

# Maugersbury Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Maugersbury Parish Council Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Oddington Village Hall

1. **Present:** Cllr Fisher (Chair), Cllr Webb, Cllr Totham, Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Russell, Anna Arnell (Clerk) and 12 members of the public.  
**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Simon Meyrick.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Bartlett and Russell declared interests in planning items on the agenda.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (copy available) were approved as a correct record by all present and signed by Cllr Fisher.
4. **Matters Arising:**

Gigaclear: The Clerk reported that the Gigaclear website lists the Maugersbury postcodes as part of ongoing works, however no-one is aware of any work and no-one from Gigaclear has been in touch for a walk round as they had said they would prior to work starting. **Action: Clerk to chase up and clarify if works are taking place and if so, what these works are.**

20 is plenty: Bob Skillern has said that he has the signs in his office. **Action: David to chase up.**

Village light: Have checked ownership of the light and it is not with Gloucestershire Highways so they can take no action. Believed to be owned by the house it is attached to.
5. **Councillors Reports:** No District and County Councillors were present and there were no reports. Cllr Fisher reported that the new District Councillor had sadly been taken ill with leukemia.
6. **Gypsy Gathering:**
  - a) Cllr Russell reported that the October fair was quiet with a reduced number of caravans and stalls and the usual number of shops open (40-42):

	Caravans	Stalls
May 2015	60	100
October 2015	23	107
May 2016	50	96
October 2015	25	75

There were no WCs on the field. The caravans arrived on Thursday and were gone by Sunday. Most of the horse trading was done on Wednesday and they then left, so numbers fluctuated over the week.
  - b) Cllr Fisher reported that after the October meeting he emailed the village asking for volunteers to go onto the Silver Group and Archie Thomas kindly put himself forward. The first Silver Group meeting for a year was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and both Archie and Cllr Russell attended - full minutes for this meeting are available on request. **Action: Cllr Fisher proposed to email Clare Lock to confirm that CDC are speaking to the gypsies about early occupation of the field, to the owner about the need for WCs as well as to the RSPCA about pony racing and dog welfare.**

A member of the public asked how straightforward an injunction would be, whether one had been drafted already as a contingency and if it took into account action outside the working week e.g. Saturday afternoon. **Action: Cllr Fisher to ask for a report from Clare Lock for the next meeting in March.**

It was noted that the field is currently for sale.
7. **Village Environment:**
  - a) Cllr Bartlett reported that the Lengthsman scheme has been very successful. This scheme involves two workmen who are able to carry out small works such as e.g. straightening signs, tidying paths, filling small holes. In November they visited the village and dug out the drains. They also rounded the granite setts opposite Rock House in Chapel Street.

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They are due to come back the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. **Action: To submit a list of works to Cllr Nigel Moor including reducing the granite setts in Maugersbury Road (opposite the telephone box), dig out drains in Pound Lane, remove self seeded elders and tidy trees up the Maugersbury Road and remove brambles on the Maugersbury Road that obscure the view.**

It was noted that Stow TC employed two people to blow leaves off the path and dig out the path from the parish boundary to the vets surgery but the job was done too early in the year before all the leaves had fallen and the road sweeper didn't come for weeks to remove the leaves.

- b) David reported that the agreed works had been carried out to the Pound Lane and the Maugersbury Road, using the grant from Cllr Moor. The widening of the road has been effective, although it is now under leaves. The contractors had kept within budget by including a discount. The Pound Lane work should settle soon and look natural, there are a couple of overhanging trees that still need work at some point in the future. Cllr Bartlett reported that house owners have been hard at work and the hedges have been cut back around Rock House and brambles cleared from over the path. Cllr Fisher commented on how successful the Lenthsmen scheme had been and in addition thanked David for the work he had put in arranging and overseeing the contractor.
- c) Verge maintenance discussion to be deferred to March meeting

## 8. Planning:

### a) To consider current planning applications:

16/02414/FUL: Crescent Hill, Maugersbury: This application is still in process. The new owners are asking for changes to the existing planning consent. MPC commented on their first set of drawings that they would like to see a decrease in the glazing and the new drawings seem to have reduced the glazing.

16/03116/LBC & 16/03116/FUL: Park House, Maugersbury: The application to reroute the access to the Manor is going to committee on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This application is supported by MPC.

16/04492/FUL: The Lodge, Maugersbury: MPC commented that they had no objection to the application to install roof lights.

16/04489/LBC & 16/04489/FUL: Maugersbury Manor, Maugersbury: The PC have no objection to the change of use from flats to private dwelling, single storey extension, some work to internal walls and re-roofing reusing existing tiles where possible. However the proposed increase in external wall height and solid gates do not seem to be in keeping with the village and surroundings.

### b) Decisions have been received for the following planning applications:

As per attached planning register.

### c) To discuss the traffic management at Tall Trees:

As Cllr Moor was not present at the meeting it was decided to defer discussion of the access and management of traffic at the proposed site of the new doctors' surgery to the next meeting.

- 9. **Defibrillator:** Cllr Webb reported that additional training had taken place in October and that further training would take place in 2017 as there is an annual training requirement. However, it was noted that this does not mean that the defibrillator cannot be used unless you have attended the training as the defibrillator will 'talk' a user through the process. The circuit board has been repaired as part of the ongoing maintenance. Weekly and monthly checks must be carried out to keep the defibrillator in good working order and so that South West Ambulances will log it on their map of active machines. Jill offered to help with weekly checks. **Action: Resend the list of people who have attended the training sessions. Ask for more volunteers to help with weekly/monthly checks.**

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## 10. Finance (Cllr Webb):

- a) Payments were approved as per the payment schedule (copy available) with the addition of the BA Hull invoice which was presented at the meeting.
- b) The draft 2017/18 budget was discussed and approved with an increase in spend for burial board contributions, grass maintenance and meeting room hire and with tight controls on areas such as Clerk's expenses, councilor training and insurance. The Clerk noted that she had rearranged some items of expenditure to make the spreadsheet easier to understand but that this did not affect the budget.
- c) The 2017/18 precept was discussed and it was agreed that due to the above increases budget and despite tight controls in other areas, the precept needed to be increased by £100 taking it to £3,200.

**11. Village Fund:** There were no proposals for use of Village Fund.

**12. Parish Clerk:** The advert to fill the vacancy for a Parish Clerk had been emailed to local Parish and Town Councils without any response. **Action: Clerk to contact GAPTC to distribute the advert more widely.**

**13. Correspondence for information:** The Clerk will forward the email from Sophie Williams about the doctors' surgery to the village distribution list.

**14. Date of next meetings:** The date for the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The meeting concluded at 7.50.

Signed

On behalf of Maugersbury Parish Council

Date: