

**KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm at Trimpley Village Hall**

**Present** Councillor Mrs. L. Green  
Councillor Mr. J. Gammond  
Councillor Mr. G. Yarranton  
Councillor Mr. C Grainger  
Councillor Mr. B. Phillips  
Mrs E Whitehouse (Clerk)  
3 Members of the public were present  
2 police officers were also present

Mr. Ian Binks – BT Regional partnership Director

1. **a) Police Report**

During the past 6 weeks, there had been no shed or garage break ins, and so the police had little to report. The roll-out of Smartwater kits was now complete; if any parishioner still wanted a kit, they should phone 101. It was noted that there had been photo shoots to publicise the issue of Smartwater in the parish, but apart from this being on the police website there had been little publicity coverage in the local press. If help was required to get publicity, the police would send photos to the Clerk to try to get press coverage.

**b) Public Forum**

Mr. Collins brought up the matter of the shiny/slippy road surface on approach to Trimpley crossroads, which had not been addressed by the County Council.

2. **Mr. Ian Binks – BT Regional Partnership Director**

Mr. Binks gave information about the provision of Superfast Broadband in the parish. The following points were taken from his discussion/talk with the council

- 2/3rds of the population now have fibre broadband capability.
- If a dwelling is further than 1.5Km from their green box, then speeds start to drop considerably.
- The government have made available funds of £5M to Worcestershire County for faster broadband to be delivered, and the County Council have matched this with a further £8M, and with extra funding from BT there was around £20-22M. The initial contract is to deliver 2Mb speeds to anyone who requests it, but they have now decided that for a basic service this should be 10Mb/sec.
- However, these speeds could only be fulfilled via satellite, and satellite provision costs can only be covered to installation, not running the satellite, and the view to any satellite has to be clear, and uninterrupted.
- 3 Local Cabinets (2 in the Shatterford area) will be enabled within a month or so.
- However, it may be possible to supply a new cabinet near to Trimpley village; alternatively it may be cheaper for the providers to install “fibre to premises”.
- Other solutions for provision in Trimpley were discussed – including Community Fibre Partnership to possibly get a new green box sited in Trimpley. However, the parish would have to take on registration (Cllr. J. Gammond would look in to this) and compile a list of premises which would require and take up connection. Some of the funding for the partnership would have to be privately sourced.
- Connecting to existing provision was discussed. E.g. the matter of tapping in to existing infrastructure – as Severn Trent had funded private provision, but apparently the cost of this was prohibitive.
- Trimpley is in an “intervention area”. WCC may be putting in 106 funding, but households may be asked to match fund.
- It was noted that fibre cable can now take an overhead route – and does not have to go underground.

Mr. Binks answered questions from Councillors and members of the public, and the Chair thanked him for coming to talk to us and explaining the current situation and various options.

3. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. Mrs. C Gammond, Cllr. R. Jennings and Dist Cllr Becky Vale - Apologies received and approved

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. J. Gammond declared an interest in being a member of the Village Hall committee. Cllr Grainger declared an interest in any items relating to Riddings Brook and also an interest in the Area Green Belt Review. Cllr. B. Phillips advised a pecuniary interest in respect of the churchyard Grant.

5. **Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved and signed.

6. **District and County Councillor Reports inc. progress reports on other matters  
Items reported for attention by District or County Council by Cllr. Yarranton and  
other items of matters arising.**

Clerk read out a report sent to her from **District Councillor Becky Vale**, covering the following points

- **Cleansing** in the parish was to be stepped up.
- Becky happy to meet with Parish Councillors either in the Parish or at Wyre Forest House
- District Council offering **energy advice surgeries** – next one is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10.30-2.30 – St. George's Hall
- Becky was happy to discuss any element of **District Council spending** with any parishioner.
- Funding received from Government for **rough sleepers** to develop a "No first night out" scheme in the district.
- Becky was keeping abreast of the current state of affairs concerning **NHS Hospital provision** in Worcestershire.

**Councillor Gordon Yarranton** presented his report:-

- **Fly tipping** reported and dealt with at Mary Moors layby, and the viewpoint, and adjacent to the pools across the Green.
- **Severn Trent Water Chamber surround – Jacobs Ladder bank** – reported to the County Council for attention.
- Meeting with County Council Highways Department on 26<sup>th</sup> January to discuss:  
**Drainage problems at Little Gains.**  
**Road surfaces at Upper Birch and Crundalls Lane**  
**Slippy road surface at Trimpley Crossroads**  
Cllr. Yarranton hoped to achieve some guaranteed dates for these works from this meeting.
- Cllr. Grainger advised that the potholes in **Crundalls Lane** were now very bad.

7. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

a) **Previous planning applications**

**16/0325 (Revised Plans) – Park Attwood Clinic – Conversion of Clinic to 6 x 2 Bedroom and 1 x 3 Bedroom apartment, extension to existing staff house, erection of 4 new dwellings and erection of Garage Block**

Clerk advised that these revisions were the only ones to the initial plans. All other aspects of the development remained as per the original plans. Clerk to advised that the parish council's original comments were the same, but to re-state that the Parish Council remained disappointed that this opportunity was not to be taken to create housing for first-time buyers in the parish.

