

Whittington Parish Council



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MINUTES of the meeting of Whittington Parish Council held on 13 January 2015 at 19.30 at Whittington Village Hall

Democratic Period/ Question Time: No members of the public addressed the Council

Agenda 01/15

1) Attendance and apologies for absence.

Those Present:

Vice Chairman: Cllr S Macleod (Chair)

Councillors: Cllr M Baker, Cllr A Guy, Cllr F Richards, Cllr P Wood, Cllr S Brooker (arrived at Item no 5)

Officers: Mrs C Chambers (Parish Clerk)

Apologies PCSO Steven Tinkler

2) Declarations of Interest and Ethical Matters.

- a To receive declarations of Personal (non prejudicial) Interests in items on this Agenda and their nature. Cllrs Richards and Guy declared an interest in Agenda item 5a as they had both made personnel objection to planning application number W/14/Q0023, Cllr Macleod declared an interest in agenda item 7 Parking as there is no off road parking at her residence.
- b To receive declarations of Prejudicial Interests in items on this Agenda and their nature. **None.**
- c Ethical Matters. **None.**

3) Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2014. been circulated to all Members with the agenda. It was moved by Cllr AG, seconded by Cllr FR and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true record.

4) Police Report - To receive the reports from West Mercia Police.

The Chairman read out an email from PCSO Steven Tinkler, he reported one crime the theft of parcel on 11/12/14.

5) New Planning Application

a. Application Number : P/14/Q0023

Applicant : St Modwen Developments

Location : Land East of Nunnery Way North of the A44

Proposal: Mixed use development including employment (B1(c), B2, B8), vehicle showroom (sui generis), and pub and restaurant uses (A3 / A4 / A5); access and car parking; landscaping; associated works (outline, including reserved matter of access).

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda the comments that were submitted to Mr Coleman of Worcester City Planning on 15 April 2014. Whittington Parish Council **RESOLVED** unanimously to object to the application and **RESOLVED** that the comments WPC had made on 15 April are still the views of the Parish and would be supported by additional objection.

6) Finance.

- a. **Receipts:** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which itemised the receipts that had been received in November and December 2014. It was **RESOLVED** that the receipts which totalled £377.10 be approved.
- b. **Payments:** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which itemised all payments that had been made in November and December 2014. It was **RESOLVED** that all payments which totalled £1,329.82 be approved.
- c. **Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2014.** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2014. **Approved.**
- d. **Proposals for expenditure:** Copies of the original Whittington Village Hall Plan £17.24 had been paid by the Clerk and requested a refund. **APPROVED.**

The Clerk had reported at the meeting that 1 of the batteries for the DFS needed to be replaced as it would no longer charge up, the Clerk had received a quote for £80.00 plus VAT for a replacement. It was **APPROVED** that the Clerk purchase a new battery for the DFS.

The Clerk had been in touch with Wychavon Planning Department she had been advised that the cost for the Re submission of old Village Hall Planning Application Fee would be £962.50, she advised that an up to date Bat survey would have to be made and advised that a fee would be payable but did not have a quote for the cost at the time of the meeting. The fee of £962.50 for the re submission of the village hall plan was **APPROVED** and the council would be advise of the cost of the Bat survey as soon as possible. The Clerk also tabled at the meeting the invoice from £176 from the Lengthsman for works completed in December 2014, which had been paid on line. **NOTED.**

E. **Precept 2015/2016. Draft Budget.** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a draft Budget or the forth coming financial year. Following discussion the Council agreed that there would be no increase in budget on last year. It was moved by Cllr Brooker, seconded by Cllr Richards and **RESOLVED** that the Budget for the forth coming year be set at £6,445 which included deduction of the support grant of £383. which would be a decrease in band D Council Tax of -1.90%. It was also **RESOLVED** that virements may be made between cost heading.

f. **The Auditors interim report.** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a copy of the interim auditor's report. It was **NOTED** that the Audit Report stated that the insurance would be reviewed at the final account stage, Cllr AG asked that the Council pay particular attention to this item at the year end.

7) Highways & Byways.

To receive reports of Highways (Roads & Pavements) & Byways (bridleways & footpaths).

a. **PUBLIC PATH ORDER PRE-ORDER CONSULTATION - WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a letter and map from Worcestershire County Council who had written to inform the Council of the proposed creation of bridleway SG-506 and WT-573 formerly footpath 3 in the parishes of St Peter the Great and Footpath 23 in the parish of Whittington. Following debate it was **RESOLVED** that the application be approved.

b. **Narrow Walk Path.** Cllr MB reported that contractors sent by WCC to fix the flooding of narrow walk had reported back to WCC and advised that path needed to be raised, and an extra drain was needed to help the drainage in the area. Cllr Adam and Cllr Baker **AGREED** to consult with WCC and Highways.

c. **Road Safety Partnership.** Cllr Brooker advised the Council of the meeting he had with David Perridge, Manager to the Road Safety Partnership (RSP), they advised him that they would restart the survey of traffic volume, speed, and accidents on Pershore Road and Swinesherd Dual Track once the Council had formally requested the survey. It was noted that RSP would do their own survey without the information from the DFS speed sign in Pershore Road. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk on behalf of the Council request the survey be carried out in Pershore Road and Swinesherd Dual Track. Cllr Adams commented that he was aware that residents were leaving the village because of the traffic, he added that he would discuss this problem with Kieran Hemstock at WCC.

d. **Village Parking** - Cllr Baker **AGREED** to write to PCSO Julie Pardo with regards to the parking in the village. Cllr Wood report that school traffic had got better now that the school hall is open earlier which allowed children into school before classes started, this had helped with the traffic flow in the morning.

f. **Public Footpath - Whittington Tump.** Cllr Wood had advised that the gate to the footpath which leads up to the Tump had been padlocked. Cllr Brooker advised that it was not an official public footpath, but advised the Council that the land owner could give permissive right of way, following discussion it was **AGREED** that Cllr Baker talk to Spetchley Estate Manger about the possibility of a permissive right of way.

8) **Training, meetings and seminars**

Meeting with Jack Hegarty Wychavon DC. The Chairman reported of the meeting with Jack Hegarty (JH) at Wychavon DC, held on 8th January 2015, which was attended by The Chairman, Cllrs Guy and Richards and the Clerk. The chairman thanked Cllr Rob Adams for his help to arrange the meeting with Jack Hegarty which was very useful and positive.

The Items discussed were:

S106/Cil - JH advised that the Parish could get enough S106 to fund a new village hall.

Parking Issues - Cllr Adams to invite Dave Hemming Road Safety Partnership to a meeting, Cllr Adams to seek advice on yellow line(s) in the village.

Nunnery Way Application P140023 - JH to advise WPC why WDC had originally objected to the plan, but had not but in an objection the revised this plan.

Late inclusion Swinesherd way in SWP housing allocation - JH up to the inspector to meet the housing numbers in SWDP, he also recommended a meeting with highway. Cllr Adams would arrange.

Worcestershire Parkway Station/Transport issues. JH noted WPC issues with highways, He advised WPC make representation to Mr Clews of SWDP, Cllrs Guy and Richards confirmed they had a 'slot' booked to address Mr Clews.

Neighbourhood Development Plan New Homes Bonus – Section 106

JH advised Neighbourhood Plans were here to stay. Cllr Macleod invited Andy Ford to address the Council.

Wychavon or Worcester City . Cllr Guy explained that he posed the question to JH in relation to what facilities parishioners get from Wychavon and asked if WPC were getting WDC support. JH would like Whittington to stay with Wychavon and understood that parishioner valued their rural identity. Chairman Cllr Macleod added that WPC were getting the tireless support from Cllr Adams, she thanked him for all his hard work and time he had given to Whittington parishioners. Cllr Adams reminded members that if Whittington moved to Worcester City Whittington would not get the money from new homes bonus to build a new village hall, that money would be allocated elsewhere. Cllr Macleod and Richards felt that the meeting was very positive.

9) Neighbourhood Development Plan – New Homes Bonus – Section 106

See agenda item 8.

10) District and County Councillors' Report . The Chairman welcomed Cllr Adams to the meeting. Cllr Adams reported that the Planning Inspectorate had dismissed the appeal to develop 4 chicken sheds by Edward Davies on land adjacent to Froghall Bungalow, Upton Snodsbury. WDC had used their 5yr land supply in appeals against development.

11) Reports by Councillors, and Items for Future Agendas.

WPC staffing Committee: The Clerk had tabled an addendum for this agenda item, she reported that at the meeting held on 13 May 2014 under agenda item no 6) Appointment/Election of Council Representative(s) to Committees for the Year 2014/2015. It was resolved that Cllr Guy be Chairman of WPC Staffing Committee and that it would be good practice to have three Members of the Council on the Staffing Committee, two further Members were required. It was proposed that the Chairman of Whittington Parish Council be Elected, plus one additional Member. Members were asked to approve the Chairman of Whittington Parish Council to sit on the Staffing Committee and to nominate an addition Member. It was moved by Cllr Guy, seconded by Cllr Wood and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Richards and the Chairman Cllr Macleod be elected to sit on the Staffing Committee.

Envirosort Site, Norton (CMRF) Liaison: Cllr Baker reported on the meeting he had attended at Envirosort. He advised that the current planning application was an internal plan to install a bottle plant in the building this would add an extra 20 lorries a day, he added that they had also applied to extend their operating hours. Envirosort advised Cllr Baker that Rubber matting would be used to

drop containers onto to lower the noise as neighbours had complained. Envirosort also agreed to sweep Woodbury Lane and roads junction 7 twice a month to alleviate broken glass. he also reported that they had installed a new fire sprinkler system. Tour of the factory is an open offer Cllr Baker to enquire about a Council tour.

West Wychavon PACT: Cllr baker reported need to the last PACT form a committee and have a manager and Chairman and secretary to liaise with new area Paul Acaster. to see if he is to take up the PACT Cllr Baker would like PACT to continue.

Worcestershire CALC: All information had been previously emailed

Whittington School: Cllr Wood reported that the School had started to open up the hall so parents can leave children this had helped with the morning traffic flow.

Whittington Village Hall: Cllr Wood Next meeting will be in end of the month.

Neighbourhood Watch: None

12) Correspondence & Council Consultation

No reports were made under this agenda item

13) IT - Facebook & Communication

No reports were made under this agenda item

14) Enhancement

No reports were made under this agenda item

15) Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be Tuesday 10th March 2015 at Whittington Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Councillor S Macleod
Chairman