



Minutes from the meeting of Miserden Parish Council
Held Tuesday, September 24, 2024 in Whiteway Colony Hall at 6pm.

Present: Chairman Kevin Allin, Cllr Martin Ractliffe, Cllr Laura Cobb, Cllr Vanessa Price

Apologies: Cllr Tim Shields, GCC Sue Williams

In attendance: Gwen Durland (as Clerk/RFO) and one member of the public.

35/24 *Councillors Cobb and Price voted Cllr Ractliffe to act as Chairman until Cllr Allin arrived.*
Acting Chairman Ractliffe welcomed all.

36/24 **Apologies** received from Cllr Shields and GC Cllr Sue Williams and Cotswold Countryside Warden Nick Mann.

37/24 No **declarations of interest** were made.
The council found this a source of **assurance**.

38/24 Minutes from the July 2024 meeting were approved as written.
The council found this a source of **assurance**.

39/24 No members of the public came forward with questions or concerns.
The council found this a source of **assurance**.

40/24 **Report from Cotswold Countryside Warden, Nick Mann**

Warden Mann provide GD with an update via e-mail, which she read to those present:

1. The bridleway running from the Rough Bank carpark on the Calf Way down into the Upper Slad valley has been cleared of fallen trees.
2. An issue was raised as a result of the open day regarding an overgrown footpath leading to a bog and stream in need of a bridge. [He]walked the path which turned out to be a Cranham bridleway and subsequently re-walked it with the Cranham parish warden to discuss the work needed. He has subsequently submitted a work party proposal, but at this stage [Warden Mann has] no schedule for when the work will take place.
3. The new Chief Executive of the Cotswold National Landscape has been appointed and will start work in November.
4. [Warden Mann] submitted an article on footpaths to the Parish Post.

The council found this report as a helpful source of **information**.

41/24 **Report from GCC Councillor Sue Williams**

Cllr Williams was not in attendance, but an email report is anticipated the first week of October which will be circulated to council via e-mail and posted on the parish council website.

42/24 **Car & Pedestrian issues outside Miserden C of E Primary**

Cllr Cobb briefed those present on the accident between a driver and the wall of Miserden Shops, as well as destruction of planter and near-miss of hitting a child standing with their parent at outside the shop. It was communicated to Cllr Cobb that the driver has an upcoming court appointment to deal with the matter.

As a result of this incident, the driver made Cllr Cobb aware of several problems for motorists passing the school which contributed to this incident:

- Faded zigzag markings outside school need re-painting by GCC Highways
- Parents and shop patrons frequently park on zigzag markings, in clear violation of the Highway Code
- Cars were parked on both sides of road and the motorist felt they weren't able to pass

18:10 Cllr Allin arrived and resumed Chair for duration of meeting.

Chairman Allin was briefed on current item of discussion and reported he was to meet with Highways manager Yakub Mulla on Tuesday October 2nd and would bring the matter to his attention then.

The council accepted this report as a source of **information and require revisiting**

Action: KA to address issues with Highways and seek advisement. MR to take photos of cars parking on zigzags to identify drivers and speak to them, reminding them of the rules of the Highway Code.

Potholes

Chairman Allin and Cllr Cobb reported current issues with potholes:

- Deep and wide holes on side of the road opposite the school car park.
- Churned up road on Bullbanks, Wishanger Lane (near Saltbox) and dangerous crumbled edges of road on Wishanger Lane between Wishanger Manor and Whiteway crossroads.

Chairman Allin reported white lines at Lypiatt Farm/ Bullbanks terminus have been repainted. He further asked all present to continue reporting all potholes diligently to <https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> and to encourage members of the public to do the same. All reports are logged and once the hole has been spraypainted white around perimeter, that is our indication that Highways has it on their list to repair. Cones have been placed in deep gully on Wishanger Lane near Wishanger Manor to warn motorists of sharp drop off edge as a temporary measure until Highways can repair road.

44/24 Parish Council News

Cllr Ractliffe assigned a rota for all councillors to have an opportunity to contribute to the Parish Post. Winter 2024 Tim Shields, Spring 2025 Vanessa Price, Summer 2025 Laura Cobb, Autumn 2025 Martin Ractliffe, Winter 2025 Kevin Allin.

45/24 Passing Places on Wishanger Lane

Chairman Allin and Clerk Durland are to meet with GCC Highways managers and resident Max Browne at his home on Wishanger Lane on 1 October to view the damage traffic is causing to Mr Browne's stone wall as cars continue to chip away at the hedge and come further and further toward the edge. It is hoped a mutually agreeable solution can be found before further damage is caused to Mr Browne's wall or gates.

The council found this a source of **information**.

Action: KA and GD to meet Highways and discuss matter. GD to minute meeting to be approved by those in attendance for record keeping purposes. Item to be brought forward to next meeting.

46/24 Finance report

Deposit: Stroud District Council precept £6028.50

Expenditures for approval:

Accounts

Current Account: £13,811.70

Savings: £5220.85

Cheques

500875 Zurich Insurance (annual premium) £300.00

500873 D. Harris (Printing reimbursement) £214.90

500871 G. Durland 8/2024 Salary £

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500874 HCI Ltd (dot gov domain 2 years) £123.00

Expenditures approved as listed.

The council found this a source of **information** and **assurance**.

47/24 Risk Assessment

A draft Risk Assessment was presented to the council for consideration. Council expressed needing more time to digest material on the risk assessment.

Action: Item to be brought forward to next meeting.

48/24 Confidential Matter

It was determined that the 'confidential matter' no longer needed further discussion and was removed from the agenda.

49/24 Adjournment

Chairman Allin adjourned meeting at 18:55.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 29 at Miserden Village Hall, 6pm.

Minutes approved:

Date: