



Minutes of Miserden Parish Council Meeting
Held 25 July 2023 in Miserden Village Hall, 7:30pm

01.07.2023	<p><i>Welcome and apologies</i> The meeting was quorate. <i>Present:</i> Chairman Martin Ractliffe, Vice-Chairman Kevin Allin, Cllr Richard Dangerfield, Cllr Gideon Duberley, Cllr Laura Cobb, Stroud District Cllr Julie Job. <i>In attendance:</i> Gwen Durland (clerk), Nick Mann, Cotswold Countryside Warden. <i>Apologies:</i> GCC Cllr Sue Williams</p>
02.07.2023	<p><i>Declaration of interests</i> No declarations were made by those present. The council noted this as a source of assurance.</p>
03.07.2023	<p><i>Matters arising</i> No matters since the last meeting were noted.</p>
04.07.2023	<p><i>Approval of Minutes</i> The council approved the minutes from June 2023 as accurate. The council noted this as a source of assurance. Action: Clerk to post minutes on MPC website.</p>
05.07.2023	<p><i>Questions From Public</i> No members of the public were in attendance.</p>
06.07.2023	<p><i>Clerk's Report</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Correspondence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clerk previously distributed bulletin with correspondence links, noting the approaching deadlines for Highways consultations. Councillor training sessions and dates distributed. 2) Finance, expenditures, and approvals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Balance of Cooperative Community current account £11,023.72 b) Cheques for approval: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerk salary (confidential) <p>The Council approved expenditure and noted balance as a source of assurance.</p>
07.07.2023	<p><i>Planning</i> S.23/1429/CPL Erection of an outbuilding. The Old Office Camp Farm Calf Way, The Camp Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7HJ The Council reviewed the planning application and included blueprints and maps of property and felt it was not in keeping with the area, and the additional traffic coming out of the property was not supported with current infrastructure as Calf Way is a busy road with many dangerous blind spots. Therefore, the Council voted unanimously against supporting this planning application. Action: Clerk to register Council commentary and non-support on Planning Portal.</p>
08.07.2023	<p><i>Speed Concerns</i> Several members of the community have expressed concern to members of the Council regarding the speed of vehicles going through the Camp, the lack of visibility when crossing or turning onto Calf way at Wishanger Lane. The Council discussed the matter, but did not feel hopeful at the likelihood of Highways changing the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph. It was suggested that other means of traffic calming be used such as new VAS signs which record traffic data and can used to further support the case for lowering speed limits; gateways into the village on both ends to further emphasise the reduced speed limit through the village etc. It was suggested that a speed calming consultation be held where members of the whole Parish could review options, have questions answered by councillors, and see pricing of various options with an opportunity to vote on their preferences. The council noted concerns, agreed a consultation would be useful for decision making, and voted to hold consultation later in the autumn. Action: Clerk to prepare report detailing various speed calming measures, arrange consultation at a time when GCC Cllr Williams is available to attend.</p>



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09.07.2023	<p><i>Water runoff on Miserden Lane</i></p> <p>The recurring issue of water runoff from the biomass, past the pub and into the homes of residents living in the last two cottages causing repeated water damage, was brought to the table.</p> <p>It was noted that Highways has attempted to repair the tarmac broken by the runoff rivulet several times in the past, yet the water breaks up the tarmac within a few storms.</p> <p>Chairman Ractliffe to discuss possible solutions with Highways manager. It was suggested that the Miserden Estate also be involved as it's their property being damaged.</p> <p>The Council noted this as an area of concern and agreed further investigation is imperative.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Ractliffe to speak with Estate and ask if interim sandbags be available to residents.</p>
010.07.2023	<p><i>Defibrillator Kiosk refurbishment – (c/f)</i></p> <p>Cllr Allin reported success in finding appropriate paint for kiosks as well as finding a painter for kiosk refurbishment.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Allin to arrange start of refurbishments ASAP.</p>
011.07.2023	<p><i>Tree Planting Projects (c/f)</i></p> <p>The clerk reported the offer of replacing ash dieback trees with new saplings provided by Gloucestershire County Council. Cllr Duberley will make suggestions of which trees to order.</p> <p>The Coronation Oak agreed by Council in January of 2023 to plant in honour of the coronation of King Charles III was further investigated with the Miserden Estate. The Council has asked permission to plant the oak on the raised grass in front of The Old Forge, along with commemorative plaque/signage.</p> <p>The Council noted this as a source of assurance.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to follow up with Miserden Estate regarding permission and location of planting.</p>
012.07.2023	<p><i>Stroud District Councillor's Report</i></p> <p>Cllr Job gave update on activities of the SDC,</p>
013.07.2023	<p><i>GCC Councillor's report</i></p> <p>Report submitted via email earlier in the month.</p>
014.07.2023	<p><i>Cotswold Countryside Voluntary Warden Report</i></p> <p>Footpaths from Bullbanks to Parsons Hill overgrown and impassible. Permission from landowner sought and work to commence. Bridge over water at Sudgrove completed making footpath safe to follow. The council thanked Warden Mann and noted the material shared as a source of information and assurance.</p>
015.07.2023	<p><i>Any Other Business</i></p> <p>No further business was brought to the table for discussion.</p> <p>The council noted this as a source of assurance.</p>
016.07.2023	<p>Chairman Ractliffe moved for adjournment at 21:08</p>

Next meeting ANNUAL MEETING of COUNCIL scheduled for 26 September, 2023
in Miserden Village Hall at 7:30pm

Minutes Approved as Accurate:

Date: _____