

MISERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Miserden Parish Council held on October 26th, 2020

*Present: Parish Councillors Martin Ractliffe, Gideon Duberley, Richard Dangerfield,
Stroud District Councillor Julie Job.*

Attending: Parish Clerk Gwen Pearshouse.

Apologies: Councillors Russ Coles Jones, Kevin Allen

The meeting was quorate.

- Minutes were approved from the last regular council meeting, January 2020.
- As the council had not been able to meet regularly given current circumstances with the global coronavirus pandemic, the last nine months were discussed, with particular attention to the lockdown months.

Sudgrove: Martin. No community hardships related to coronavirus were reported, however the self-catering cottages experienced sharply increased cancellations, therefore revenue was greatly impacted. The government business grant helped keep them going.

Miserden, Whiteway and Wishanger: Gideon. No pandemic-related hardships or economic distress reported.

The Miserden community rallied around one another, Jon and Laura in the Village Shop went above and beyond during lockdown, and neighbours shared food and supplies with other neighbours.

The community kept in contact via a WhatsApp group, which is still in use.

Parking from visitors (both walkers and pub patrons) continues to be problematic at key times, with the largest problem occurring directly around pub.

Action: Martin to contact Estate to enquire about field near boiler as possible site for overflow public/visitor parking.

The Camp-Richard. No known pandemic-related economic hardships.

- The February 2020 meeting was cancelled.
March saw the beginning of the coronavirus hitting UK shores. No meeting due to problem with previous parish clerk and subsequent departure, as well as larger issue of national lock down.
- The PC officers met in July to interview and appoint new parish clerk, Gwen Pearshouse, motion approved.
- No meeting in August or September.
October meeting held online via Zoom with relative success.

Notice board- The Golden Jubilee notice board on the village tree recently became unfastened and fell. Martin has taken board home and is repairing the board and will re-hang in due course.

The defibrillator kiosk in The Camp is in a state of great disrepair. Hinges need oiling, possible re-hanging of the door, plus plant overgrowth removal, and red phone box needs repainting. A call for volunteers to repair and refurbish the box will be made to the community via the Parish Post in the next issue as well as on the Facebook page.

Action: Richard will speak to neighbours next to kiosk and ask them to place their bins in another area so as to keep the kiosk readily available for use.

A proposed reduction of speed limit in Wishanger has been made. Local police are behind such a change and are happy to be involved. Cost of such a change to be investigated and reported back to PC. Bob Reede has volunteered to investigate further.

Mobile Police station to be open in school car park on Thursday 29th October.

Action: Gwen to inform Miserden WhatsApp group.

Defibrillators

All three defibrillators are now non-functioning. Martin has been in contact with a serviceman from Pershore who can provide inspection, servicing and materials to get machines into working order. Council approved the spending of £99 call-out fee plus £60 per machine service inspection. New batteries and pads for machines will be an extra cost.

Action: Martin to instruct serviceman to begin upgrade/repair work.

Planning permission for Lypiatt Cottage extension is underway. Cottage has been observed to have new roof tiles sympathetic in style, and new windows throughout. Quality re-pointing of cottage reported to have taken place no more than four years ago.

There is a public right of way through the property, and it has been noted that tradesman vehicles frequently are parked in such a way as to block this right of way.

Action: Gideon to speak to residents by October 31st to see if anything can be done during the extension building period so public right of way is not blocked.

Council voted to support planning permission application.

Planning permission of a detached garage at Bunnage Farm has been rejected and subsequently appealed. This appeal has since been dismissed as proposed building is situated too far from original house.

Accounts:

Zoom 1 year subscription for council meetings approved at £143.88. (G Pearshouse)

PC Bank Account

New Community Account to be applied for with Barclay's Bank. This account will provide the council with online banking capabilities, debit cards for expenses and electronic signatory approval in addition to cheques.

Current account at the Co-Op to be closed upon successful transfer to Barclay's.

Council voted to progress.

Action: Martin and Russ to contact Barclay's and apply for Community Account.

AOB:

Julie Job from Stroud District Council gave COVID updates in the community.

There will be a public consultation from now until December 16th 2020 identifying locations for affordable housing.

The SDC has funds for fuel poverty grants to include energy upgrades on properties identified in need.

Remembrance Sunday will go ahead this year, adhering to the UK government's Rule of Six guidelines.

Rough sleepers in Stroud and surrounding communities have all been found accommodation through March 2021.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, November 23, 2020, 7:30pm via Zoom.

ACTION ITEMS

<i>Action:</i>	<i>Owner:</i>
Contact Estate to enquire about field near boiler as possible site for overflow public parking.	Martin
Speak to neighbours next to kiosk and ask them to place their bins in another area so as to keep the kiosk readily available for use.	Richard
Speak to residents by October 31 st to see if anything can be done during the extension building period so public right of way is not blocked.	Gideon
Update residents on mobile police unit via social media	Gwen
Instruct serviceman to begin upgrade/repair work on defibrillators.	Martin
Contact Barclay's and apply for Community Account	Martin/Russ