MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of **Miserden Parish Council** held on **Thursday 24th January 2019**

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| 01.19.01 | **Present:** Councillors: Martin Ractliffe, Jo Tait, Richard Dangerfield, Gideon Duberley and Russ Coles-Jones  **Attending:** Kirsty Edwards (Acting Parish Clerk) and Paul Lilly (Chair of Chalford Parish Council) |
| 01.19.02 | **Apologies:** Councillors Julie Job, Keith Rippington and Nigel Cooper |
| 01.19.03 | **Declarations of Interest**: None |
| 01.19.04  01.19.05  01.19.06  01.19.07 | **Minutes** of the meeting held on 18 December 2018 were approved and signed as correct by the Chair.  **Matters arising from Minutes:** none  **Welcome to Paul Lilly**  Mr Lilly shared with councillors how speeding has been tackled in his parish including the purchase and use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) with traffic technology providing relevant data. Newsletters and social media used successfully to educate the public, but enforcement is required. Mr Lilly offered to support and assist Miserden Parish Council in their endeavours to tackle speeding and Clerk to liaise.  **Chairman’s Report**   * Chairman to arrange visit to Wishanger Manor for Councillors   **Clerk’s Report**   * Thank you letters received from Stroud Valleys Project and Great Western Air Ambulance following the recent donations * Clerk to arrange for electricians from WebNos to carry out annual electric check on the defibrillators * VETS system for defibrillators needs more volunteers, all councillors to help find willing participants through word of mouth * No tradespeople have been in touch regarding the painting of the phone box in The Camp so Councillor Coles-Jones and Duberley to organise quotes from two local contacts * Clerk shared information from Planning Team at Stroud District Council which confirmed that Parish Councils play important role in leading communities. Of equal importance to an individual’s view but the relevance of their views to a planning application or evidence they provide may carry significant weight |
| 01.19.08 | **Standing Orders (Code of Conduct / Complaints Procedure)**  Clerk shared copies of the existing Standing Orders with members and presented draft complaints procedure and recommended members code of conduct. Councillors were in agreement documents be made public on the Parish website and Clerk to organise. |
| 01.19.09  Cont/d  01.19.10 | **Speed Management**  Following receipt of two letters from Wishanger residents, further discussion took place concerning the request for the Parish Council to contribute up to £5,000 to the Gloucestershire County Council scheme to introduce a 20mph limit in Wishanger (it was noted that the request is for a contribution, not to fund the entire scheme). Councillors preferred to finance speeding solutions to benefit the whole of the Parish. Cllr Coles-Jones expressed his disappointment and that the content of both letters had not in his view been fully considered. Councillors agreed to make alternative efforts to help Wishanger; Clerk to liaise with Stroud Area Highways Manager to request repainting the white lines and slow signs on the road and Cllr Ractliffe to liaise to find out if the scheme costs can be reduced /subsidised.  **Whiteway Post Box**  Clerk liaising with Royal Mail to facilitate moving it to bus shelter opposite its current location to make it more accessible |
| 01.19.11  01.19.12  01.19.13  01.19.14  01.09.15 | **Financial Position**  The clerk reported the financial position as at 31 December to be £11,467.35  **Budget 2019/20**  Clerk presented hard copies of draft budget for 2019/20 for Councillors to review and feedback on in upcoming February meeting.  **Accounts for Payment**  Miserden Village Hall Meeting Hire (£112), Cotswolds Curtains and Interiors (£1264.63) as part-payment was requested for fire curtains and Clerk’s Expenses (£48.08).  **Next Meeting**  The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 28 February 2019 in Miserden Village Hall.  **AOB**   * Clerk to research options for new printers and present to Councillors preferred two in February meeting * Cllr Tait to draft letter for discussion at the next meeting regarding the M5 Incinerator * Cllr Tait reported that Mark Russell, Senior Planner at Stroud District Council recommended that Miserden draft a Neighbourhood Development Plan and offered to help draft it. This would feed into the Local Plan Review and be instrumental in defining settlement boundaries. |
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