

MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of **Miserden Parish Council** held on **Thursday 26th January 2017**

01.17.01 **Present** : Councillors : Martin Ractliffe (Chair), Russ Coles-Jones (Vice Chair) , Gideon Duberley

Attending : Mandy Reade, Sally Ware, Sandra Mogg, John Cobb

01.17.02 **Apologies** received : Cllrs Jo Tait, Steve Pritchard, Julie Job, Nigel Cooper.

01.17.03 **Declarations of Interest** :- None

01.17.04 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 22nd December 2016 were approved and signed as correct by the Chair.

01.17.05 **Planning** :- No applications received

01.17.06 **Gigaclear – complaints.**

A letter had been sent to Gigaclear in accordance with Minute 12.16.06. and a preliminary response received. A further communication is expected from the local delivery manager. Giga clear were apologetic and wish to hear directly from aggrieved individuals. Details of how to contact Gigaclear would be circulated to complainants.

01.17.07 **Clerk's Report.**

The neighbourhood warden had submitted a report on her activities which included two foot patrols in the Parish during November.

The Community Safety Group had provided details of meeting dates which will be put on notice boards.

The Chair updated on a meeting that he and the clerk had attended recently at Stroud DC where they learnt about the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Council's financial position.

01.17.08 **Bushey Beeches parking.**

The Chairman reported that a local solution to the parking problems had now been achieved and the subject is now closed.

01.17.09 **Financial Position & Budget 2017/18**

The Clerk had circulated a report on the current financial position and a proposed budget for 2017/18. The report was accepted and it was resolved that the Parish precept for 2017/18 be set at £9900, a rise of 1%.

01.17.10 **Funding requests**

The School Governors has requested a contribution towards the provision of facilities such as the Forest School. It was resolved that a contribution of £3400 be made.

A grant of £50 to the Stroud Valleys Project was also approved.

A request for funding for improvements to the Village Hall will be considered in next financial year.

01.17.11 **Accounts**

The following cheques were signed :- Miserden Village Hall £112.00, R. J. Reade (Clerk's

expenses) £384.21, Miserden Parish Community Library £348.00

01.17.12 Web Site

Members considered what additional content was needed and GD and RCJ agreed to remind the school that the Parish website can be used to publicise forthcoming events.

MR has been compiling information from local businesses to go on the directory and will forward this for adding.

01.17.13 Traffic Speeding

Sandra Mogg and Steve Pritchard had both communicated concerns regarding speeding in Miserden Village and Camp. It was agreed to ask Carol Novoth to arrange for a speed survey in both locations, (around the school area for Miserden). It was also agreed to explore the possibility of borrowing a speed gun from Painswick parish and both Sandra Mogg and Sally Ware volunteered to assist with this alternative survey.

01.17.14 Road Cleaning

An area of road opposite the church had become muddy and slippery and it was agreed to ask the County Council to send the road cleaner.

01.17.15 Wildlife Survey

GCER had agreed to undertake Phase 1 of the project (parish mapping) and hoped to complete the work by 31st January.

01.17.16 Litter and Salt Bins

Cllr Duberley had discussed with the Estate the location of a litter bin at the entrance to the park and will provide details of the agreed siting.

John Cobb raised concerns over the recent icy road near the shop and school and had personally observed a number of people falling over. It was agreed that MR would consult the estate with regard to siting a salt bin outside the entrance to the Village Hall. It was also suggested that two blue bins would benefit Wishanger one on each hill either side of the hamlet.

01.17.17 Items for Agenda – next meeting

- Wildlife survey
- Litter Bins
- Website update

01.17.18 Date of next meeting

Thursday 23rd February 2017 at Miserden Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm