

**KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on Monday 21st October 2013**  
**at 7.45pm at Trimpley Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor J. Gammond  
Councillor B. Phillips  
Councillor G. Yarranton  
Councillor R. Jennings  
Councillor C Grainger  
Councillor Mrs C Gammond  
Mrs. E. Whitehouse (Clerk)  
4 members of the public were present.

**1. Police Report**

No police present, but a report had been sent as follows

*"We have in the past looked at parking issues in Low Habberley near to Fountain Court and did not feel there was a problem at the time. We will pay passing attention to this again and will deal with any problems if and when we come across them. Secondly, the car that was reported to have been dumped in Eymore Woods car park on 25th September was of no interest to police. I understand that our control room made the council aware of the car.*

*Incidents of note over the last month:*

*Between 16th & 25th September attempts were made to break into garden sheds in rear garden of a property in Low Habberley. Entry was not gained and nothing was taken, however damage was caused to the sheds/locks.*

*Please feel free to email the team ([bewdleyandrural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bewdleyandrural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)) if any issues arise at your meeting which you feel we could help you with."*

**Public Open Forum**

**Points raised by Mr. R. Collins**

*Mr. Collins was disappointed that the County Council do not appear to cater for horse riders on highways. He was specifically referring to the approach to Trimpley Crossroads where the surface was slippery – even horses with road studs have problems – and Mr. Collins felt it should surely also be a problem for any vehicle, not least cyclists and pedestrians and a road safety issue. However, it would appear that the County Council would not spend money addressing this.*

*With regard to a previous point raised by Mr. Collins, concerning the "washout" onto the A442 – at the bottom of Hollies Lane – the County Council had advised that they would be addressing this with a scheme to reduce the debris taken onto the main road.*

*Mr. Collins again raised that matter of the playhouse and the septic tank at the site off Hollies Lane where there had been recent planning consent given for a shed in connection with the timber business on site. Mr. Collins was concerned that, despite an enforcement notice having been issued in respect of this, it had not been addressed. Councillor Yarranton advised that this matter was on the enforcement committee agenda.*

*Mr. Collins also commented on the District Council budget for 2014/15 and what this was to be spent on. Councillor Yarranton stated that the public and councillors will be consulted about this. In particular, Councillor Yarranton stated that the Chapel at the old Cemetery will no longer be maintained by the District Council. Also, the District Council were working with the Environment Agency concerning the maintenance of ponds on the Spennells Estate.*

*Mr. Collins also advised that the bridleway at the Golf Club entrance was very overgrown.*

**2. Apologies for Absence:** - Received and approved from District Councillor E. Davies.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillor James Gammond and Councillor Mrs. Gammond declared an interest re Village Hall, being committee members. Councillor Yarranton advised that he was a member of the District Planning Committee, and as such, reserved the right to change his opinion on planning applications at District Meetings, should further evidence be presented by Planning Officers. Cllr. Grainger declared an interest in any items concerning Riddings Brook

**4. Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th September 2013 were approved and signed.

5. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

a. **Previous planning applications**

**13/0279 Hill Farm, Northwood Lane**

**Installation of Foul and Surface Water Drainage, incorporating treatment plant to service 19 properties**

Approved

b. **New applications received**

**13/0496 : Proposed garage and log store, alterations to existing store to create study and brick paving to part of existing courtyard at THE THRESHING BARN, LIGHT MARSH FARM, CRUNDALLS LANE, BEWDLEY, DY121NE**

A letter of objection had been sent from Mrs. P. Grainger to the District Council about this erection of this new building. (Both parties were present in the public area). Clerk advised that after her discussions with the Case Planning Officer, revised plans had been received, reducing the height of the building from 4.5m to 3.4m.

***Comment:** No objection to the proposal - we can see no valid planning reason not to go forward to approval.*

**13/0504 Conversion of existing agricultural building to No. 4 bed dwelling with attached garaging; Demolition of redundant structure at TRIMPLEY GREEN FARM, TRIMPLEY, BEWDLEY, DY121NR.**

***Comment:** No objections and recommend approval*

c. **Compliance Issues**

**Park Attwood Farm – Conversion of former changing rooms.**

Nothing further to report. It was believed that this was not being pursued further.

