

Councillor Adams had been asked to “sign off” WCC Highways’ proposals for speed limit revisions on Pershore Road which would increase the limit to 50m.p.h. Members were incensed at this proposal and the Clerk was asked to write to Councillor Adams to provide him with information in opposition to the proposal. He undertook not to “sign off” unless that was the Parish Council’s wish - it clearly was not.

WDC was also engaged in budgeting and cost cutting.

With regard to development in the Parish near Kilbury Drive Councillor Adams believed that any “Planning Gain” under S106 agreements and any Council Tax related income resulting from Central Government contribution should be shared with the Parish Council. He took the view that although the location was actually in Whittington Parish some of the required Affordable Housing should be allocated to Worcester City applicants.

He noted the recommended approval of the Worcester Bosch (J6) planning application and to the forthcoming meeting when applications for wind farms in Wychavon would be determined.

2011.14 Police Report - For Information.

This item was taken earlier in the agenda but is reported here for reasons of continuity.

P.c. Wood reported that the major problem was the theft of diesel and heating oil from tanks, and he enjoined people to exercise increased vigilance and employ improved security. Security advice (and possibly equipment) was available from the police.

Two crimes (both domestic related) had been reported in Whittington since 1/11/2010.

He sought suggestions for the use of the Community Safety Budget (approx. £500 was thought to remain) before the end of the financial year.

He noted concerns about parking near the sharp bend in Church Lane and would ask pcso Ben Allchurch to look into this.

He would be heavily engaged with a trial in February and March and apologised in advance for his non-availability.

The Clerk hoped he would be able to attend the Parish Meeting on 26th April, he expected to be able to do so.

2011.15 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: M. Baker reported continuing problems with glass emanating from lorries delivering to the facility. Whilst some sweeping had been undertaken it was deemed inadequate and only alleviated the problem. The Clerk was asked to write to SWS seeking long term resolution of the problem.

West Wychavon PACT: M. Baker was to attend the next meeting on 8th February

Worcestershire CALC: A. Lodge reported on recent information supplied (some of which had been distributed to Members by the Clerk) relating to “Localism”. She also reported on current training courses being run by CALC

b) Reports of Councillors on other matters. None

c) Inclusion of specific items on a future agenda. Members submitted no matters; the Clerk indicated that the Council or its Staffing Committee would need to address the matter of PAYE, Income Tax and N.I. following a recent decision by HMRC to discontinue dispensations for Clerks to more than one Council to deal with their tax affairs through only one of their Councils.

2011.16 Inclusion of items in the Parish Magazine.

Items to be included this month were - Security of oil storage, the Parish Plan questionnaire, further encouragement to readers to consider standing as candidates in the P.C. elections in May, the Poppy Party in June, Parish Meeting in April and the Council’s disappointment at the lack of progress with highways matters discussed at the meeting with WCC representatives in early December.

2011.17 Correspondence.

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

2011.18 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be Tuesday 8th March 2011 at Whittington Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 21:23 hrs.

Barclaycard (P.S. Roe) reimburse re purchases.			£283.75	£340.10
Broker Network Ltd. (Came & Co.) to insure DFS (est. £50 p.a.)			£25.00	£25.00
Total			£3,566.09	£4,153.40

- c. Proposals for Expenditure. None.
d. Quarterly Accounts Report: The report to 31/12/2010 was adopted (AL/MB) unanimously.

2011.07 Highways & Byways.

a. Highways Matters:

General:

Members expressed disappointment at the lack of tangible response to the Meeting with D. Prodger held on 2nd December 2010

M5 Noise: None.

Maintenance:

Works for the Lengthsman:

None proposed. It was noted that the routine maintenance and relocation of the DFS would be his responsibility. Previous Matters: See "General" above.

New Matters:

It was noted that there had been further damage to railings (NE side) at Swinesherd Way roundabout.

A large pothole was identified in Walkers Lane.

The poor condition of the pavement (considered dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists) on the North side of Pershore Road, adjacent to the Southbound exit slip road of the M5, was identified as needing attention.

The "Caution Pedestrians" notice on the Southbound exit slip road of the M5 was damaged and needed to be replaced.

Traffic Management:

Previous Matters:

Further damage to railings (NE side) at Swinesherd Way roundabout c 6/1/2011 had been reported by MB.

He inappropriate use of the gate entranceway on the North side of Pershore Road, just down from the Southbound exit slip road of the M5 was remarked upon in regard to its increased use for parking and by LGV's for exchanging loads and coaches. LGV's and coaches had been seen to reverse out of this entrance and swing round to re-enter the J7 roundabout. Littering and fly tipping at this position (sometimes as a result of load exchanges) was also a serious problem.

Parking on Church Lane /Old Road - near bend - was dangerous and illegal. (See Item 2011.14)

New Matters: None.

DFS: The sign had been purchased and was installed on 21st January 2011.

b. Byways Matters:

General:

AL had made contact with the PPW - Mike Gurney.

The Clerk apologised that following A. Lodge's return he had omitted to conduct a review of Parish paths with her in regard to prioritised Maintenance. He would contact her to do so.

Bridleways: } None

Footpaths: }

2011.08 Training.

The Clerk made no report of relevant training.

2011.09 Parish Plan.

SLB had prepared a questionnaire for Members' consideration and distributed a copy to all present asking that they contact him within a week to let him have any comments.

Members briefly read through the document and thanked SLB for his efforts.

2011.10 Parish Council Elections 2011.

Members reviewed the sample documents provided by the Clerk and decided (SM/MB) to produce a leaflet in the vein of Bromsgrove D.C.'s "Do you have the X factor?" The Clerk was asked to prepare a draft.

2011.11 RBL 90th Anniversary "Poppy Party" 10th - 12th June

Members considered participation in this event by Whittington Parish Council and felt that other village organisations should be invited to participate, especially Whittington Village Hall. Members were to discuss this locally and the Clerk was asked to place the item on the next agenda for resolution.

2011.12 Parish Meeting 26th April 2011.

Members considered that the arrangements should be similar to previous years with the first part of the event comprising "Village Reports" followed by a plenary session led by the Chairman with support from all Councillors relating to a Parish/Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that "wine & nibbles" should be provided between the two sessions, and afterwards.

2011.13 District and County Councillors' Report – For Information.

County and District Councillor Adams reported on the budget shortfall facing the County Council and that cost saving measures had been introduced, with others to come, to balance the budget. Reductions to bus subsidies, and home to school transport were presently being consulted upon.

At a Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held at Whittington Village Hall on Tuesday 25th January 2011, at 19.30 Hrs.

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

2011.01 Attendance.

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

2011.02 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.

2011.03 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th November 2010, having been previously distributed were taken as read, and were adopted (SLB/SM) without amendment.

2011.04 Planning.

- a. New and Unresolved Planning Applications: None.
- b. Previous consultations: None.
- c. Planning Decisions: The following Planning and Appeal decisions were notified to the Council.

App No: W/10/02015/LUE

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

Proposal: Application for a Certificate of Lawful Use Existing for occupation of dwelling in breach of condition 2 of planning approval.

Applicant: Mr P Price, Elms Farm, Walkers Lane, Whittington, Worcester, WR5 2RE

Decision: Approved STC

At this point; p.c. Wood having arrived; the Chairman proposed that item 2011.14 be taken, which was agreed without demur. The item is reported in numerical sequence.

- d. Other Planning Consultations: Members considered the following Planning Consultation Documents:-

City of Worcester: Consultation on guidance for Takeaway Food Outlets was advised by the Clerk who thought it might be relevant bearing in mind proposed housing in the Parish adjacent to Kilbury Drive. Members made no comment, the takeaway food outlet in Kilbury Drive having closed.

- e. Other Planning Matters: Other "Planning" related Matters were considered as follows:-

Junction 6 Development: Members' attention was drawn to recently circulated information received from Lyn Gorman

Bloor Homes: - Land adjacent to Kilbury Drive - The Clerk explained that this item was included to permit comment on the development consultation held on 3&4 December 2010. Members made no comment

Journal of local Planning - Members considered whether to subscribe to this publication and decided not. Members' attention was drawn to related correspondence from P. Luff MP - relating to the localism bill & local planning reforms.

2011.05 Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Resolved.

- a. Wychavon Bursary. No nominations were received as a result of previous communications so no nomination was submitted.
- b. Tree warden: MH was to attend an Introductory Course on 24th February.
- c. Bulb Planting: The Clerk sought Members' views on behalf of N. Hodgetts who had asked if Members considered that he should plant the bulbs he now had available, or should use these elsewhere and purchase more in the autumn to be planted by the Lengthsman. Members felt that it would be better to wait until autumn.

2011.06 Finance.

The Clerk reported as follows: -

- a. Receipts: WCC re. Lengthsman - £600.60. HSBC Interest c22p/month
- b. Payments: Payment of invoices and requests for payment was approved MB/SM as follows :-

Expenditures: 25/01/2011	Date of invoice	VAT No	Net	Gross
S. Gwilliam - Lengthsman Services for Nov. 2010 (paid)	29/11/2010		£176.00	£176.00
S. Gwilliam - Litterpicking Services for Nov.2010 (paid)	4/11/2010		£35.00	£35.00
S. Gwilliam - Lengthsman Services for Dec.2010 (paid)	20/12/2010		£132.00	£132.00
S. Gwilliam - Litterpicking etc. Services for Dec.2010 (paid)	20/12/2010		£55.00	£55.00
Morelock Signs Ltd. DFS Sign - Cheque drawn	14/1/2011	670 8170 32	£2640.83	£3169.00
CALC (3 x Clerks' Gatherings) 23/11/2010; 6/12/2010; 11/1/2011	Various		£22.50	£22.50
CPRE - Subscription 2010-2011 (Overdue)	Dec. 2010		£29.00	£29.00
P.S. Roe - Clerking Costs 1/7/2010-31/12/2010		Spl	£167.01	£169.80