



**5. Clerks Update**a) Lengthsman update

A new contract has been issued for 14 hours per month, leaving £85.00 from the allocated budget if any specific items are required to be undertaken. A discussion took place regarding whether the contract should be raised to 14.5 per month. The decision was taken to leave the contract at 14 hours but to monitor the situation and reconsider at the contract renewal date next year.

b) Sheltwood Range & Twin Oaks

Bromsgrove DC is still declining to meet with the PC as they do not see the necessity of it. Chairman Manley and Councillor A Boss have met with BDC Councillor Peter Whittaker and asked him to broker a meeting, if this fails Ruth Bamford will be contacted. If the PC do not get a response from her the Ombudsman will be consulted as the function of the PC is to make the DC aware of any issues in the Parish but BDC seem to disregard the PC. BDC have issued a 21 day enforcement order on Twin Oaks, however the PC have not been informed as to what this covers.

c) Western Power Package

The emergency Power Package received by the Clerk will be given to a member of the Village Hall Team for keeping at the Village Hall.

d) Oil Tank Thefts

Councillor A Boss has purchased a sensor which can be fitted to tanks, that sets off an alarm if the level of fuel in a tank drops in a short period of time. The Clerk will get details from Councillor Boss and issue to residents.

**6. Planning**a) Banks Green Nursery site

Nothing new to report.

d) Sheltwood Range Update

See Clerks update above.

c) Twin Oaks

See Clerks update above

d) Redditch Housing Growth

The initial hearings for the BDP and RLP4 will take place on 16th/17th June at Redditch Town Hall. Since the matters to be discussed are those concerning housing numbers and duty to co-operate, the Parish Council will not make further written or verbal representations at this stage. Cllr. Winslow will however be attending the hearings since observers are welcome.

BAAG has asked the Parish Council to discuss the possibility of a monetary contribution towards their costs regarding the use of consultants to prepare their case for the main September hearings. The consultants anticipate completing the work in June at a cost of £3150 ex. VAT. This, we understand, would leave BAAG with a shortfall of £1500. Following a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that it would be appropriate to defer decisions about a Parish Council donation to BAAG until after the Inspector has held the initial hearings and we have more information. It is hoped therefore to bring forward the next Parish Council meeting, scheduled, at present, for 15<sup>th</sup> July.

e) Dormer Plant

The owner has until the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to clear the site. Also a resident has asked the PC if it can be determined whether the Stables on this site have been built over a footpath. The Clerk would ask Councillor Sansom to check his footpath plans.

f) Kelvedon & Woodlead application

Approval has been granted for this application.

**7. Finance**

Parish Council Account Bank Balance As At (Account Number 70927848)	25.04.14	£ 11,539.18
Footpath Account Bank Balance As At (Account Number 53168980)	27.02.14	£ 1950.10

- b) The Annual Audit Form was agreed by council and signed off by the Chairman and will be posted to Grant Thornton by Clerk.

**Cheques To Be Signed At This Meeting: -**

Alan Farnsworth (Lengthsman March / April)	£359.00	Chq No: 100337
Worcestershire CALC (Clerk training)	£ 45.60	Chq No: 100338
Clerks Salary (April 2014)	£220.52	Chq No: 100339
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (April 2014)	£ 55.00	Chq No: 100340
Worcestershire CALC (Service Charge)	£149.96	Chq No: 100341
AON UK (Insurance renewal)	£351.41	Chq No: 100342
EON (telephone box)	£ 19.33	Chq No: 100343
Clerks Salary (May 2014)	£216.60	Chq No: 100344
Post Office HM Customs Clerks PAYE (May 2014)	£ 54.00	Chq No: 100345

**8. Correspondence****Incoming Mail**

BDC Planning submission documents  
 Bank Statement Barclays  
 Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc  
 AON Insurance renewal

**Outgoing Mail**

Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes)  
 Letter to BDC requesting meeting  
 Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc

**9. Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda**

Nothing to report.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 commencing at 19.30 hrs.

**Meeting Closed at 21.30 Hrs**

Signed:

Date: .....

**Cllr J Manley**  
**Chairman**