# MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm via videoconferencing, using Zoom.

Present Cllrs Carole Banks, Debbie Burgess, Anne Nicholson, David Jones (Chairman)

and Robert Scott.

In Attendance Jackie Shields (Clerk), TB Cllr P McLain, County Cllr P Awford, 6 parishioners and

3 others.

Items raised in the public session.

1. Parking at the Village Hall.

Residents and other users have complained that the car park at the village hall is usually closed.

The village hall closed the car park as the hall and MUGA have been closed during Covid 19.

2. Parking in Church Road/ Church Rise/ Main Road.

The closure of the village hall car park has potentially exasperated this problem.

3. Odour and discharges from the Chicken Farm

The village has been subjected to a smell from the facility and white effluent has been seen coming from a land drain into the water course from the facility.

Mr T and Mr J Smith (the owner and operator) answered questions raised in the meeting. The site is complete and fully operational.

The operator has asked the E.A. to visit due to the number of complaints, they advised they are unable to because of Covid 19. Phil Awford suggested that this was no longer the case.

The smell is caused by 'wet litter'. The chicken houses are built to ensure that no waste escapes. When the buildings are cleaned, all the waste water is collected into tanks, and periodically taken away and spread on to other fields owned by Mr Smith in Highnam.

The smell however will occur, when the sheds are opened for the birds to go on the next step of the process.

The effluent from the land drain is a chalk residue, the said land drain was damaged during construction of the site and a new plastic pipe replaced the original one.

The 'run off' water from the buildings, flows into an attenuation pond, where it is released slowly into the adjacent stream.

Mr Smith encouraged residents to share their concerns with him and gave the meeting his phone no.

4. Severn Trent

Response from the letter to Severn Trent a 'Hydraulic modelling exercise' is underway. Severn Trent cannot object to planning applications as every development has the right to connect for foul drainage and sometimes surface water drainage.

5. Possible increase in weddings in Maisemore.

Mr G Chamberlain answered questions from the meeting.

The wedding business is not to be expanded just advertised better.

The Wedding Venue Website has been re designed.

They are aware of the noise that has been generated from some weddings. Previously the hirers have been left to police the timings and the sound themselves, in future all the weddings will have a member of staff on site to ensure the regulations of their licence is kept.

6. Hartpury - Maisemore bridleway improvement/Newent - Gloucester Cycleway. T Rickard's answered questions regarding the amended plan.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Andrew Cooley, TBC Cllr Jill Smith and TBC Planning Department.

#### 2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to send their register of interest forms to Tewkesbury Borough Council and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr Banks declared a prejudicial interest, as the joint owner of the property, in item 7a (iii). Cllr Banks took no part in the discussion or decision.

## 3. To Confirm the Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council Meeting Held On 6th July 2020.

The minutes with minor alterations were approved and will be signed when appropriate.

#### 4. Finance.

a. To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The following invoices were approved for payment via BACS:-

Alpha August and Sept 2020

£44.00

The chairman thanked Alpha for its excellent service during COVID 19.

b. To Ratify Payments made between meetings.

None made.

c. Financial Report.

The financial report and recent bank statement had been circulated.

**Action** Clerk to distribute a copy of the budget for this financial year.

## 5. Correspondence.

a. Parking at the Village Hall.

**Action** Cllr Banks will arrange a meeting with the parish council and village hall committee.

b. Parking in Church Road/ Church Rise/ Main Road.

The chairman and Mr J Chamberlain have repeatedly tried to contact the owners of Precious Homes, regarding the parking, to no avail.

c. Odour and discharges from the Chicken Farm.

The council thanked Mr T and Mr J Smith for attending and answering questions, they will provide timings of the next few processes, to enable the village to monitor the smell.

d. Severn Trent

Response from the letter to Severn Trent a 'Hydraulic modelling exercise' is underway. Severn Trent cannot object to planning applications as every development has the right to connect for foul drainage and sometimes surface water drainage.

Action. Clerk to request that MPC is kept fully informed and copied in on reports etc.

e. Bus Shelter maintenance.

Cllr Jones had cleaned and weeded the bus shelter. (He was thanked by the council).

**Action.** Cllr Scott will apply woodworm treatment to the bench.

**Action.** Cllr Jones will put an advert in The Grapevine, for a volunteer to keep the shelter clean and tidy. There has in the past been an allocated annual payment for this.

f. Bank maintenance on Main Road.

The council was very pleased to see the bank had been cut that day.

g. Possible increase in weddings in Maisemore.

The PC is still awaiting a response from TBC, however are less concerned having spoken to Mr Chamberlain.

h. The Village Hall MUGA and S106 monies.

The council is legally not able to procure items for the village hall and the 106 monies precludes it from doing so.

i. Hartpury - Maisemore bridleway improvement/Newent - Gloucester Cycleway The council has reservations, but supports the venture.

j. Highways issues.

The clerk has reported the overgrown footway between Maisemore and Over to Highways - Enquiry Number 11284122.

Public Footpaths and pavements are not within the remit of the parish council, please report any problems direct to:-

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/

Email highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Write to Highways Gloucestershire, Block 5, Floor 5, Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TG.

Telephone 08000 514514.

The broken stile reported on The Rudge, is not on a designated public footpath but rather on private land on a permissive path and hence the responsibility of the landowner.

# 6. To Discuss the Increase in Weddings in Maisemore.

As above.

## 7. Planning.

- a. For Consideration.
  - 20/00347/FUL Cotswold View Old Road Maisemore Gloucester Amended.
    The amendments only deal with corrections to the existing drawings and hence the
    council's comments otherwise remain valid.
  - ii. 20/00603/FUL High View Maisemore Gloucester Gloucestershire GL2 8EX. The council had not objected but submitted some observations.
  - iii. 20/00769/PIP Field House Blacksmiths Lane Maisemore Gloucester. The council has no planning reason to object given the approval to be granted to the land adjacent.
  - iv. Amendment 20/00270/FUL Overton Farm Maisemore Gloucester Gloucestershire. The council's comments remain valid
- b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting. None received.
- c. Decided by Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Permitted By TBC

15/00286/FUL Field House Blacksmiths Lane Maisemore Gloucester Gloucestershire GL2 8HW.

d. Ongoing Planning issues.

The council is still awaiting a response from TBC planning department to the round-up document submitted in July 2020.

**Action.** Clerk to keep reminding them.

**Action**. Clerk to contact planning regarding S106 monies at Bell House Farm (not realised at the time of the submission of July's report).

e. Changes in National Planning policy.

**Action**. Cllr Jones will prepare a commentary.

#### 8. Reports.

a. Clerk.

Hedge letters had been sent, as requested at the last meeting.

The completed AGAR had been sent to the External Auditor and placed on the website.

E Mailed various people regarding planning issues.

Latest Welcome letter sent to all Cllrs as requested.

b. County Councillor.

Cllr Awford is keeping in touch with the EA regarding the Chicken Farm.

Cllr Awford has a meeting with the highways engineer regarding the footway to Over and resurfacing.

c. District Councillor.

Report from Cllr J Smith has been circulated.

TBC are looking into the way its commercial waste removal is run.

Cllr's have a concern regarding the turnover of Planning and Legal Officers at the borough.

The community grant is still open.

Environmental Health and the police are working together to ensure social distancing is kept, in hospitality and at events.

d. To update on speed reduction, village gateways and Rectory Farm Site.

Action. Cllr Jones and Scott will maintain and move the VAS.

The gate to the footpath at Rectory Close/Persh Lane has now been unlocked.

e. To update the council on the Maisemore Website Maintenance.

Ongoing.

f. Environmental Group, Hedges and Churchyard Maintenance.

No report.

Action. Clerk to forward to all Cllrs details of payments for the upkeep of the Churchyard.

g. Flooding.

Nothing to report, Cllr Jones is waiting for a wet day to look at the pipe by the bridge.

### 9. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

- Cllr Burgess had completed, The Future of Covid-19 Community Volunteer Groups in Tewkesbury Borough, which was returned to TBC.
- Cllr Jones has completed and returned 'Highway Code: your views needed'.
- The village hall have agreed on a site for a dog bin.

**Action.** Cllr Banks will forward the details of the siting to the clerk to inform TBC.

Welcome letters.

**Action** Cllr Jones to provide copies for the welcome pack.

#### 10. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

Clerk to provide a list of the meetings for 2021, second Monday of the month.