Derby presented the best value for money. An offer was also received to install the bin, which was gratefully accepted.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council purchase the Broxap Derby litter bin for installation in the Weir Lay-by at a cost of £199 exclusive of VAT.

Unanimous

8. Website

Councillor Cooley reported that the small improvements had been made to the Parish Council website and would be moved to the new service before the next meeting. To date 27 residents had signed up to the website.

9. Parish Services

No Parish Agents were present.

10. Grapevine Newsletter

Parish Council provide an extract from the website for inclusion in The Grapevine newsletter including the notes on the permit for Astmans Farm Poultry Unit.

11. Consultations

Councillors were asked to consider contributing to the update of Tewkesbury's Borough Councils Settlement Audit for the Maisemore area. Councillor Cooley offered to complete the form and send out to Council for comments before submitting.

12. IT Equipment

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Transparency Grant application had been submitted, which would be considered in the April applications.

13. Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

Councillor Cooley presented a report on his attendance at the Campaign for the Protection Rural England's study day on the effects of Intensive Poultry Units. He found the study day very useful especially for making representation to the Environment Agency.

14. Invitation

Councillors considered the invitation received to attend the Town/Parish Seminar from Tewkesbury Borough Council. Councillor Cooley offered to attend and report back at the next meeting.

15. Planning

- **15.1** Councillors reviewed the information received on the possible dumping of materials on the flood plain, but were assured by the landowner present that this was top soil and would be moved to a higher level.
- **15.2** The outline plans and information presented by the developers of the proposed Rectory Farm Development at an informal meeting was displayed. At this current time these are suggested outline plans and not submitted to planning.

15.3 Application for Environment Agency Permit Astmans Farm Poultry Unit EPR/UP3330RL/A001

E.1

Councillors considered the application for an Environment Agency Permit submitted for an Intensive Reared Poultry Unit and approved the proposed submission of comments on Enclosure 1. After consideration Councillors decided to:

Resolution: To submit the comments as approved on Enclosure 1. Unanimous

15.4 The Clerk was instructed to submit Maisemore Parish Councils Planning Policy to ensure that Tewkesbury Borough Council were made aware of its existence.

15.5 Planning Decisions from Forest of Dean District Council

Permission Granted 16/01108/FUL Rustic House, Main Road, Maisemore. Application Withdrawn: 16/01297/FUL Old Court, Church Road, Maisemore.

16. Highways

16.1 Councillor Cooley presented a template of the three proposed information signs of vehicle speed data logging for attachment to the empty posts not being used by the vehicle activated speed sign. This was believed would help in the speed reduction project through the village.

RESOLUTION: To approve the proposed Vehicle Speed Date Logging sign.

16.2 Highways Reports

It was noted that the white lines at the Church Road Junction had be renewed.

Councillor Awford offered to look into the possibility of extending the 30mph speed limit signs further out.

For Reporting.

The hedges of 6 and 8 Church rise, Weavers Cottage and the Walnuts are overgrown onto the footpath making it difficult for pedestrians.

- **16.3** This item to be considered at a future agenda.
- **16.4** Councillors noted that the repairs to the NCN45 Cycle way were scheduled for June 2017, hopefully whilst the river was at its lowest level.

17. Financial Items

- **17.1** Councillors considered the appointment of an Internal Auditor. The Clerk offered to approach a local auditor used by another Parish Council.
- **17.2** Councillors considered the request for financial support from Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury. As this was a business enterprise and not within the Parish the request should be declined.

17.3 Summary of Receipts and Payments

The Clerk presented a summary of the bank reconciliation as of the 31st January 2017, showing a bank balance of £5,935.66

RESOLUTION: That the Summary be approved

17.4 Invoices for Payment

The Clerk presented a list of invoices for payment.

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

follows:

GAPTC subscription £129.20

Date Protection in the region of £36.

18. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

National Plant Monitoring Scheme

Tewkesbury Borough Council Housing Scheme.

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted.

19. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Environment Agency Permit

Litter bin

20. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting, which is the Annual Council Meeting is currently scheduled for the 8th May 2017.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting to be agreed once the clerk has establish the correct period for it to be held.

Councillors also agreed the schedule of meetings for 2017/2018. Meeting closed at 9.25pm.