**16/0659 Replacement telecommunications mast at GREY GREEN FARM, CRUNDALLS LANE, BEWDLEY, DY121NF.**

Approved

**16/3058/PNRES – Conversion of Barn to Dwelling– Change of use from Agric. Building – Honey Brook Farm**

Refused

**16/3059/PNRES – Conversion of Poultry Shed to Dwelling – Hollies Lane**

Refused

**16/0684 – Alterations and Extensions at Red Ridge, Sandy Lane, Kidderminster**

Withdrawn

**16/0692 – Proposed side Extension and Proposed Dormer/Gable feature to front elevation at Fair View, Sandy Lane, Kidderminster**

Approved

**16/3062(PNH) – Single Storey Rear extension at Cottage of Content, Hill Farm, Northwood Lane, Bewdley**

Prior Approval given

**16/0723/CER Certificate of Lawfulness: Use of agricultural building as domestic dwelling in excess of 4 years OAK MEADOW FARM HONEYBROOK LANE KIDDERMINSTER DY115QS**

Refused

**b) New Planning Applications**

**16/0741 Proposed replacement of existing outbuilding at FAIR VIEW, SANDY LANE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY115QZ.**

Comment: No objections and recommend approval

**16/0754 Front, side & rear side extension to bungalow at Sandy Lane Farm at SANDY LANE FARM, SANDY LANE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY115QZ.**

Comment: No objections and recommend approval

**16/0755 Amendments to the previously approved 16/0145/FULL application 'Proposed extensions and alterations' at SEVERN LODGE, NORTHWOOD LANE, BEWDLEY, DY121AS.**

Comment: No objections and recommend approval

**16/3071PNH Single storey rear extension at RED RIDGE, SANDY LANE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY115QZ.**

Comment: No objections

**c) Compliance Issues /Appeals.**

- i) **Easter Cottage** - No more progress than had previously been reported.
- ii) **Crundalls Cottage** – No more progress than had previously been reported.
- iii) **Trimpley Green Farm** - No further information.
- iv) **Oak Meadow Farm** – See application above – which has been refused.
- v) **Sandy Lane – Barn conversion** – no further information.

Clerk would chase up items i) – iii) and v).

**d) General Permitted Development Order**

Clerk had submitted comment to John Baggott, Richard Levett (CALC and NALC) and MP Mark Garnier, stating

*“..we are concerned that some of the developments now taking place to create new dwellings are to buildings of very little architectural or historical merit for retention - and that this is changing the face of the countryside and green belt irrevocably by allowing creeping development using some very unsuitable buildings. We would also pass general comment that possibly the supporting infrastructure in respect of increased highway usage and accessibility should be fully assessed on an individual basis for each development.*

*We feel that the GPDO is fundamentally flawed in this respect, therefore, and we would ask that representations are made on this matter to NALC and the relevant Government department by your goodselves.”*

– and had received responses from John Baggott at the District Council agreeing with our views on this, and from Richard Levett, who advised that he would bring this up at the executive committee meeting.

**8. Progress Reports / Correspondence, and other Outstanding Items**

**a) Smartwater Provision within the Parish and Crime Prevention**

Clerk had submitted a request for grant assistance for the Smartwater provision in the parish from the District Council Localism fund, but had been refused. Clerk to request a list of what other projects in the District had been funded from the Localism Fund, and reasoning behind how they had fitted the criteria.

**b) VA Sign** – Sign is now up and working; batteries must be changed every fortnight.

**c) Village sign repair** – County Council had advised that they would not replace the damaged sign, but Cllr. Yarranton stated that providing he had appropriate funding he would help with the cost to the parish for replacement.

**9. January Newsletter - Distributed**

**10. Lengthsman –**

Smartwater signs are currently being put up.

Cllr. J. Gammond advised that the preservative used on the noticeboards was Osmo Oak UV oil, available at Wigleys.

**11. Financial Reports .**

**a) Cheques signed :**

Westcotec – two new gel batteries - £192

Clerk's expenses - £92.81

Clerk - PAYE - £65.80

**b) Precept setting**

Discussion took place regarding the level at which to set the precept for the next financial year. Councillor Yarranton advised that the financial assistance he had provided to the Parish was by no means guaranteed, and the Council should look to ensuring that financial

steps were taken to cover any potential loss to the parish of grant assistance, should he not be in office. It was unanimously decided to precept for £9787.47 for 2017/18. Clerk to send in information to District Council Financial Dept.

12. **Correspondence**

**Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan – Third Stage** – Consultation on mineral extraction in Worcestershire is taking place between 14<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> March. There would be a local exhibition at Kidderminster Library on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2.30p.m. – 8p.m. Clerk had checked documents, and the closest mineral extraction to this parish shown in the plan was at Blackstone.

**Consultation on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire**

Clerk gave details of proposals in connection with separating different specialities between Worcestershire hospitals, and also separating planned and emergency care. Public meetings and events to outline these proposals were being held, with the most local being at Kidderminster Hospital Treatment Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> January, or at Wyre Forest Finepoint Way on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Councillors took details.

**Trimpley Lane, Shatterford – Road Closure**

The County Council had advised that Trimpley Lane, Shatterford would be closed for one day (20<sup>th</sup> February) between Eymore Wood Lane and Upper Birch Lane to facilitate BT cabling works. Cllr. J. Gammond took away details to publicise locally via trimpleywatch.

**Neighbourhood Development Plans** – should the parish wish to develop a local plan, the County Council had advised that they had a tailored package of support available at a competitive price.

13. **Road Accidents**

None

14. **Other Matters**

Cllr. Yarranton advised that there were to be 2 by-elections taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February in Bewdley – which may have implications for this parish.

15. **Date of Next Meeting** – confirmed as 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Clerk and Chair raised problem with April meeting where 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday falls on 24<sup>th</sup> April which is Easter Monday. Meeting should therefore be moved - decision deferred to February meeting.

**Chairman :** \_\_\_\_\_