



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

1.10.2023	<p><i>Welcome and apologies</i> Present: Chairman Martin Ractliffe, Vice Chairman Kevin Allin, Cllr Richard Dangerfield, Cllr Gideon Duberley, Cllr Laura Cobb. Stroud District Cllr Julie Job. Apologies: GCC Cllr Sue Williams. In attendance: PCSO Nicky Wood, Countryside Volunteer Warden Nick Mann, Clerk Gwen Durland. The meeting was quorate.</p>															
2.10.2023	<p><i>Declarations of interest</i> There were no declarations of interest which the council found as a source of assurance.</p>															
3.10.2023	<p><i>Approval of last meeting's minutes</i> Approved. The council found this to be a source of assurance. Action: Clerk to post approved minutes to website.</p>															
4.10.2023	<p><i>Matters arising</i> Fly tipping on road- Approximately 30 or more black refuse bags, all of equal size and contents were dumped illegally on the side of the road between Miserden and Whiteway, just north-west of the Wishanger junction. Parish residents reported the bags to members of MPC, SDC Neighbourhood Warden Mark Dodds, as well as Cllr Sue Williams. Ubico came to clear up bags within a week, citing the extremely busy week if fly tipping across the district they had been working on. It was reported the bags contained loft insulation remnants. The council found this a source of information and assurance.</p>															
5.10.2023	<p><i>Clerk's Report</i> Clerk Gwen Durland began her report with an apology and explanation, due to ongoing illness and family matters, a CiLCA-qualified and seasoned internal auditor, Liz Dowie, will serve as locum RFO for the remainder of the calendar year. Gwen will continue to serve as much as possible in other clerking capacities. It was assured that financial reports are forthcoming and will return to being published monthly on the MPC website in due course. <i>Accounts to date via bank statements</i> Current account £15,326.24 Reserves account £5,100.73 Cheques for October:</p> <table data-bbox="331 1444 1201 1624"> <tr> <td>501026</td> <td>£329.54</td> <td>Community Heartbeat Trust</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501027</td> <td>£300.00</td> <td>Zurich Insurance (annual premium)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501028</td> <td>£190.00</td> <td>Community Heartbeat Trust (outstanding balance)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501029</td> <td>£146.00</td> <td>SLCC (annual subscription)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501030</td> <td>£676.00</td> <td>Staff salary</td> </tr> </table> <ul data-bbox="319 1641 1453 1848" style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fireworks display put on by Miserden Estate- proceeds to go to Miserden C of E Primary School. £275 donation put forward to go to school from MPC, councillors voted yes unanimously. ▪ Miserden Village Hall Committee will be hosting a Christmas Curry & Quiz on December 8th for the whole parish and friends with raffle and top prize. The MVHC would like to host further events in the hall for the entire parish throughout the winter and possibly beyond. <p><i>Correspondence:</i> A complaint was raised by a parish resident regarding lack of published minutes on website. After investigation, it was found that the minutes were there, it was just a broken link to the page which was the problem which was immediately fixed. The resident was informed that they will get a detailed budget vs spending report once the locum RFO has made her checks. The resident verbally stated to the clerk that they would rescind complaints once they received the detailed financial reports.</p>	501026	£329.54	Community Heartbeat Trust	501027	£300.00	Zurich Insurance (annual premium)	501028	£190.00	Community Heartbeat Trust (outstanding balance)	501029	£146.00	SLCC (annual subscription)	501030	£676.00	Staff salary
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	<p>The Council approved expenditures for October, noted the Clerk's report as a source of information and assurance, and approved appointing Liz Dowie as Locum RFO. Interaction with community member noted as resolved once locum RFO has finished accounts.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to provide more detailed financial statement to public once locum RFO has finished accounts.</p>
6.10.2023	<p><i>Planning</i></p> <p>No planning in the parish this month.</p>
7.10.2023	<p><i>Questions from the public</i></p> <p>No members of public came forward.</p>
8.10.2023	<p><i>Adoption of Civility & Respect pledge</i></p> <p>It was moved that the adoption of the Civility and Respect Pledge as issued by NLCC be moved to January, so all councillors have a chance to complete training. The council found this to be a source of reassurance.</p>
9.10.2023	<p><i>Highways</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Road signage at junction of Wishanger Lane and B4100 still not in place. Clerk to follow up with Highways manager as to when the Saltbox sign will go in, and when sign at the Camp will be repaired. The Council were presented with various traffic calming devices including a VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) which captured data and reports could be downloaded from the sign which show the number of vehicles and their speeds of during a 24-hour period, and then over a multiple week period to show habits of motorists. This sign was suggested for The Camp, and the signs currently in The Camp could be relocated to Whiteway and/or Wishanger. The Council agreed this would need more discussion and community participation. It was suggested a community consultation take place in early 2024 once the budget for 2024-25 has been approved to see how much money the council could contribute and how much the community would need to raise. <p>Action: Clerk to contact Paul Helbrow regarding signage</p>
10.10.2023	<p><i>Water runoff at Miserden</i></p> <p>Further flooding problems due to water runoff down the main road in Miserden affecting Rolt Cottage and Lyons Cottage have been reported. It was found that the drains along the road and around corner were filled with hedge trimmings from estate grounds maintenance personnel. Further clarification from Highways manager as to drain clearing responsibilities needed, but in the short term, residents are asked to be vigilant regarding the drains near their homes and to sweep away any hedge trimmings or other debris especially when reports of heavy rain are on the way.</p> <p>If drains are clogged residents need to call the Highways emergency line on 08000 514514.</p> <p>The Council noted the concerns.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Highways manager for clarification.</p>
11.10.2023	<p><i>Renovations of red phone kiosks</i></p> <p>Quotations received for the painting and refurbishment of the three red phone boxes in parish now utilised as defibrillator kiosks.</p> <p>Council voted in favour of Pete Lee to refurbish at a cost of £1440 + VAT for all 3. Work will commence once weather has improved.</p> <p>The Council received the further information as a source of assurance.</p>
12.10.2023	<p><i>Tree planting</i></p> <p>It was determined that the Coronation Tree was not suited to be planted on the roundabout near the Old Forge. Nicholas Wills suggested it be planted in the field near to the pub. Further investigation will need to take place as to the appropriate place for the tree so as it grows, future generations may enjoy it.</p> <p>Ash dieback replacements not received from GCC to date. Gwen to check into it and get an estimated delivery.</p> <p>The council received this as a source of information and will revisit.</p>

