



Minutes of Miserden Parish Council Meeting
Held 31 May 2023 in Miserden Village Hall, 7:30pm

01.05.2023	<p><i>Welcome and apologies</i> <i>Present:</i> Chairman Martin Ractliffe, Vice-Chairman Kevin Allin, Cllr Richard Dangerfield, Cllr Gideon Duberley, Cllr Laura Cobb, County Cllr Sue Williams. <i>In attendance:</i> Gwen Durland (clerk), Nick Mann, Cotswold Countryside Warden. <i>Apologies:</i> Stroud District Cllr Julie Job.</p>
02.05.2023	<p><i>Annual Meeting of The Council</i> conducted. Cllr Ractliffe nominated for another year as Chair, Cllr Allin nominated for another year as Vice-Chair. Both were voted in unanimously.</p>
03.05.2023	<p><i>Declaration of interests</i> Cllr Dangerfield abstained from planning vote.</p> <p>The council noted this as a source of assurance.</p>
04.05.2023	<p><i>Matters arising</i> There were no matters arising since the last meeting.</p> <p>The council noted this as a source of assurance.</p>
05.05.2023	<p><i>Approval of Minutes</i> The council approved the minutes from April 23.</p> <p>The council noted this as a source of assurance. Action: Clerk to post minutes on MPC website.</p>
06.05.2023	<p><i>Questions From Public</i> No members of the public were in attendance.</p>
07.05.2023	<p><i>Clerk's Report</i> Expenditures for May were discussed and approved.</p>
08.05.2023	<p><i>Parish Assembly Report</i> Chairman Ractliffe gave a brief report on the Parish Assembly in which Jeremy Evans, a Woodland Trust officer and specialist in ancient woodlands gave an interesting and informative presentation on protecting ancient woodlands and new tree planning. Cllr Cobb made suggestions to improve next year's Annual Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Miserden, possibly alternate year on year • Have representatives from the community give 5-minute updates on their groups, ie Miserden school, Miserden Estate, St Andrew's church, library, Neighbourhood wardens, toddler group, etc. • Local caterers could use the opportunity to promote their business and provide cakes/bbq etc. • Local showcase for talent, skilled tradespeople, artists/artisans • A time to find out things such as what does the broader parish community want in terms of services, events, activities and what would help them to feel a part of the parish community? <p>Action: planting for autumn needs to be put on agenda</p>



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09.05.2023	<p><i>Flytipping</i> Cllr Allin reported massive sand/shot blasting piles which have been dumped on the restricted byway to Miserden Cricket Field.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact SDC and Neighbourhood Warden</p>
10.05.2023	<p><i>Highways</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Give way' sign missing from Whiteway/Wishanger intersection • Junction sign at Edgeworth/ Sudgrove missing • Verge cutting – County Cllr Williams to investigate and report back • Improper bin storage at Bunnage Farm. <p>Action: Clerk to send letter to SDC to request a letter be sent to the property owner that the bins be relocated out of public sight except of bin collection days. Send photo as evidence.</p>
11.05.2023	<p><i>Planning</i> S.23/0538/CPE Lawful Development Certificate for access point and track at Camp Farm</p> <p>This council noted that when the drive was originally built, the spoil was not removed from site but was pushed into the roadside hedge, thus not adhering to the original terms of the planning permission.</p> <p>This council was not able to find historical evidence of the original drive and planning application/permission to move drive.</p> <p><i>Note to Planning Officer:</i> Property is in Miserden Parish. This council expects construction to be in accordance with the original plan, notwithstanding alleged misunderstandings.</p> <p>We would like to ask the planning department to ensure all planning in The Camp is allocated to Miserden Parish Council (not Bisley-With-Lypiatt).</p> <p>Action: Clerk to email comments and objections to planning officer.</p>
12.05.2023	<p><i>Stroud District Councillor's Report</i> District Cllr Job provided her report via e-mail prior to meeting.</p>
13.05.2023	<p><i>GCC Councillor's report</i></p> <p>In addition to her monthly news report delivered via email, Cllr Williams was asked to clarify exactly what she does and will cover after this past election. Cllr Williams to take on Jason's role at SDC and will stand for election, doing both jobs.</p> <p>The County Councillor role will become a bridge between district and county, liaising with SDC as well. She's on 6 committees and 3 focus groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural bus • Rivers restoration • Rural Estates (supporting farmers etc.) • 10 Parish meetings each month • Potholes, fly tipping, TRO, dangers to highways. • Casework (social care, services, advocacy) Speaks to cabinet members of those departments. <p>Cllr Williams also announced her recent appointment as Vice Chair of County Council.</p> <p>Other duties include conducting new British citizens ceremonies.</p>
14.05.2023	<p><i>Cotswold Countryside Voluntary Warden Report</i> Missing footpath between Lypiatt and Bullbank reported. Path between Sudgrove and Edgeworth is a problem, as the footpath signage incorrect and leads to a 6' wide stream. Not consistent with OS map or Definitive Map.</p>



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	Action: Chairman Martin Ractliffe to meet with Mr Mann and investigate the Sudgrove path.
15.05.2023	<i>Any Other Business</i> Meetings will now take place on the last Tuesday of the month. The council noted this as a source of information .
16.05.2023	Chairman Ractliffe moved for adjournment at 21:08

*Next meeting scheduled for 27 June, 2023
in Miserden Village Hall*

Minutes Approved as Accurate:

Date:
