

SLB was to attend the Pershore Area Forum at Bishampton V.H. on 16/9.

No one wished to attend the opening of the Green Wood Sure Start Children's Centre on 1/10

c) Inclusion of specific items on a future agenda. Parish Plan.

**2010.110 Inclusion of items in the Parish Magazine.**

Items to be included this month included Parish Plan (a brief taster), bulb planting, Old Road speeding/children at risk, DFS on B4084.

**2010.111 Correspondence.**

A note of correspondence received had been periodically sent out to Members under the "Clerk's Digest" since the last meeting. The clerk reported a newly advised WDC - standards Committee meeting on 15/9/2010.

**2010.112 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Whittington Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 21:35 hrs.**

The Clerk sought guidance regarding purchase of signage it was agreed (MB/SM) unanimously to purchase a new 3M DFS and not to proceed with the purchase of the Westcotec sign from Hallow P.C.

**New Matters:**

Following discussion with Pc Wood regarding Newbury Coaches use of Old Road as a pick up point the clerk was instructed to write to Newbury Coaches to seek to minimise the road safety risk.

SLB reported that following closure of the Swan pending refurbishment work, frustrated customers were speeding along Old Road to turn at the hammerhead putting children playing outside their houses at risk.

Confrontations between concerned residents and drivers had already occurred. It was agreed (SLB/SM) to ask Pc Wood to look into this and take appropriate action.

In the light of the dissatisfaction with the attitude displayed by the Highway Authority in the responses outlined above, the Clerk was asked to seek a meeting for Councillors with County Councillor D. Prodger who was the responsible portfolio holder. Councillor R. Adams was asked to attend.

**b. Byways Matters:**

General:

Members were supplied with contact details of the PPW. AL was to contact him to try to establish dialogue.

Bridleways: None

Footpaths: None

**2010.103 Training.**

It was agreed that a further in house training session would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October following any extra meeting of the Council or otherwise at 7:30 p.m. at the Chairman's house.

**2010.104 Bulb Planting**

It was agreed (MH/SM) to purchase 200 daffodil bulbs at a cost of approx £20, to be planted by S. Gwilliam. The Clerk was to make appropriate arrangements.

**2010.105 Local Referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases.**

Members noted Central Government Proposals in this connection and were supplied with a copy of the Worcestershire CALC response.

**2010.106 Parish Plan.**

After lengthy discussion it was agreed to pursue the development of a Whittington Parish Plan inviting public participation, the extent of which would dictate whether the development of a Plan proceeded. It was agreed that the Clerk would collate submissions to be sent to him by Councillors to produce a flyer to invite public involvement which would be essential to the process, with a view to arranging a public meeting possibly involving input from Whittington School to engage parents.

**2010.107 District and County Councillors' Report – For Information.**

County and District Councillor Adams welcomed WPC (SLB) attendance at the Pershore area Forum on 16/9/2010. He reported that budget cuts of up to 25% over the next 4 years were now being contemplated. Health services in the County would be reviewed under the terms of central Government's proposals.

He noted the concerns re glass emissions on the B4084 from lorries attending the Envirosort facility, indicating that this could also be addressed at a meeting of the liaison group in early October.

He reported changes & proposals for changes of occupation in the premises neighbouring the Envirosort facility including the Gypsum recycling operation (understood awaiting environmental approvals), a training centre, a transport depot, and a go-karting operation (planning application pending).

WDC had responded to consultation on Council Tax referendums including its opposition to proposals for these measures to be applied to Parish Councils.

**2010.108 Police Report - For Information.**

Pc Wood reported that there had been two (targeted) instances of criminal damage and one assault in the last two months. Pcs Ben Allchurch was expected to replace pcs Fogwill soon. He was transferring from Redditch and would work with Pc wood in a (to him) new (rural) scenario. He had undertaken two "highly visible" surveys on the B4084 recording speeds in the low 40's, he anticipated higher speeds from two planned "covert" surveys to be undertaken soon.

Questioned regarding the Newbury Coaches pick up in Whittington he advised that the Council contact Newbury Coaches to improve the situation. (See 2010.102 above)

**2010.109 Reports by Councillors, and Items for Future Agendas.**

a) Reports of Committees and Working Groups and of Councillors representing the Council on outside bodies, to ask relevant questions, and to consider appropriate action.

Envirosort Site, Norton (CMRF) Liaison Group: The Chairman reported further on problems of glass and waste emission from lorries attending the Envirosort facility which would be taken up at the planned meeting in early October.

West Wychavon PACT: M. Baker reported that it appeared from a lack of recurrence some success had been achieved in controlling the motorcycling on Spetchley estates land following confiscation of one motor cycle.

Worcestershire CALC: A. Lodge reported that she had been unable to attend the last Area Committee Meeting, but that she continued to receive a plethora of uninspiring e-mails from CALC.

b) Reports of Councillors on other matters.

Despite the Clerk making reservations no Councillor had been able to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Councils' Conference @ County Hall last week.

b. Other Matters: None.

#### **2010.101 Finance.**

The Clerk reported as follows: -

- a. Receipts: WCC re. Lengthsman, July 2010 - £138.60. HSBC Interest c22p/month  
b. Payments: Payment of invoices and requests for payment as follows was agreed (AL/MB) unanimously: -

<b>Expenditures: 14/09/2010</b>	Date of invoice	VAT No	Net	Gross
S. Gwilliam - Lengthsman Services for July 2010 (paid)	26/07/2010		£132.00	£132.00
S. Gwilliam - Litterpicking Services for July 2010 (paid)	29/07/2010		£35.00	£35.00
S. Gwilliam - Lengthsman Services for August 2010	23/08/2010		£176.00	£176.00
S. Gwilliam - Litterpicking Services for August 2010	26/08/2010		£35.00	£35.00
Clement Keys Audit 2009-2010 Fee	30/07/2010	650 3560 58	£120.00	£141.00
P.S. Roe - Reimburse registration fee under DP Act			£35.00	£35.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 533.00</b>	<b>£ 554.00</b>

- c. Proposals for Expenditure. To consider proposals for expenditure.  
i) Budgeted expenditure: Members approved (MB/SM) a grant of £150 to the Church (Whittington DCC) for graveyard maintenance.  
ii) Other expenditure: None.  
d. External Audit - Year ending 31/3/2010: The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed and a "formal" "unqualified opinion" given. However Auditors did make note re the late completion of the review of effectiveness of the Council's Internal Audit arrangement. It was agreed to undertake this review in October, AL to contact the Clerk to arrange.  
e. Items for inclusion in the Budget. The Clerk (as RFO) sought Councillors' ideas on next year's income and expenditures so that he might compile the budget, and was given some ideas of expectations. Members were to advise any afterthoughts direct to the Clerk.  
f. Bank Mandate. The Clerk advised of problems with HSBC putting the mandate into effect and requested signature of a new mandate form. Members saw no problem with this and the Chairman signed the form.

#### **2010.102 Highways & Byways.**

##### **a. Highways Matters:**

General: None

M5 Noise: The Clerk reported ongoing correspondence with P. Luff M.P. who seemed disinclined to pursue the matter.

##### Maintenance:

Works for the Lengthsman: None specifically proposed.

Previous Matters: The Clerk reported on various matters regarding which he had had a response from WCC as follows:

- Roundabout Swinesherd Way/Whittington Road: Armco-style crash barriers would not be considered for the area next to the roundabout, the existing pedestrian railings being considered adequate. SLB felt this response was inadequate and suggested further pressure be applied, supplying data obtained from West Mercia Police under the FoI Act.
- Drainage issues at Walkers Lane/Swinesherd Way junction: The area was inspected and no major issues were observed. The Council was asked if there continued to be a problem at this location. SM thought not, but the situation would be monitored in the future.
- Sunken Drains - Church Lane: These had not been dealt with (2 outside "Bredon", 1 opposite drive to "Goldcliffe").
- Poles for DFS/VAS: Under investigation.
- Filling of Grit Bins: Programmed.
- Flooding near Wychwood, Pershore Road: The area of the B4084 outside the property would be inspected further.
- Glass on B4084, carriageway and footway: The glass spillages on the carriageway had been swept and a two weekly sweeping schedule instituted.

New Matters:

The shrub outside the Old Coach House was again obstructing visibility on Church Lane. The Clerk was to write to the owner.

##### Traffic Management:

Previous Matters: The Clerk reported on two matters regarding which he had had a response from WCC as follows:

- Improvement of signing of Walkers Lane on Swinesherd Way: This would be assessed as part of the Speed Limit Review, and further information would be provided in future.
- Whittington Road: The 40mph repeater signs were looked at and the distribution of the existing ones was considered adequate. This was disputed by SLB

Speeding: The Clerk reported having attended a meeting at County Hall where it had been agreed that DFS/VAS had been approved for use on Pershore Road. WCC were to provide pole extensions as appropriate. DFS/VAS were not acceptable on Church Lane. It was suggested that the Council consider an alternative approach such as seeking a reduced speed limit (20 m.p.h.) Members agreed (MB/AL) - the Clerk was to write.

At a Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held at Whittington Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010, at 19.30 Hrs.

**Democratic Period/ Question Time:** No members of the public were present.

**2010.95 Attendance.**

Present: M. Baker, S.L. Brooker, M. Hallmark (possibly late), N. Hodgetts, A. Lodge, S. MacLeod.  
In Attendance: P.S. Roe, Clerk; District & County Councillor R.C. Adams, p.c. Sean Woods.

**2010.96 Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy.**

No nominations were received. Members undertook more actively to encourage potential candidates

**2010.97 Declarations of Interest and Ethical Matters.**

- a. There were no declarations of Personal (non prejudicial) Interests in items on this Agenda.
- b. There were no declarations of Prejudicial Interests in items on this Agenda.
- c. Ethical Matters. Members were reminded of the need to keep their Register of Interest entries up to date, and that this was their personal responsibility.

**2010.98 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010, having been previously distributed, were taken as read, and were adopted (AL/MH) without amendment.

**2010.99 Planning.**

a. New and Unresolved Planning Applications:

**Application Number:** W/10/01704/AA

**Applicant:** Vets Now Ltd

**Location:** Seven Acres, Whittington Road, Whittington, Worcester, WR5 2RA

**Proposal:** Erecting a double sided freestanding sign with 2 poles (with new foundations) to include Brentknoll Vets signage along about 10cm. it will be a pole and panel system

**Case Officer:** David Addison

**Decision Level:** Delegated

**WPC Response:** Members had no objection to the proposal.

At this point Pc Wood arrived and the Chairman took item 2010.108 to allow him to return to active duty. The item is minuted in numerical sequence.

**Application Number:** W/10/02015/LUE

**Applicant:** Mr P Price

**Location:** Elms Farm, Walkers Lane, Whittington, Worcester, WR5 2RE

**Proposal:** Lawful Use Existing: application for removal of agricultural occupancy condition on planning permission W/84/1271.

**Case Officer:** Emma Worley

**Decision Level:** Delegated

**WPC Response:** Members had no objection to the application.

b. Previous consultations. Members noted the following applications previously considered and the Council's response.

**Application Number:** W/10/01433/PP

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Smith

**Location:** Bank Cottage, Old Road, Whittington WR5 2RL

**Proposal:** Two rear ground floor extensions and first floor "in-fill" extension.

**Case Officer:** Anna Thompson

**WPC Response:** No comment or objection (4/8/2010)

c. Planning Decisions: The following Planning decisions and Appeal decisions were reported.

Applications W/10/01246 PP & W/10/01247LB: Extension to existing house to provide shared and separate facilities for elderly relatives. Demolition of existing prefabricated triple garage. The Elms, Walkers Lane, Whittington; Mr & Mrs Guy. Both applications approved STC. (Both: time, materials. W/10/01246 PP only: use of garage and extension, fenestration)

Application W/10/01442/PP: single storey rear extension; Goldcliffe, Church Lane, Whittington; M. Rogers. Approved STC (time, materials).

**Application W/10/01433/PP:** Two rear ground floor extensions and first floor 'in-fill' extension; Bank Cottage, Old Road, Whittington, Worcester, WR5 2RL; Mr & Mrs Smith. Approved STC (conditions not known at present).

d. Other Planning Consultations: None

e. Other Planning Matters:

**SWJCS & Junction 6 Development:** The Clerk reported still receiving e-mails from Lyn Gorman as, it transpired, did other members.

**2010.100 Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Resolved.**

- a. Parish Tree Warden: No nominations had been received MH took the brochure as she thought she might be interested in the position.