MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of **Miserden Parish Council** held on **Thursday 28th March 2019**

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| 03.19.01 | **Present:** Parish Councillors: Martin Ractliffe, Richard Dangerfield, Gideon Duberley and Russ Coles-Jones  **Attending:** Kirsty Edwards (Acting Parish Clerk), Julie Jobs (District Councillor) and one member of the community |
| 03.19.02 | **Apologies:** Councillors Jo Tait, Keith Rippington and Nigel Cooper |
| 03.19.03 | **Declarations of Interest**: None |
| 03.19.04  03.19.05  03.19.06  03.19.07 | **Minutes** of the meeting held on 28th February 2019 were approved as correct and signed by the Chair.  **Matters arising from Minutes:** none  **Clerk’s Report**   * Update given on the Stroud District Rural Multi-Site Traffic Regulation Order in which the Stroud District Road Safety Group will work with Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department to get inappropriate speed limits reduced in the District which includes Miserden, Whiteway, Wishanger and The Camp. Progress to be monitored closely and Clerk to check the specific cross junction in the Camp at the brow of the hill by road to Wishanger is noted (rather than B4070 generally) * Councillors authorised former Parish Clerk Bob Reade assisting with the end of year reporting and auditing. * South Western Ambulance Service contacted to complain regarding the ambulance’s satellite navigation system taking the vehicle via dead end roads to Miserden following an emergency call in February. Will await response. * Clerk shared feedback from Whiteway Colony meeting from Cllr Jo Tait. Response informally was that Colony are happy for Cotswold Warden to make the stile at the end of the Colony safe. Kissing Gate was preferred option but letter from anonymous resident expressed concerns for a climb over style which might hinder access for elderly residents, but also not caring for Kissing gate. Clerk to liaise with Cotswolds Warden to request a solution. A hunting gate with a rail to the side of it was a possible solution suggested.   **Chairman’s Report**   * Chairman sought dates for councillors to attend Wishanger Manager. Sunday 14th April (PM) was preferred option and Chairman to liaise to arrange.   **Painting of phone box in the Camp**  Cllr Duberley to chase written quote for work. |
| 03.19.08 | **VETS Defibrillator System**   * In feedback from Whiteway Colony Meeting, people on the current VETS list are to contact Clerk to discuss remaining a volunteer. Clerk to contact view to securing minimum of 6 volunteers for the scheme in Whiteway. * Local resident in The Camp has been in contact with Clerk and will try to secure volunteers for the village, Clerk to remain in contact * Clerk to liaise with local resident in Miserden who has kindly agreed to help find volunteers for the Miserden VETS list * Cllr Russ-Jones updated Council on recent use of defibrillator in Whiteway in which a call was made to VETS system which went unanswered. Also concerns raised that residents were not aware to call 999 to obtain code to open the defibrillator cabinet if needed so signage required on the cabinet. Clerk to liaise with Community Heartbeat Trust to understand why call went unanswered, possible signage that could be placed on cabinets, and whether emergency services can initiate VETS scheme rather than local resident. |
| 03.19.09 | **Traffic Issues in Wishanger**  Chairman met with Local Highways Manager at Gloucestershire County Council to discuss speeding issues. Whole of B4070 to be included in major review. Costs of reduction of speed limit to 20mph in Wishanger and Miserden were discussed and savings to be made from securing a reduction in both villages at same time. Parish Clerk to liaise with District Councillors Cooper and Rippington, and Miserden Estate to request contributions towards the money needed and liaison with the Stroud District Road Safety Group to continue to check their progress on the same issues. Cllr Jobs highlighted dangerous stretch of road on the B4070 by Bidfield Barns / Saltbox House with issues of a bumpy uneven road surface with subsidence. Clerk to liaise with Local Highways Manager to make aware and seek resolution. |
| 03.19.10  03.19.11  03.19.12  03.19.13 | **Annual Assembly Plans 2019**  Whiteway Colony Hall booked for 23 May 2019 and Clerk to liaise regarding costs. Chairman proposed Senior Lecturer at the Royal Agricultural University Ian Grange as speaker which Councillors voted in support of. Mr Grange to talk on the Wildlife and Flora project currently being undertaken at Bullbanks.  **Financial Position**  The clerk reported the financial position as at 31 February 2019 to be £8,572.40  **Accounts for Payment**  In2Print Parish Post Spring 2019 (£433), Community Heartbeat Trust Yr 3 (£120), Community Heartbeat Trust Yr 2 (£120), Clerk’s Expenses to include printer (£246.89), Stroud District Council Neighbourhood Warden Donation (£200)  **Next Meeting**  The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th April in Miserden Village Hall. |
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