	Action: Cllr Williams to be consulted regarding tree planting site as well as saplings for ask dieback replacements.
13.10.2023	<i>County Councillor's report</i> Cllr Williams unable to attend; report as detailed in handout.
14.10.2023	<i>District Councillor's report</i> Cllr Job gave highlights of works going on in the district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SDC adopted 'Swift Bricks' for new builds to further encourage biodiversity within the district. ▪ £119k for EVP in Council-operated car parks. Timeline for installation not set as of meeting date. ▪ SDC have received many complaints from the public regarding new-build housing on the edges of Stroud, as it was felt that infrastructure and location not adequately put to the public for consultation or voting. Specifically, development at Great Oldbury (Stonehouse) site mixed in with factories, warehousing, and haulage traffic. Also, to the north of Cams off Box Road. Local councils to work with SDC to address concerns. ▪ Food hubs in Stroud continue to support local people in need this season, with the majority of work carried out by neighbourhood volunteers and Community Support Officers from Stroud Town Council. <p>Warm Spaces for the winter are still available in town and around the District. Any member of the public may enquire at the Stroud Library, Town Council or District Council offices if they need help and a warm place, and they will be sign-posted to locations offering resources.</p>
15.10.2023	<i>Cotswold Volunteer Warden Report</i> Stile in need of repair in donkey field at intersection of Wishanger Lane and Calf Way, where a man fell off and got zapped by electric fencing. The matter was brought to the attention of the landowner, Rupert Barrington, but it was put onto land renters as responsible and who subsequently repaired it. Bridge over Frome completely unpassable. Bridge to be completed to top of hill. Two further stiles in Sudgrove installed today (31 October). The Council noted report from Warden Mann as a source of information .
16.10.2023	<i>Any other business</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Cobb spoke regarding Gigaclear, stating the Council need to write letter regarding their signage contractors leaving signs up if a job is cancelled, causing distress and confusion to parish residents. ▪ Social media policy to be drafted and put to Council for adoption
17.10.2023	Chairman Ractliffe adjourned meeting at 21:10.
18.10.2023	Next meeting 28 November 2023 in WHITEWAY Colony Hall 7:30pm

Signed as accurate: _____

Date: _____