

SLB reported on the recent Parish Forum at County Hall, noting the likely cutbacks, the changes in NHS provision in the County, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Local Transport Plan.

- c. Specific items for inclusion on a future agenda.

None

**2010.127 Inclusion of items in the Parish Magazine.**

Items to be included this month included Bulb Planting, Meeting with Highway Authority, and the Precept for 2011-2012. SLB requested that these be reported with a positive aspect as “achievements”.

**2010.128 Correspondence.**

A note of correspondence received has been periodically sent out to Members under the “Clerk’s Digest” since the last meeting.

The Clerk informed Members of the WDC Standards Committee Meeting on 10/11/2010 @ 6.15p.m.

**2010.129 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Whittington Village Hall.

**The Meeting closed at 21:12 Hrs.**

- e. Reinvestment in FT Bid dep. a/c. Members agreed (MB/NH) to “renew” the Business High Interest Dep. bond for a further 6 months.
- f. Review of effectiveness of Internal Audit Arrangements: Members unanimously approved (MB/NH) the report prepared by A. Lodge

### **2010.120 Highways & Byways.**

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

General: None.

The Chairman and S.L. Brooker reported on a positive meeting with Derek Prodger, R. Fullee, and R.C. Adams regarding the numerous outstanding Highways matters. It remained to be seen how productive the meeting might prove to be in real terms.

M5 Noise: M. Harris’ letter of 13/10 to the Droitwich Advertiser and S. Cotham’s response were noted

The Chairman also advised that the matter of traffic noise generally (including the M5) had been raised with the Highway Authority at the Meeting with D. Prodger on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Maintenance:

Works for the Lengthsman: No new items were suggested

Previous Matters:

S.L. Brooker had ascertained that the Swinesherd Way/Whittington Road roundabout had been repaired 7 times in the last 2 years. P. Wood hoped that the railings would remain if a new crash barrier was erected as they prevented children getting on to the road.

Shrub on Church Lane - The Householder had telephoned to say he had dealt with it and to complain about school parking “mayhem” & resident parking opposite.

New Matters: None

Traffic Management:

Previous Matters:

DFS - response (in the form of posts) from WCC was still awaited.

New Matters: None

#### **b. Byways Matters:**

General: It was noted that WCC were looking to a “prioritised” maintenance scheme for footpaths based on their importance to the community. It was agreed (MB/SM) that the Clerk respond in consultation with Ann Lodge and the PPW.

Bridleways: None.

Footpaths: The matter of the alleged Right of Way up Crookbarrow Hill (Whittington Tump) was again raised and the Chairman explained that the poor response to the Council’s earlier request for supporting evidence had been insufficient to justify action.

### **2010.121 Training.**

Members agreed (MB/SM) that the Clerk might attend 3 CALC “Clerks’ Gatherings” at a cost of £7.50 each

### **2010.122 Estimates, Budget, and Precept 2011-2012**

A draft set of Estimates and Draft Budget had been sent to members before the meeting. N. Hodgetts was adamant that in this time of austerity the precept should not be increased and so the provision for the Parish Plan was reduced and the amount of reserve to be withdrawn for election costs was increased requiring a net income of £6095. By unanimous agreement (NH/SLB) the precept was set at £6100 for 2011-2012.

### **2010.123 Parish Plan.**

There had been no further the developments regarding the preparation of a Whittington Parish Plan as no information had been supplied to the Clerk as previously agreed.

SLB undertook to prepare a draft questionnaire for discussion at a future meeting.

### **2010.124 District and County Councillors’ Report – For Information.**

County and District Councillor Adams was not present.

### **2010.125 Police Report - For Information.**

Pc Woods was not able to be present.

The Chairman closed the meeting temporarily to allow public comment.

S. Cottam commented on a possible Parish Plan.

The meeting was reconvened.

### **2010.126 Reports by Councillors, and Items for Future Agendas.**

a. Reports of Committees and Working Groups and of Councillors representing the Council on outside bodies.

Envirosort Site, Norton (CMRF) Liaison Group: M. Baker reported on the problems of broken glass and litter emanating from lorries attending the Norton Envirosort site, and the action being taken. Members suggested that if these measures were unsuccessful then Police enforcement re “insecure loading” might be appropriate.

West Wychavon PACT: M. Baker advised that the meeting had been postponed and would take place later this week.

Worcestershire CALC: A. Lodge being absent, no report was submitted.

b. Reports of Councillors on other matters.

**At a Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held at Whittington Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010, at 19.30 Hrs.**

**Democratic Period/ Question Time:** One Member of the Public was present and spoke regarding the School Parking situation. Discussion indicated that the problem might not be only school related, as it was suggested that persons working at Whittington Hall were also parking on Old Road/Church Lane throughout the day.

**2010.113 Attendance.**

Present: M. Baker, S.L. Brooker, N. Hodgetts, S. MacLeod.

In Attendance: P.S. Roe, Clerk.

Apologies: M. Hallmark, A. Lodge. District & County Councillor R.C. Adams.

**2010.114 Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy.**

One applicant had put his name forward as a candidate for co-option to replace R.A. Phillips, he was nominated by S.L. Brooker, seconded by N. Hodgetts and elected unopposed. He was welcomed to the Council by the Chairman, introduced to Members, signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took his seat in Council.

**2010.115 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: None.

**2010.116 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010, having been previously distributed, were taken as read, and following clarification of one minor point, were adopted (NH/MB) without amendment.

**2010.117 Planning.**

a. New and Unresolved Planning Applications: None.

b. Previous consultations: None

c. Planning Decisions: The following Planning decision was advised to the Council.

**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 Brent knoll Vets signage along about 10cm. it will be a pole and panel system

**Decision:** Approved STC (time, materials, positioning, maintenance/safety, removal, permission of owner, not to affect road signs etc.).

d. Other Planning Consultations:

**Worcestershire County Council:** Members were advised of the publication of the updated LTP3, open for consultation until 31/12/2010. Details of the Website Address were to be sent to members who were to advise the Clerk if they wished to meet in December to allow comment.

**Wychavon D.C.:** Members noted that the Wychavon DC Residential Design Guide SPD had been adopted by WDC on 7/9/2010.

e. Other Planning Matters: To consider other "Planning" related Matters reported to the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**SWDP:** The Clerk had sent an update on SWDP to Members by e-mail. The Chairman and S.L. Brooker were to attend the Briefing on 10/11/2010

**Worcestershire County Council:** The draft Waste Core Strategy had been advised to Councillors by e-mail. No comments were raised. Details of the Website Address were to be sent to members who were to advise the Clerk if they wished to comment.

**2010.118 Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Resolved.**

a. Parish Tree Warden: Despite the Clerk having enquired MH had not advised if she would be taking up the position. M. MacLeod had indicated that he might be interested and requested details.

b. Coach Pick up near "The Swan": Positive feedback had been received from Newbury Coaches and Mr & Mrs Francis of Orchard House, Walkers Lane advising that 3 of the 8 users were Whittington residents. In future the large coach would be replaced by two minibuses, only one of which would serve Whittington.

c. Other Matters: None

**2010.119 Finance.**

The Clerk reported as follows: -

a. Receipts: since the last meeting totalling £3279.61 were reported including the 2<sup>nd</sup> half precept (£3050).

b. Payments: Invoices & requests for payment totalling £357.50 were submitted for consideration and approved (MB/SM). In response to a question from NH the Clerk advised that 200 daffodil bulbs had been purchased, and would be planted by S. Gwilliam. N. Hodgetts undertook to supply an additional 200 bulbs, which offer was gratefully accepted.

c. Proposals for Expenditure. None.

d. Quarterly Accounts Report: Members approved (MB/SM) the Quarterly Accounts Report as at 30/09/2010 sent out to Members on 26/10/2010.