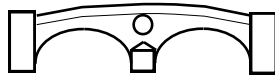


MAISEMORE PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm via videoconferencing, using Zoom. The meeting was not recorded.

Present Cllrs Carole Banks, Debbie Burgess, Anne Nicholson, David Jones (Chairman) and Robert Scott (left the meeting after item 9cii).

In Attendance Jackie Shields (Clerk), County Cllr P Awford (arrived item 9d), TB Cllr P McLain (arrived item 9d), Mr L Williams (New Clerk) and 3 parishioners.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from TBC Cllr Jill Smith.

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.

3. To Confirm the Minutes of Maisemore Parish Council Meeting Held On Monday 2nd November 2020.

The minutes 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	December and January	£44.00
PATA	Oct- Dec 2020	£23.25
D Jones	Wreath	£20.00
J Shields	Clerks Expenses (July 2020 – Feb 2021)	£84.70

b. To Ratify Payments made between meetings.

None made.

c. Application for Grant from the PCC.

The council agreed the Grant of £750.00 to be paid to the PCC towards grass cutting.

Action. Cllr Burgess to supply bank details, to enable payment via BACS.

d. Financial Report.

The financial report and recent bank statement had been circulated.

5. Correspondence.

The 'Safe and Social roads' survey for parish and town councils, will be completed and returned by Cllr Jones.

Cllr Burgess completed and returned the Volunteering in Gloucestershire survey.

An E Mail had been received concerning public footpath no 21, Cllr Jones had responded and directed the writer to the correct agency.

6. Consultation on Street Naming for Bell House Farm Development.

Four suggestions had been provided by the developer.

- "Honey Bee..." I'm afraid no one really liked this one - at all!

We were perplexed to be honest when the two new houses opposite this development were named "1 The Apiary" and "2 The Apiary". Everyone in the village associated the word "Apiaries" with Maisemore Apiaries, which is a business a mile to the north on Old Road in the hamlet of Woolridge. We thought naming these two houses as they were would lead to confusion.

"Honey Bee", apart from being non-contextual to the site, was thought to be rather a "simplistic" or "juvenile" appellation for a group of houses.

- "Great Field..." Again there were no supporters for this suggestion either. Despite the derived connection from the village name.

Maisemore can be translated as Maes Mawr - which means Large Field or Big Field or Great Field in Welsh. There are examples in Wales - e.g. Maes Mawr, Welshpool, Wales. The origins of the name are uncertain but may have referred to the area being used in the Middle Ages as a staging post/holding area for sheep being brought into market in Gloucester from Wales. Hence the Anglicised version of the name for the village.

- "Bell Farm..." and "Bell..." is inappropriate since that's not the name of the farm there at the moment!

Consider the present address of the property: Bell House Farm, Old Road, Maisemore. The original building is still on the site and is retained, so it's possible its address will be changed to include the new road. After all it doesn't presently have vehicular access off Old Road, only pedestrian access.

There is no historical evidence in Maisemore as to whether there was an associated "Bell House" for which this was the associated farm, or whether it's merely the name for the whole entity. It's probably the latter.

Hence There is no historical evidence either as to the origins of the name "Bell House Farm" and hence no knowledge of what the word "Bell" actually means - whether it's a reference to an actual musical bell or whether it's a corruption of the word "belle"

We'd suggest using "Bell House..." would be more appropriate - and would sound better if the name of the existing house were to adopt the road name too - e.g. Bell House Farm, Bell House Close, Maisemore.

However there are objections to the use of "Bell..." since there are already problems in the village immediately adjacent in Old Road where there are three houses confusingly named:

Bell Cottage, Old Road, Maisemore, Gloucester, GL2 8HS

1 Bell Cottages, Old Road, Maisemore, Gloucester, GL2 8HS

2 Bell Cottages, Old Road, Maisemore, Gloucester, GL2 8HS

So having analysed the four suggested name we have a list of alternatives.

