



Minutes from Miserden Parish Council Meeting
held 27 February, 2024 7:30pm in Miserden Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Martain Ractliffe, Vice-Chairman Cllr Kevin Allin, Cllr Laura Cobb, Cllr Gideon Duberley, District Cllr Julie Job.

In attendance: Cotswold Voluntary Warden Nick Mann, PCSO Nicky Wood, Parish Post editor David Harris, Gwen Durland (Clerk), one member of the public.

Apologies: County Cllr Sue Williams.

01.02.24 Minutes from January 2024 were **approved**.

02.02.24 **Matters Arising**

Cllr Cobb relayed the reports of roadside litter have increased dramatically recently, specifically in The Camp layby, and on Bullbanks road. Ideas were exchanged and it was agreed to have a separate planning meeting where a community litter picking day could be organised. Council found this a source of **information** and future action.

Action: Clerk to order high-vis vests for community to borrow for litter picking

03.02.24 **Police Update**

PCSO Nicky Wood gave an update on the thefts occurring in Whiteway. Seven outbuildings had been broken into, although it was not relayed what was stolen. PCSO Wood said part of the problem in the Colony was that the hedges are very high which although nice for privacy, allows thieves to be hidden in broad daylight.

Thieves have also stolen around 50% of the Cotswold stone tiles off the stable across the road from Miserden Village Hall. The owner of the stable is aware, and a police report is believed to have been filed, however PCSO Wood said there's nothing that can be done to recover the tiles as there's no way to identify them. It was suggested that anyone with historic Cotswold stone tiles on an outbuilding have security lighting or cameras to deter theft, and that cameras are the only way to identify the thieves unless a witness happens to come forward.

She urges the public to call in ANY person(s) acting suspiciously, as well as suspicious vehicles or activity. Call 999 for immediate response (i.e. activity is currently happening) or 101 to report a crime that does not need emergency response. The Council found this a source of **information**.

04.02.24 **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Cllr Ractliffe gave a brief report. Cllr Richard Dangerfield had tendered his resignation during the week prior to the meeting. Richard had served the community as councillor for six years and as such, was a valuable asset to the residents of The Camp. As the election is less than 6 months away, the Council is not allowed to co-opt anyone to fill the seat; rather it will be filled with an elected member on May 2.

05.02.24 **Clerk's Report**

Clerk Gwen Durland gave her report (appendix A)

May 2 local election process, emphasising parishioners should visit the MPC website and click on the 'Elections' button which has valuable information on registering to vote, voter ID, how to run for Parish Council and much more.

Also of note was the **report from Bisley-With-Lypiatt PC** of the illegally re-routed footpath transversing Dillay Farm reportedly done by the current owners of the farm. Additional reports of hostility and verbal abuse to walkers attempting to use the public footpath as shown on OS survey maps have been reported to Bisley-With-Lypiatt PC.

D-Day 80th anniversary, 6th June.

The Council discussed plans for D-day 80 commemorations, and it was decided that a commemorative flag be purchased and flown near the war memorial and raised at 9am on 6th June. Other community events will be decided upon at a later meeting.

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| | <p>Bank Balance as of 27 February: Current Account £9,103.90 Savings Account £5,100.73 Cheque 500741 £712.00 (Staff costs) The Council received the report as a source of information and approved expenditures. Actions: Warden Mann to contact the Warden for this area and relay information for investigation. Clerk to report issue with Highways for investigation and report back to Bisley-With-Lypiatt. Clerk to purchase D-Day 80 flag and pole.</p> |
| <p>06.02.24</p> | <p>Stroud District Council Report District Cllr Julie Job gave her report on SDC activities. SDC had just held the budget meeting on 26.2.24. Of note, a motion was put forward to increase the planning department budget, it was voted down. They agreed an overall tax increase of 4.99% for fiscal year 2024-25, which was mentioned to be much less than most district councils nationwide. Work will be continuing in Stratford Park. Highways is aware of the perpetual road problems on Stratford road, due to the natural spring running under the road. Highways currently investigating what can be done to alleviate this recurring problem, but in the meantime will continue to patch as necessary to keep the road open as much as possible. MPC were sad to hear that Cllr Job will not be standing for District Council in the upcoming election, as she has been a helpful and trustworthy mentor and friend to the Council for many years.</p> |
| <p>07.02.24</p> | <p>Cotswold Voluntary Warden Report Warden Nick Mann was pleased to report prior footpath problems have now been sorted and nothing new to report. The Council found this to be a sign of information and assurance.</p> |
| <p>08.02.24</p> | <p>Parish Post Update Parish Post Editor David Harris was present to appeal for more articles and content writers to come forward for the magazine. He also informed the Council that copies of the Parish Post have been submitted each quarter (digitally) to the British Library. The Council received this as a source of information. Actions: Cllr Allin to contact Gloucestershire Archives to see if digital copies of the Parish Post can be archived for historical purposes. Clerk to set up Dave Harris with access to MPC cloud storage.</p> |
| <p>09.02.24</p> | <p>Any other business Formation of community speed watch/road safety group was suggested. Action: Clerk to research speed gun hire and provide community consultation on speed safety measures.</p> |
| <p>10.02.24</p> | <p>Chairman Cllr Ractliffe adjourned meeting at 21:19. Next meeting to be held March 26 2024 at 7:30pm in Miserden Village Hall.</p> |

Signed by Chairman as a true and accurate account of the meeting: