

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NORTON-JUXTA-KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THE 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT NORTON PARISH HALL, LITTLEWORTH**

See Appendix 2 for public question time discussions.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Mrs A. Clinton, P. Richmond, H. Turvey, Mrs S. Way-Vautier, M. Reeves. These apologies were accepted and approved.

**Attending:** K. Fincher (Chair), R. Brooker, C. Dawson, M. Hughes, J. Sparling, Mrs. J. Greenway (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer).

**2. Signing of Outstanding Undertakings and Declarations of Office**

It was agreed for Mr Reeves to sign his undertaking and declaration of acceptance of office at the next meeting attended.

**3. Changes to Membership**

None.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

a) Cllr. Fincher reminded Councillors of the need to update their register of interests if necessary.

b) and c) None. Existing dispensations were noted.

d) None.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Approved as proposed by Cllr. Sparling, seconded by Cllr. Brooker and agreed by all.

**6. 2016/42 Reports**

**a) Cllr. R.C. Adams (District & County Councillor)**

Cllr Adams was unable to attend.

**b) Finance**

(i) The current account balance was £11,933.13 on 10<sup>th</sup> February with the deposit account balance at £41,033.44 on 1<sup>st</sup> February. S.137 expenditure for 2015/16 totals £1,018.20 to date and is within the s.137 allowance.

(ii) There were no questions relating to the monthly accounts and bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Clerk highlighted correspondence from Lloyds Bank relating to a change of bank account and the turnover threshold for the proposed new account. The Clerk will make further enquiries with Lloyds Bank to clarify that the proposed new account is appropriate.

**c) West Mercia Police**

The Clerk provided a report from the Police which included recent reported crimes and updated Police surgery dates within the Parish (which will be advertised in the Parish Council newsletter). Cllr. Sparling provided an update on investigations relating to the SmartWater initiative, with the proposal from SmartWater agreed as too costly and not viable. Cllr Sparling will make further enquiries via the Wychavon Business Crime Officer.

**d) St. James the Great Church, Norton**

No report was available from Rev. Sloggett. Also see agenda item 20.

**7. 2016/43 S106, New Homes Bonus (NHB) and Other Funding Opportunities**

Projects suggested for consideration were a coffee shop/community hub at the Parish Hall, a monthly coach service to Tewkesbury market, a community shop, playing field drainage, development of sports/recreation facilities in the Parish Hall grounds. The Clerk will re-circulate funding details to Parish Councillors for further consideration. The Clerk highlighted grassroots funding opportunities

from the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund and will forward details to Cllr. Brooker. Cllr. Sparling will make enquiries to gauge the level of support for a monthly coach service to Tewkesbury. Cllr. Brooker will contact Jem Teal, Wychavon Community Development Manager to establish what facilities there is a demand for locally and which may be currently lacking. It was noted that results from the joint questionnaire undertaken with Worcester Norton Sports Club may also assist.

## 8. 2016/44 Current Planning Applications

There were no questions relating to the following applications.

Approvals - None

Refusals – None

Awaiting Decision

**Land to the south of the City of Worcester, Bath Road. Malvern Hills DC Ref: W/13/00656/OUT Welbeck Land**

Outline planning application, including approval of access (appearance, landscape, layout and scale reserved) for a mixed-use development with local centre to the south of Worcester.

**Land north of Taylors Lane, south of and part north of A4440 Broomhall Way, Worcs. Malvern Hills DC Ref: W/13/01617 St. Modwen Developments**

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for a mixed use development comprising residential development of up to 255 dwellings, employment (B1) (b and c), B2 and/or B8, access, footpath, cycleways and highway infrastructure, pedestrian/cycle bridge over A4440, public open space, landscaping and associated development and drainage.

**Land adjacent to Lobelia Close, Cranesbill Drive, Broomhall Green and the A4440 Broomhall Way Worcester City Ref: P13A0617 St. Modwen Developments**

Erection of pedestrian/cycle bridge over A4440 Broomhall Way to facilitate access to a mixed use development comprising of up to 255 dwellings and employment (B1) (b and c), B2 and/or B8, on land between Taylors Lane and the A4440 Broomhall Way.

**Middle Battenhall Farm Worcester City Ref: P13B0632 Miller Homes**

Outline planning application for the construction for up to 200 dwellings, open space, new vehicular junction and access and associated infrastructure

**Land at Broomhall Way Worcester City Ref: P14L0266**

Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 103 dwellings with all matters reserved, excluding access. Parish supports subject to revision of application.

**Land at Broomhall Way Worcester City Ref: P14L0266 (amended application)**

Outline matters application for the erection of up to 81 dwellings with all matters reserved, excluding access.

**Land at Broomhall Way Worcester City Ref: P15L0319**

Use of land for car boot sales to be held on more than 14 days per year. Parish submitted comments re parking and limitation on dates.

**Land at Woodbury Lane, Norton Ref: W/15/02133/PN**

Resubmission of planning application W/14/00719/PN – proposed erection of an industrial building and associated infrastructure, parking, access, SuDs and landscaping to accommodate relocation of Molten Metal Products. Parish does not support.

**Winnells Farm, Church Lane, Norton. Ref: W/15/02627/PP**

New build detached annexe accommodation. Parish does not support.

**Land adj. Pattann Bungalow, Abbotswood, Littleworth MHDC Ref: 16/00008/FUL**

1 no. 4 bed house. Parish does not support.

### Internal Consultation

**Birch House, 48 Wadborough Road,  
Littleworth. Ref: W/15/000347/PP**

Attached garage. Revised proposal for W/15/02318.

### Other

**19 Salamanca Drive, Norton  
TPOA/15/040**

Appeal re TPO application decision: Removal of TPO protected tree from grass verge adjacent to property.

**Grange Farm, Hatfield Lane,  
Ref: W/15/03022/PP**

Two storey side extension. Parish has no objections. Withdrawn by applicant.

## **9. 2016/45 South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) and Associated Matters**

Cllr. Fincher advised that the SWDP has now been approved by Malvern Hills DC, Worcester City Council and Wychavon DC. Following a 6 week High Court challenge period, the plan will become the formal Policy Plan. It was noted that many of the applications detailed above as 'awaiting decision' are linked to the SWDP proposals. At the briefing meeting to discuss the Traveller site allocations development plan, clarification was sought regarding changes to the number of sites required in Wychavon; with initially Wychavon being deemed to have provided the number required and then it being considered to have a shortfall. The changed calculations have been attributed to the Planning Inspector not being in agreement with the methodology used in the initial calculations. Clarification was also sought upon an amendment to the nature of the significant gap to the south of the Garden Centre, which now makes provision for the possible inclusion of a Traveller site. This appears to be the only significant gap that includes this provision, with this being previously precluded. No definitive explanation was provided, but this was noted as an inconsistent application of policy. To date, none of the developers have included a Traveller site in any of their applications. The Parish Council has been approached by a consultant, representing a business considering relocating to one of business development areas identified in the SWDP in/adjacent to the Parish. An informal meeting will be held with the consultant to gather further information for the Council to consider. It was agreed for Cllrs Fincher and Sparling to attend this meeting.

## **10. 2016/46 Land adjacent to St. Peters Garden Centre**

The Clerk advised that Taylor Wimpey has reimbursed its share of the 2015 verge mowing costs and has indicated that it may wish to arrange this work through its own contractors in 2016 to manage costs. It has been highlighted to the developer that the PC would wish to see the current cutting schedule maintained. Taylor Wimpey is assisting with provision of plans required from Persimmon Homes to enable commuted sums to be calculated and the Council to consider the potential for adopting these areas of land. Worcs CC has advised that it hopes that adoption of the areas that Highways is due to adopt under the 'old scheme', will be completed this year. It has indicated that adoption of areas under the 'new scheme' (i.e. the re-engineered roundabout and verge areas around this) is likely in 3-4 years. Persimmon Homes has agreed for the Parish Council to order a new bin by the Pershore bound bus shelter and to reimburse the Council for this. Removal of the bund of soil on the verge by the Pershore bound bus shelter is the only item of remedial work that the Parish Council is continuing to chase.

## **11. 2016/47 Worcester Parkway Station**

No further news. Woodbury Lane has now re-opened.

## **12. 2016/48 Severn Trent Water (STW) Sewerage Scheme and Associated Matters**

The Clerk will chase the Parish Council solicitor for an update on the final contract wording and highlight that we need the contract finalised and the land registration to be completed quickly, to allow the Council to progress with planned projects. The Clerk will review the revised statutory declaration, prior to the final document being issued for execution by Mrs McGovern. Once this has been executed, the Land Registry application for the Parish Hall site can be submitted by the Council's solicitor.

### **13. 2016/49 Employment Matters**

- a) The Clerk confirmed that an Assistant Clerk advert has been placed in the Parish Council newsletter requesting applications by 21<sup>st</sup> March. This will be followed up with an advert in a local newspaper.
- b) The Clerk and Cllr. Mrs Clinton are meeting up to set up the auto-enrolment pension scheme.
- c) The Clerk was thanked and congratulated on attaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification. In line with the Clerk's contract, a one point salary scale increment was agreed in recognition of this qualification.

### **14. 2016/50 Parish Hall Recreation Facilities**

The Clerk confirmed that the new centre net for the old Semele climbing frame has been fitted, as have the self-closers on the two play area gates. The Clerk will check whether the Loctite has been applied to the toddler swing seats and whether this has solved the problem identified. Eibe is arranging an annual safety inspection during March, which the groundsman will also attend if available. Dates for the Groundsman to undertake the RoSPA play safety training are being explored.

### **15. 2016/51 Parish Hall Car Park/Playing Fields/Outside Space**

It was noted that the ditch adjacent to the Parish Hall car park, between Pre-school and Coppice Cottage, has been cleared and the recycling bins removed. Cllr. Brooker provided details of quotes received for drainage of the football pitches and it was agreed to explore funding opportunities in addition to s106 funding (as discussed under agenda item 7) and for the Clerk to investigate the offer of support regarding pitch improvement ideas/opportunities with Pershore Town Juniors. A tree by the corner of the MUGA and play area was noted as potentially leaning. Cllr. Brooker will review the situation and ask the Grounds Contractor if there is a way to monitor if there is any movement. The car park resurfacing project was briefly discussed and this will be re-commenced now that Pre-school will not be required to install its own electricity supply across the car park.

### **16. 2016/52 Parish Hall**

As landlord representatives and Parish Hall Trustees, Cllrs Fincher and Dawson provided an update summarised as follows. The quiz night was a success, raising c. £650. Further events are being considered including a quiz on 10 May, an 80's night on 25 June and a Halloween/fireworks night on 29 October. Feedback from the recent quiz night has highlighted potential volunteers to help with future events and these offers will be followed up. The Parish Hall Trustees may request a donation towards future events once more detailed plans have been formulated.

### **17. 2016/53 Norton Pre-school**

a) The Pre-school solicitor has contacted the Parish Council regarding revision to the lease and is to clarify that Pre-school wishes to progress with revision of the old lease, rather than drawing up a new lease, with costs being paid by Pre-school. Pre-school is keen to progress a change in constitution/ownership of Pre-school, to become a community interest company, as soon as possible and is seeking legal and professional guidance/advice to achieve this. The Clerk advised that the calculation of the revised rent has been explained to Pre-school and this has been accepted. The Clerk will confirm in writing to Pre-school. The electricity arrangements have also been accepted by Pre-school, with a request that the de minimus usage limit is formally reviewed on an annual basis. This was agreed and a review will be completed annually, on 1<sup>st</sup> April, by the Parish Hall Trustees, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. The Clerk will confirm to Pre-school. It was agreed for a meeting to be held with Pre-school, Cllrs Fincher and Dawson (as Parish Hall Trustees) and the Clerk after Easter. The Clerk will arrange.

b) The Clerk advised that Pre-school is considering improvements for the Forest School area and will provide details for consideration by the Council.

### **18. 2016/54 Allotments**

The Clerk advised that bills have been issued and outstanding tenancy papers are being chased. The new path has been installed as access for the new plots and plot 31B, and the new plots will now be let. Cllr. Brooker is waiting for a date for a STW engineer to carry out the survey, so that a quote for mains water

can be issued. An allotment tenants meeting has been arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> March, to gather feedback from tenants, discuss future rent levels/allotments costs and a possible tenant's committee to assist with managements of the allotments and community events e.g. flower show, harvest supper.

#### **19. 2016/55 Public Rights of Way (PRoW)**

The Clerk will contact Worcs CC regarding a replacement gate and post at the entrance to public right of way in the far corner of the Parish Hall playing fields. A cost to fit was agreed up to £200 as proposed by Cllr. Brooker and Cllr. Sparling.

#### **20. 2016/56 St James the Great Church**

Cllr. Fincher provided background to a meeting arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> March to meet representatives from the Diocese regarding grant funding for Church restoration. Cllr. Fincher will attend if possible, with Cllr. Dawson also offering to attend.

#### **21. 2016/57 Drakes Broughton & Wadborough with Pirton Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan**

It was agreed that the Council had no comments to submit.

#### **22. 2016/58 382 Bus Service**

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Adams is arranging a meeting with Worcs CC and the Clerk will seek an update. A suggestion for use of the Parish Hall car park for potential use as a bus 'terminus' was agreed in principle, which may allow additional 382/32 services to run between Worcester and Littleworth.

#### **23. 2016/59 Worcester Norton Sports Club (WNSC)**

The Clerk has contacted WNSC to agree locations for the 2 new litter bins around the cricket pitch and to seek a meeting to discuss s106 funding opportunities, ideas to utilise this funding and future plans at the Club. It is understood that an Extraordinary General Meeting is due to be held in March and after that a meeting will be arranged between the WNSC and representatives of the Parish Council.

#### **24. 2016/60 Highways Matters**

Discussions during the public question time were considered further. It was agreed to write to school to highlight the public question time discussions and to ask whether the walking bus can be resurrected using the Parish Hall and/or The Retreat car parks and whether school can write to local residents to follow up the idea of the drive loaning scheme and to seek the offer of drives for parking. Parking on yellow lines/school zigzag markings is understood to be a civic offence and enforced by traffic wardens via Wychavon DC. It was agreed to contact Wychavon DC to request visits between 8.30am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 3.15pm in the vicinity of school and 5-5.30pm along Church Lane in the vicinity of the livery yard. The Clerk will respond to the residents that attended the public question time to wish them good luck with their leaflet initiative and to advise that the wording for the leaflet is something for them to agree as residents. It will be reiterated that the leaflet must not be issued in the name of the Parish Council. The Clerk will also ask them to provide feedback on the situation and their various initiatives.

In response to reports of a near miss along Church Lane and damage to a vehicle by the hedge, the Clerk advised that a request has been made to the Hub for the hedge to be cut back, due to highway safety concerns. The Clerk will follow up this request to highlight that, in view of the incidents reported and the safety concerns, the Parish Council is considering cutting the hedge back and passing on the cost to Worcs CC.

#### **25. 2016/61 Drainage Matters**

a) The Clerk provided an update from Wychavon DC following their site visit to assess work to/around the watercourse adjacent to the boundary between the garden centre and the end of Sobroan Close. Wychavon DC is making further enquiries relating to the work and if there has been any involvement with the developer.

b) There were no projects proposed for the Wychavon Flood Alleviation Support Grant Scheme.

#### **26.2016/62 Refurbishment of the War Memorial**

The Groundsman is working on an estimate of costs for the recommended work.

#### **27.2016/63 Notice Boards**

Following recommendation from the working group, it was agreed to purchase a Woodcraft UK triple bay notice board with fixed header, fixing posts and delivery, at a cost of £1,480 plus VAT. Two sections will be locked, with the third section unlocked. Proposed by Cllr. Hughes, seconded by Cllr. Sparling and agreed by all. A suggestion was received for the new notice board fixing posts to be installed in the same position (and depth) as the existing posts, to ensure that any services that may be in the area are avoided. This will be explored with the manufacturer, along with costs for them to install. The Clerk will progress. Refurbishment of the notice board outside School was discussed and the Clerk will ask the groundsman for an update. A rolling programme of replacement was suggested.

#### **28. 2016/64 Parish Council Website**

After discussion, it was agreed to include Parish Councillor email addresses and phone numbers on the Parish Council websites. Councillors agreed to advise the Clerk which email address and phone number they would like published.

#### **29. 2016/65 Armed Forces Day**

Suggestions including Regiment displays and re-creation of VE Day celebrations were considered. As Armed Forces Day is a celebration of current Armed Forces, it was agreed that the suggestions may not fit with the criteria. Cllr. Fincher agreed to explore other possibilities.

#### **30. 2016/66 World War I Centenary**

The Clerk provided an update on the proposed information board installations and a meeting with Mr Hodgkins and Worcs CC Officers regarding installation locations and land ownership/adoption. Mr Hodgkins is contacting Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes to seek permission to site the information boards on land under their ownership and to explore installation requirements (to ensure services that may be in the vicinity are not disturbed).

#### **31. 2016/67 Badges and Identity Cards for Parish Councillors**

Cllr. Hughes provided sample badges and costs. It was agreed to consider further once there is news regarding Wychavon DC assistance with provision of photo identity cards for Council members. The Clerk will contact Cllr. Adams for an update.

#### **32. 2016/68 Finance**

a) It was proposed by Cllr. Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Sparling **and all were in agreement** that the accounts detailed below be approved for payment/confirmation.

Accounts for Confirmation:

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
K. Gill	Grounds maintenance work around the Parish Hall – ditch clearance, tree trimming and tree removal (£1,900) and installation of path at allotments (£350) plus VAT	2,700.00
Wychavon District Council	Supply, installation and emptying of 4 new dog waste bins (£2,018.69 plus VAT)	2,382.68
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,082.68</b>

### Accounts for Payment:

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Mrs J. Greenway	February 2016 (Gross) including expenses paid via payroll	1,108.34
D. Fletcher	January – Groundsman duties (£310.95) and litter picking (£71.05) (Gross incl. materials purchased and mileage)	382.00
K. Fincher	Reimbursement of Fasthosts annual charge for hosting the website <a href="http://www.norton-juxta-kempsey.org.uk">www.norton-juxta-kempsey.org.uk</a> (£58.49 plus VAT)	70.19
Red Kite Pest Control	Annual contract for rodent control on the allotments	285.00
Mrs C. McGovern	Costs of refreshments for after-pantomime party	38.70
R. Brooker	Reimbursement of costs for 2 combination locks for allotments	39.98
J. Greenway	February 2016 expenses	267.72
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,191.93</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7,274.61</b>

b) A donation to cover the costs of refreshments for the after pantomime party totalling £38.70 was proposed by Cllr. Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Sparling and agreed by all.

c) A request has yet to be received from NJK CE First School relating to a donation towards swimming transport costs. The Clerk will contact school to seek this for the March Parish Council meeting.

### **33. 2016/69 Correspondence for Information**

See Appendix 1 for a list of correspondence received and noted.

### **34. 2016/70 Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions since the Last Meeting**

As discussed during the meeting.

### **35. 2016/71 Items for Update to Local M.P.**

Nigel Huddleston MP will be invited to attend a public meeting to provide an update to parishioners regarding the SWDP and Parkway Station proposals. Cllr. Fincher will identify a potential date for a public meeting.

### **36. 2016/72 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

Items for February Parish Council meeting agenda:

- Consideration of re-appointment of the Trustees that the Parish Council appoints to Norton Charities
- Consideration of a donation to cover the cost of the portaloos for the Norton Theatre Group pantomime at the Parish Hall
- To consider an invitation to participate in the 2016 Wychavon Parish Games.

### **37. 2016/41 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

<b><u>Correspondence Received for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Parish Council Meeting</u></b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Subject</b>
CALC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Councillor's Guide 2016</li> <li>• Updates on various matters and training sessions, including Worcestershire Parish Conference, Superfast broadband, external audit, Wychavon Intelligently Green awards, excess deaths plans, the Transparency Fund, Workplace Pensions, Grimley litter initiative, PCC survey, Orchard opportunities, WCC Parish Conference, news from NALC, dates for the diary/training, vacancies (to Parish Councillors)</li> </ul>
Glasdon	Product flier
Lloyds Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to business accounts</li> <li>• Transfer of business account to a Treasurer's Account</li> </ul>
Mr Lucas	Meeting re Church Heritage Lottery Grant funding
Mr Lucas	Notice boards, website information, Church links and matters associated with the Church Heritage Grant application
Mr Lucas	Southern link road improvement works, SWDP/Parkway Station impact and crossing/footbridge installation
Mrs Abalti	Parking problems in Littleworth
Mrs Alys-Davies	Parking problems in Littleworth
Mrs Dadswell	Parking problems in Littleworth
Mrs McGovern	Re-appointment of Norton Charities Trustees, donation towards refreshments for the after-pantomime party and donation to cover the cost of portaloos for the panto
One Ltd	Proposal for relocation of a business to Norton as part of the business element of the SWDP
St Peter's Parish Council	Newslink magazine Feb 2016
Sue Collins	Invitation to the 2016 Wychavon Games
SWDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of Inspector's Report and invitation to meeting to discuss content</li> <li>• Adoption of the SWDP by Malvern Hills DC, Worcester City Council and Wychavon DC</li> </ul>
Taylor Wimpey	Arrangements for mowing large grass verges at Norton
Valuation Office Agency	Change of bank details
West Mercia Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime reports</li> <li>• Police surgery dates and report for PC meeting</li> <li>• Weekly updates from the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</li> </ul>
Wicksteed Playgrounds	Product flier and offers
Worcs Assoc'n of Carers	Caring News magazine
Worcs CC Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southern link road improvements and lane closures w/c 15<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• Response to request submitted to the Hub for hedge cutting along Church Lane</li> </ul>
Wychavon DC	Invitation to the Chairman's Fashion Show on 7 April 2016
Wychavon DC Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda for Planning Committee meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016</li> <li>• Minutes for Planning Committee meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016</li> <li>• W/15/03022/PP: Grange Farm, Hatfield Lane - Notice of withdrawal by the applicant</li> <li>• Town and Parish Council briefing re Traveller &amp; Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016</li> </ul>



**Public Question Time Discussions**

Two members of the public attended the Public Question Time to discuss parking problems in Littleworth.

The members of the public were seeking further ideas and support to help tackle the problem. They have been in email correspondence with the Parish Council, Cllr. Adams and the Police and whilst they understand there have been various initiatives and letters to parents from school, these haven't resolved the problem. Cars continue to be parked blocking drives and pavements and in locations where the parking reduces the width of the road to the extent that ambulances, refuse wagons and delivery vehicles cannot gain access.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council has previously contacted the school and school has written to parents. Due to the continued problems, a Police letter has also been sent to parents by school. The Police will follow up reports to the 101 non-emergency phone service, but this is dependent on resources being available to visit and tackle the problem at the time (although it is understood that if details of the incident are noted, the Police may still be able to follow up). The Police will also continue to make visits at school times, as often as is possible. It is understood that there is a lack of volunteers to resurrect the walking bus initiative. Whilst additional yellow lines have been considered, these have an impact on residents and can be a hindrance, particularly if residents don't have driveways, or they have visitors. More yellow lines are also likely to just move the problem to another area and also some drivers just park on the yellow lines. It is understood that parking on yellow lines is a civic offence and as such may be able to be reported via the Worcestershire Hub (using the Worcestershire County Council website). The Police, school and the Parish Council are all keen to help to resolve the problem.

The residents highlighted the possibility of a scheme where residents loan out their drives for school time parking and confirmed that they have passed this suggestion to school.

The residents also suggested placing polite notices on the windscreens of cars that have parked blocking drives/pavements/access to roads, to highlight their actions and to ask for them not to park there again. It was advised that such notices would need to be from the residents and could not be issued in the name of the Parish Council. It was noted that it doesn't always appear to be the same drivers causing the problems.

A suggestion was made for the residents to seek a meeting with school to discuss the problem and possible solutions. Cllr. Brooker offered to join the residents if this would assist and asked for his email address and phone number to be passed to the members of the public attending. The Clerk will progress.

The Police surgery dates at St. Peter's Garden Centre were also highlighted, so that residents could meet up with the local Police to discuss the problem further if they wish.

The possibility of residents gathering a petition was also mentioned as a possibility, as this may carry more weight being from a local body of residents.

The members of the public were thanked for attending and it was reiterated that the Parish Council, school and the Police all wish to see the problem resolved and offer their support.