**Playhouse erected adjacent to Amenity/Storage Building (permission granted) to be used in conjunction with adjoining land use – Hollies Lane.**

As reported in the public open forum, Councillor Yarranton advised that the associated playhouse was on the enforcement agenda.

6. **Progress Reports on Outstanding Items**

a) **Highway matters – flooding at Low Habberley** - A discussion took place again about how to solve the flooding problem. Clerk advised that she had received a further e-mail from the County Council stating that they were unable to fund any proposed plan to alleviate the problem within the foreseeable future, as more pressing schemes, where property was being flooded, would take precedence.

With regard to finding a solution at source – where it was thought the problem was caused – viz in the area of the old lower car park at the Fountain, it would require:-

i) information about the owner of the land

ii) clerk to approach Kirsten Huizer to see if she could find a source of available funding in respect of this.

b) **Severn Trent**

Clerk had written about the serious of leaks on the water main on Shatterford Road, and was awaiting a reply.

c) **Lightmarsh Lane** – a drainage scheme to alleviate flooding here was to take place shortly, with funding being provided by Kirsten Huizer.

7. **Lengthsman** - Clerk was awaiting information re additional funding from the District Council to cover litter picking.

An invoice for £300 for Lengthsman's work, + an extra invoice for £1000 to cover the installation of missing barriers on Crundalls Lane were tabled and approved.

8. **Financial Reports**

a) **Cheques signed**

PAYE re Clerk - £54.60

Lengthsman - £300

Lengthsman's work re Crundalls Lane Barrier installation - £1000

Trimpley Village Hall – Hire of Room (6 months – April-Sept.) £65.00

Worcs. County Council – Archaeology Day School (Mrs. Gammond) - £15.00

Transfer to Community Account from P3 Footpaths Account.

Clerk advised that an amount of £120 needed to be transferred from the P3 Footpaths Account to the main community account to keep the accounts accurate. A letter of authority for the transfer was signed.

**9. Newsletter**

Copies were given out for distribution.

**10. Parish Council Vacancy**

Clerk advised that notices had been posted, to notify electors that there was a vacancy. If no poll was claimed by 10 electors by 1<sup>st</sup> November, then the vacancy could be filled by co-option. Clerk gave Councillors supplies of application forms in case they were asked for these, to be given out only after 1<sup>st</sup> November. After that date, if no poll was claimed, Clerk would issue notices stating that applications were invited to fill the vacancy – with applications to be returned by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**11. County and District Council & CALC Matters**

**Mayor's Charity Supper** – Clerk gave details to all those present.

**Community Emergency Planning Forum** – next meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Tree Wardens and Work Party** – Both tree wardens had now received formal training from Wade Muggleton (County Countryside Service). Clerk to invite them to attend a Work Party to be held at the top of Halls Farm Lane to clear the area, and plant the Worcestershire Pear Tree, with the kind permission of Mrs. N. Briggs – the Clerk to seek her permission. Such permission having been given, the Work Party was to take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

The tree wardens had asked for a map of the parish, which Councillor Mrs. Gammond said she would kindly provide. The Clerk had also asked them to identify any dangerous trees along the side of parish highways.

**Report from CALC Meeting**

The meeting had been addressed by Peter Michael – **Town centres manager** – who had a remit to try to fill empty shops in Wyre Forest's three towns. As an incentive, there had been a 100% reduction in business rates in the first year.

**Hartlebury Incinerator** was discussed. Funding by PFI – had not been achieved. The heat generated from the incinerator would give power back to the National Grid. All agreed that there was not much information being publicised giving the advantages of the incinerator, but much more publicity being given to the disadvantages. It was noted that the government had given their blessing to the plans, but funding issues were still being discussed.

**Centenary of the start of WWI** is on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. Ideas on how this should be marked were being sought.

**12. Other Matters**

**Fly Tipping** - two incidents were noted –

a) in a field off Shatterford Lane, on the opposite side of the road, but near to, Myndholm.

b) in a track off Eymore Lane

**13. Date of Next Meeting** – Confirmed as Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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Chairman - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013