

MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Miserden Parish Council

Held January 26, 2021 via Zoom video conferencing

01.21.01	<p>Present: Councillors Martin Ractliffe, Russ Coles-Jones, Richard Dangerfield, Kevin Allin, Gideon Duberly, Julie Job (District Councillor), clerk Gwen Pearshouse, Whiteway resident Kirsty Edwards</p>
01.21.02	<p>November minutes approved.</p>
01.21.03	<p>Kirsty Edwards attended the meeting to express concerns on behalf of the residents of Whiteway, which at that date, 111 residents had signed a petition for urgent measures to be taken to improve road safety and to reduce speeding through the colony. Residents have reported observed (estimated) 40-50mph traffic in the 30mph colony zone at all times of the day.</p> <p>As there is no pavement or separated pathway for pedestrians through the length of the colony, this presents a danger to children attempting to walk to park or friends' houses, dog walkers, parents with prams and buggies, the elderly, as well as those out for exercise. There are no alternate pathways for pedestrians.</p> <p>Ms Edwards made a general suggestion for a speed measuring/radar sign but had not obtained quotes at that time. The council agreed this problem is of prime urgency and asked Ms Edwards for her continued assistance within the community to gather volunteers for future road safety awareness and action in the community. Ms Edwards also said she would gather more information on costs of potential speed reduction measures and present them to the council as soon as possible for approval and to formulate an action plan.</p> <p>The council voted unanimously in support of speed reduction measures.</p> <p><i>Note: An application has since been made to Gloucestershire Speed Watch for the Miserden Parish to be on the lending list of speed/radar guns.</i></p>
01.21.04	<p>A circular by the name of 'Miserden Next Door' had been received in the parish community, causing some concern as to the purpose of the circular, and what the producers intended to do with the information gathered from residents. Some residents had already signed up to this online, whilst others disregarded the notice. It was pointed out that the name signed as "a Miserden/Camp/Wishanger/Whiteway/Sudgrove resident" was not actually anyone known to anyone else in the parish, therefore, was deemed to be a means to obtain names and phone numbers/addresses for marketing purposes.</p>
01.21.05	<p>The annual budget was reviewed and after a few clarifications was approved. The precept was subsequently submitted to Stroud District Council.</p> <p>Among the special projects MPC approved for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteway speed control • Whiteway bus shelter refurbishment • Defibrillator kiosk renovation in Miserden, Camp and Whiteway <p><i>Note: Richard has obtained quote for £600 for the three kiosks plus £75 for potential extra materials. This amount was approved in the budget.</i></p> <p>A suggestion was put forth for a community recycling collection point for items not collected kerbside by the SDC. It was mentioned that Miserden has previously had such a recycling point, but the community and/or visitors frequently abused the site, using it for fly tipping or non-recyclable items. The suggestion was therefore tabled for the 2021 budget.</p>
01.21.06	<p>Julie Job mentioned a community funding lottery called Lucky Severn Community Lottery, where proceeds go to community projects. It was suggested the MPC investigate this as a possible source of funding to help the speed reduction project.</p>
01.21.07	<p>Next meeting to be held via Zoom Tuesday, February 23rd.</p>