- "Bell House Farm" without a suffix - this parallels with "Bridge Farm" by the bridge (where the original farmhouse has been demolished), and "Persh Farm" where there are four houses in addition to the original Persh Farm. Albeit the development at Rectory Farm was named "Rectory Close" recognising that Rectory Farm still exists. So there is possibility for confusion with this one.
- "Campana Close" - campana is the Italian for "bell"
- "Sabrina." - the Latin for the Severn. One might also suggest "Hafren..." which is the Welsh equivalent. Bearing in mind we already have a "Severn Close" in Maisemore, it would also be very appropriate to celebrate our other river and use "Leadon..."
- "Overton View" the development looks out northwards towards the lost medieval village of Overton.
- "Poplar..." or "Poplars..." due to the vicinity of the trees.

But the one which has gathered much support from the councillors "Milestone..." and specifically "Milestone Mews".

We need a little history at this point. The present course of the A417 past this site is in fact a new road created at the end of the C18 as a turnpike road. The former route to Hartpury was what is now appropriately called "Old Road". At the time of the creation of this new road, the milestones were moved and the "Two Miles to Gloucester" one is right at this point, hence the naming of Milestone Cottage around which this new development wraps.

Maisemore Local History Society, recently undertook a restoration of the three milestones in the parish. The first and third ones were located hidden in undergrowth and reinstated. The second milestone had survived in its original location. However all three had lost their metal plaques and hence new ones were made in traditional style and affixed to the posts. Our efforts were recognised with a CPRE Award in 2019, a fact that's commemorated with a plaque fixed to the fence adjacent to the second milestone (being the only one of the three safely accessible on foot). This is all documented at the MLHS website - <http://maisemorehistory.btck.co.uk/TheMilestonesProject> (apologies some of the photos have for some reason rotated!)

Hence we believe that "Milestone..." would be an entirely contemporary and contextual name for the new development.

Moving on to consider suffixes.

We would definitely resist using "...Street" and probably not "...Road" since the former sounds too urban (despite its use in Hartpury for Broad Street) and the latter suggests a destination, for example Church Road does actually lead to the church! Likewise "...Avenue" implies a straight road potentially tree-lined, and is somewhat archaic, and "...Lane" sounds too rural. There has been one suggestion for "...Piece".

In terms of precedent in Maisemore there isn't much. This is a list of the street names working from the bridge westwards - few use a suffix:

There seems to be a groundswell of opinion that "...Close" is perfectly acceptable albeit "...Mews" and "...Court" are also contenders, and maybe "...Way".

In conclusion, the clear favourite that has emerged is "Milestone..." and potentially as "Milestone Mews" though both "Milestone Close", "Milestone Court" and "Milestone Way" would work - however we do like the alliteration of the first!

The council would appreciate being consulted again once prior to you making the formal decision.

7. To Appoint a New Parish Clerk.

The council agreed to appoint Mr Leo Williams as clerk to commence on the 1st March, Jackie Shields had agreed to stay in post until the end of February.

The council and parishioners thanked J Shields for her time as clerk.

8. To Discuss the Precept for 2021/2022.

Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Burgess seconded and it was agreed by all to set the budget at £5,000.00 for the year 2021-2022. This will be a decrease of 43.4% or £14.35 per year on a Tax band D.

9. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

20/01074/FUL Bell House Farm Old Road Maisemore Gloucester Gloucestershire GL2 8HT. The council has some objections to the changes.

b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

- i. 20/00032/NMA | Non material amendment for planning application 16/00533/FUL to raise the garage | Phoenix House The Rudge Maisemore, GL2 8HY. The council had no planning reason to object.
 - ii. 20/00509/FUL - Bell House Farm Old Road Maisemore Gloucester. The council has no planning reason to object.
 - iii. Planning Application Amendment - 20/00603/FUL - High View Maisemore Gloucester. The council has no planning reason to object.
- c. Decided by Tewkesbury Borough Council.
Granted
20/00032/NMA | Non material amendment for planning application 16/00533/FUL to raise the garage | Phoenix House, The Rudge Maisemore GL2 8HY.
Approved
- i. 20/00270/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of a cement storage silo, Overton Farm.
 - ii. 20/00861/FUL - 2 Persh Cottages Persh Lane Maisemore Gloucester.
- d. Dismissed by Planning Inspectorate.
APP/G1630/W/20/3246937: Swinley Field, GL2 8EZ.
- e. The council has been disappointed by some of the decisions taken by planning officers.
Action Cllr Mclean to take to TBC.

10. Reports

- a. Clerk.

Has been circulated.

Action Clerk to contact S Ford for an update on the planning points raised at the last meeting.

- b. County Councillor.

I have two online meetings this evening and intent to cover Minsterworth first as my report is early on their agenda and join you as soon as possible during your meeting. To keep this report brief as I will be with you it is obviously around the recent flooding issues that sadly yet again saw the A417 closed for a period over Christmas and also some impact on the diversion routes I worked with highways throughout this period and of course contributed to social media as normal. My thanks as always Mr Chairman for your efforts in keeping the information up to date and crucially accurate. Once the road was clear and officially opened we had the frost and a water leak to contend with , my thanks again to you chair for helping to highlight this and for it to be repaired speedily and with no detriment to the recent resurfacing
On the more general County Council work front I have attended the budget scrutiny meetings on those Directorates that I sit on , namely Environment and Adult Social Care , I think it fair to say that there is considerable challenge ahead across all Directorates to maintain and deliver the services we wish to Covid of course is still with us and will be for some time , that will obviously impact greatly for the Public Sector for many years. I presented the petition to the County Council in relation to the A417 am seeking support for another bid through the Local Transport Plan in conjunction with the Environment Agency given they are at the start of a new 6 year programme of funding I would stress that this is a bid , funding on the scale needed would have to come through Government sources but we have to start somewhere Obviously I will pick up any other issues on joining you for my item on your Agenda
Phil Awford County Councillor

- c. District Councillor.

Tewkesbury Borough Councillor Report – January 2021

Happy New Year to you all!

A seminar took place last week to give councillors a Service Position Statement at TBC. It was an update of all the areas of work covered by the Council. Including departmental secondments to areas of highest pressure.

All the different Covid support packages that the council administer were mentioned for information. The information for Parishioners to apply for any of these can be found on line. Happy to send the presentation out to interested Parish Councils.

There has been a lot of unfortunate flooding in our ward, prior to Christmas due to the heavy rain, and a few days later due to the rivers bursting their banks. Several people had their homes badly affected. Can we ask Parish Councils to identify flood issues within your Parishes and let us know? This can then be formally raised with TBC, so they are aware where they need to improve their performance.

Refuse collections are hoped to continue as normal. There has been some issues with bins not being collected on the due day, due to flood water in certain areas. In these cases the bins have been collected later in the week and residents are asked to just leave their bins out if they are missed. There has been some staff sickness due to the virus, but they are trying to maintain normal services.

Crime figures have reported to have dropped during the Covid pandemic. Officers busy enforcing Covid rules and regulation, and enforcing breaches, of which there have been a few. Everyone is encouraged to stick to the Covid rules, setting good examples to others. Gloucester Hospitals Trust as you all know is nearly up to capacity. Several patients are being treated at home in a virtual ward.

Cllrs P McLain and J Smith 11/1/2021

d. To update on speed reduction, parking issues and Rectory Farm Site.

Cllr Jones has been moving the speed sign and it seems to be having an effect.

Cllr Jones is awaiting a response from Precious Homes, as to why they are not using the parking spaces at the back of the home.

The discarded parking cones that had been left in Church Street, stopped people from parking until they were removed.

The occupiers of 7 Church Rise have started to clear the footway of their overgrowth.

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

Councillors will be holding a separate meeting to discuss.

f. Environmental Group, Hedges and Churchyard Maintenance.

Ongoing not the time of year for planting.

g. To update on Flooding and Drainage issues.

The latest flooding event had taken place around Christmas, the A417 had been closed by the Police and the County Council, the presence of a flashing blue light and the police notice had caused more motorists to take notice of the Road Closed Sign.

The gullies and drains need clearing of silt and debris.

Cllr Scott and partner had taken the opportunity of the closed road to carry out a litter pick.

h. Grapevine.

Two residents from Rectory Close have volunteered to help with the delivery.

The donation for adverts is to be £1.00 an Issue or £10.00 for the year.

Action Cllr Jones to inform advertisers.

11. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Graffiti on the 30mph speed signs has been reported to highways.
The council would like an update on the bypass encampment.
Cllr Jones has attended GAPTC - AGM - 9th December 2020.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.
APM meeting 12th April on Zoom.

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