

MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of **Miserden Parish Council** held on **Thursday 23rd June 2016**

- 06.16.01 **Present** : Councillors : Martin Ractliffe (Chair), Stephen Pritchard, Gideon Duberley, Jo Tait
Attending : Bob Reade, Sheila Ely, Julie Job
- 06.16.02 **Apologies** received : Cllr Russ Coles-Jones, Nigel Cooper
- 06.16.03 **Declarations of Interest** :- None
- 06.16.04 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 26th May 2016 were approved and signed as correct by the Chair.
- 06.16.05 **Matters Arising** - None
- 06.16.06 **Clerk's Report.**
Cllr Job reported that she was now a member of the Housing Committee of Stroud District Council.
Councillor Bullingham had submitted a report on Glos C.C. matters.
- 06.16.07 **Planning** :- The Clerk was asked to contact SDC concerning the planning position of a barn at Camp Farm.
- 06.16.08 **VETS**
The Clerk reported that he was awaiting contact from the Whiteway residents representative.
- 06.16.09 **Whiteway Colony Hall.**

Jo Tait and Sheila Ely explained the current position regarding works required to repair the Colony Hall. Estimates had been prepared totalling in excess of £20,000 for various repairs and adaptations. The Hall committee were seeking funding for the works. Sheila explained the current position regarding use of the hall which restricted hiring to members of the Colony. This restriction had a limiting effect on the ability to raise revenue. It was felt by Councillors that powers for the Parish Council to assist in funding the works would require that the Hall be available for general use.

It was resolved that the Hall committee be informed that funding may be available subject to the Hall being available for general use.
- 06.16.10 **Bushey Beeches parking.**
In accordance with Minute 05.16.09 a letter had been sent to SDC. A reply is awaited..
- 06.16.11 **Camp notice board.**
Quotations of £576.07 & £455.75 had been received from N. D. Brunson for new notice boards for Camp and Whiteway. It was resolved to accept the quotations.
- 06.16.12 **Councillor numbers**
SDC had advised that, to increase the number of Parish Councillors, a formal request would be required which would be unlikely to be granted in view of the community governance review which is to be carried out by SDC in 2017. It would be possible to require SDC to review the position if a petition signed by 50% of the electorate was produced.

It was resolved that no further action be taken pending the 2017 review and that SDC be contacted nearer the time.

06.16.13 Accounts

The following cheques were signed :- HMRC £46.95, in2print £431.00, CPRE £60.00, Stroud District Council £150.00, GWT £60.00, Miserden Village Hall £128.00.

06.16.14 Financial Position

The clerk provided a statement showing funds in hand of £ 17,120.98.

06.16.15 Web Site

The Clerk gave an update on the new web site which is now completed in draft form. Biographies were awaited from three Cllrs.

06.16.16 Wildlife survey.

Cllr Pritchard reported that work being carried out by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust could be extended to the Miserden Estate which would provide the survey information.

06.16.17 Litter

The Chairman reported that there was a regular litter problem near Bunnage Farm. Cllr Job offered to contact the relevant environment officer at SDC to deal with the problem.

It was also resolved to raise the general issue of litter in the next edition of the Parish Post.

06.16.18 Bus Services

A letter had been sent to Cotswold Green regarding the future of local services. A reply is awaited.

06.16.19 Library grant funding request.

A request was received from the Community Library for a contribution to the costs of £824 incurred in relocating the library. Councillors requested that clarification be sought on the accounts and the amount requested from the Parish Council.

It was resolved that :-

The Parish Council should fund the annual rent of the Library and the cost of volunteers insurance -£520.00.

Further information be requested on relocation costs.

06.16.20 Items for Agenda – next meeting

- Bushey Beeches parking
- Wildlife survey
- Camp Notice Board
- Litter
- Bus Services

06.16.21 Date of next meeting

Thursday 28th July 2016 at Miserden Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm