MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of **Miserden Parish Council** held on **Thursday 25 October 2018**

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| 10.18.01 | **Present:** Councillors: Martin Ractliffe, Jo Tait, Russ Coles-Jones, Richard Dangerfield, Julie Job (District Councillor), Keith Rippington (County Councillor).**Attending:** Kirsty Edwards (acting Parish Clerk). |
| 10.18.02 | **Apologies:** Cllr Gideon Duberley and Cllr Nigel Cooper. |
| 10.18.03 | **Declarations of Interest**: Cllr Ractliffe for Miserden Library  |
| 10.18.0410.18.0510.18.06 | **Minutes** of the meeting held on 27 September 2018 were approved and signed as correct by the Chair. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:* Cllr Tait to ask for defibrillator volunteers at the next Whiteway colony meeting
* Council agreed to Lois Taylor, Community-led Housing Enabler for Stroud District, attending the November Parish meeting to talk through her role
* Cllr Tait to request information on training sessions for people to consider the financial and emotional issues associated with death and writing a will. Councillors to consider subsidising these sessions for the parish
* Clerk to draft an advert requesting defibrillator volunteers and Cllr Ractliffe to approve for the upcoming edition of the Parish Post
* Cllr Tait to speak with Whiteway colony regarding the drainage required on the main road through the hamlet

**Clerk’s Report*** Upcoming road closure on Calf Way Road in December. It was agreed that information be shared with both the Parish Post and Bisley Parish Clerk
* Miserden Village hall will charge the Parish council from September onwards only for hiring the hall in 2018
* Funding request received from Miserden Library (please see agenda point 08)

**The Camp notice board**No update, to be discussed in November meeting. |
| 10.18.07 | **Miserden village hall grant**No update, to be discussed in November meeting. |
| 10.18.08 | **Whiteway post box accessibility**County council could be approached in April 2019 to make post box more accessible for wheelchair/mobility scooter users. Possibility of relocating box to other side of road by bus shelter discussed. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rippington requesting advice regarding how to proceed to ensure the correct procedure is followed in line with Gloucestershire County Council and Highways department protocol.  |
| 10.18.0910.18.10Cont/d…10.18.1110.18.1210.18.13 10.18.1410.18.15  | **Maintenance of Parish phone boxes**Whiteway box has been freshly painted and Miserden’s box is presentable. The Camp’s box requires painting so Clerk to draft advert for Cllr Ractliffe to approve for the Parish Post asking for local tradespeople to quote.**Miserden Library**Library now has heating upstairs and will reopen in January 2019 one afternoon a week. Clerk reported request received from Miserden Library for £300 to fund the insurance premium, shelving, stationary and books. The council voted in favour with 1 abstain providing that a stairgate is purchased with the money to enable local parents with children to safely visit. **Financial Position**The clerk reported the financial position to be £8,349.94**Accounts for Payment**In2Print £598 (Parish Post Summer 2018), Clerks expenses £30.20**AOB*** Dangerous crossroads in the Camp due to vegetation and curvature of the road obstructing the view. Cllr Rippington agreed to raise this with relevant contacts in the County Council and report back if any action could be taken.
* Cllr Tait reported that the Five Valleys Road Safety Meeting recently attended was well organised and insightful. Enforcement of penalties for breaking speed limits is an issue to be discussed at the next Parish meeting.
* Cllr Russ-Jones to organise online banking for the Parish’s and for any two current councillors to be allowed to act as signatories when signing cheques

**Items for next month’s agenda**Lois Taylor (Community-led Housing), speeding and road safety, defibrillator volunteer lists, Whiteway drainage, The Camp notice board, Miserden village hall grant, Whiteway post box accessibility, The Camp phone box, 2019/20 Precept application**Next Meeting**The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 29th November 2018 in Miserden Village Hall.  |
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