

**KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm at Trimpley Village Hall**

<b><u>Present</u></b> Councillor Mr. J. Gammond (Chair)	Councillor Mr. C. Grainger
Councillor Mr. G. Yarranton	Councillor Mr. R. Jennings
Councillor Mrs. C. Gammond	Councillor Mr. B. Phillips
Dist. Cllr. Becky Vale	Mrs E Whitehouse (Clerk)
	10 members of the public

1. **Police Report**

Police were not present at the meeting.

**Public Open Forum**

**TPOs placed on parts of the Foxholes – Honeybrook area**

Mr. Collins reported that a “blanket” TPO had been placed on trees in the Foxholes area. The number of trees covered was quite extensive – it did not relate to individual trees – but it was generally thought that the blanket order was a temporary measure with it being refined to individual trees at a later date.

Whilst discussing TPOs it was noted that as Low Habberley Gold course had now been sold, TPOs had been placed on certain trees on the course when it first went up for sale.

**Grass Cuttings tipped on the Common at the top of Halls Farm Lane**

As instructed the Clerk had written to some households at the top of Halls Farm Lane where it had been noted that Grass Cuttings had been tipped on the Common, reportedly on the route of a footpath. Mr. Reynolds admitted that he had tipped grass cuttings on the common, and had done so for 35 years with the permission of the common owner, Mr. Ken Briggs. He also stated that the grass cuttings were from the lane frontage, not from his own property, and neighbours in the lane were grateful to him for doing this service. He also stated that the Parish Council were incorrect in stating that he was tipping the cuttings on the footpath. This and various other local issues were aired, including activities which Mr. Reynolds stated were anti-social, and Mr. Reynolds stated that, if it was now considered that his grass cuttings were flytipping, he would no longer tip these on the common – even though he had always done this with the permission of the common owner. The Chairman stated that he was happy if the practice was to cease.

**Honeybrook Cottage.** The owner advised that in respect of a report that a motorcycle track was being constructed, this was for his own family’s use only, and it was not for organised motor sports. He also advised that he had purchased this property in late January, and not in April, as had previously been thought.

**Application to de-register part of Trimpley Green Common**

The applicant was present, and advised that the County Council had received a large amount of objections to their application which she felt had been brought about by the circulation of an anonymous letter within the parish, which she stated contained a misleading statement of the facts. It was confirmed that the letter had not been written or circulated by this Parish Council. It was felt that the letter had misled people into objecting to the application, by what she felt was a misrepresentation of the facts. No-one present could advise from where the letter had originated. No decision had yet been issued by the County Council on the application.

2. **Apologies For Absence:** Cllr. Mrs. L. Green, County Cllr. Mr. I. Hardiman – apologies received and accepted.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Mrs. Gammond and Cllr. J Gammond declared an interest in being members of the Village Hall committee. Cllr. Yarranton declared his office as District Councillor. Cllr. Mr. Grainger declared an interest in any item in connection with Riddings Brook, and also in Planning Application 17/0407, which concerns a building owned by one of his employees, and Cllr. Phillips declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the Churchyard grant.

4. **Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved and signed with a small typo on the last page.

5. **District and County Councillor Reports - inc. progress reports on other matters**  
**Items reported for attention by District & County Councillor and other items of matters arising.**

**District Cllrs. Becky Vale & Gordon Yarranton**

**Flytipping** – It was reported that the District Council had made a successful prosecution

Deleted as Requested by Cllr. Vale

following capture of a fly-tipping offence on CCTV. Councillors present urged Cllr. Vale to do everything possible to have these deployed in the parish – although Cllr. Vale stated she understood that cameras had already been put up in the parish, but had not caught any fly-tippers, despite the high number of incidences which had previously been reported. Cllr. Mrs. C. Gammond had a record of reported flytipping incidences, and the most likely sites where cameras should be deployed. Liaison would take place with her to provide information necessary to deploy these. Dist. Cllr. Yarranton reinforced this sentiment.

**Survey re the problem of Dog fouling – Proposed Public Space Protection Order –**

Cllr. Vale encouraged parish councillors to take a good look at this, and to formulate a parish response to the District re their proposed public space protection order. Clerk had circulated the e-mail containing the link to the survey.

The proposed PSPO could make the following offences

- Failure to pick up dog faeces when in control of dog
- Failure to carry a poop bag or other means to clean up after a dog
- Failure to keep a dog on a lead in a designated area
- Failure to place a dog on a lead when directed to do so
- Failure to exclude dogs from fenced off or enclosed children's playgrounds.
- Walking more dogs than is permitted at a time

The consultation ends on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Cllr. Grainger stated that he had encountered problems first hand – when his stock were infected with neosporosis contracted from dog faeces, causing abortion in his stock.

**County Councillor Ian Hardiman** – was not present, but had sent a report, which the Clerk tabled, as follows:

*“Rights of Way: Bridleway 572B & Footpath 573; Following inspection, I discussed these with Adam Stockall, Green Street and he kindly recorded these with WCC for their attention.*

***Fly-Tipping:***

*A. CEO Mark Smith explained that WFDC has had a camera at Wassell Wood for some time but got no hits. Mark also stated that he has not received any direct requests from Cllr Yarranton, and Mark often asks where the best location would be to try and catch someone.*

*(Cllr Mrs. Gammond advised that she had sent lists to Bob Beeston who works with Mark Smith for many years now – with 57 incidents reported to him during recent years)*

*B. Sites affected by fly-tipping included are often on Severn Trent Land, farm and private land; without intelligence it's difficult to identify the best location for cctv and some locations are not suitable for camera installation.*

***Re: Honeybrook Cottage / Public Right of Way.*** *I arranged for Mr Dave Jones, WCC Enforcement Officer-Countryside Access, to meet with Mr Darren Johnson and myself on 28th June. Mr Jones was most helpful and explained what actions were necessary for Mr Johnson to ensure the correct public access was maintained suitably. Mr Jones has offered ongoing support and advice should it be needed.*

***Re: Request for funding towards Lengthsman's costs;*** *I have still to identify the necessary information before I can respond on this as soon as possible.”*

There was no mention in the report of previously related highways problems in relation to Crundalls, Hoarstone and Shatterford lanes.

**6. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

**a) Previous planning applications**

**17/2025 Application for: Condition 7 of Planning Permission 12/0402/FULL at THE RIDDINGS, CRUNDALLS LANE, BEWDLEY, DY121NB.**

Awaiting information

**17/0320 - Conversion of barn dwelling (Regularisation of previous approval) at TRIMPLEY GREEN FARM BARN, TRIMPLEY, BEWDLEY, DY121NR**

**Further comment submitted, following information from the District Planning Office)**

*a) We are pleased that you will be following up the required demolition of the lean-to;*

*b) We take on board the explanation re the conversion of the original garage, and would offer no further objection to this, but would state that we feel that there was never any intention to have this as a garage.*

*c) We note that the walkway is covered on the revised application, and would offer no further objection to this.*

*However, with regard to the original character and appearance of the barn, we would further query this. You state that this omission to retain any semblance of the barn door was carried out in accordance with Part Q of the GPDO, but we would be of the opinion that all of these points could fall under that category - and hence would query why there needed to be these latter revised plans? We are concerned that a GPDO application was made after formal planning permission was granted, and we believe this to be 17/9007/NMA (which was well after WFDC started to notify us of GPDO applications) and it did not mention in any way that the condition relating to the barn door was not going to be adhered to and we feel*

*this was done to avoid having to comply with the original permission conditions, which quite clearly stated*

*"(4) No development shall take place until detailed plans and sections of the proposed windows and doors at a scale of 1:20 together with details of proposed finishes have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details. Reason To protect and enhance the appearance of the building and the area, and to ensure that the development accords with Policies SAL.UP 6, SAL.UP7 and SAL.UP11 of the Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan. We would assert that the applicant has made no attempt to retain the feature of these doors, as shown in the original plan (see attached) and we would like to see some attempt to restore this character of the building."*

*We now feel that the District Council's conditions have been circumvented in the interests of economy, and to the detriment of the visual appearance and character of a building which is at the centre of our rural village. We also feel that as 17/9007/NMA made no mention of alterations to the barn door apertures, we would ask that you insist that the character of the barn threshing doors is reinstated on the façade of the two elevations concerned to comply with the original condition 4) of the permission granted.*

**17/0377 Replacement Chalet at HERGEST CROFT, NORTHWOOD LANE BEWDLEY DY121AS**

Awaiting decision

**17/3034 Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse  
BRICK BARN TRIMPLEY FARM TRIMPLEY BEWDLEY DY121NS**

Awaiting Decision

**b) New Applications**

**17/0407 Change of use and extension of an agricultural building to office/commercial use at property/land adjacent Highfield, Crundalls Lane, Bewdley**

**Comment:**

*"No objections and recommend approval".*

**c) Compliance Issues /Appeals.**

**i) Easter Cottage**

**ii) Crundalls Cottage**

**iii) Sandy Lane – Barn conversion**

Nothing further received on any of these issues.

**d) Wyre Forest District Local Plan Review**

No comment had been formulated as a Parish submission. Clerk was requested to agenda for the next meeting, when Councillors would be more prepared to offer their views, having a further month to study the documents in more depth. Cllr. Grainger asked if, when permission was granted for new houses on sites, is provision made for the wildlife displaced? Clerk to pose this question.

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

**a) Discussion on suggested closure of Layby at Mary Moors, Eymore Lane**

Clerk to repeat the request for closure of this layby – and inform Alex Ellson at the highways department that the Parish would become responsible for the maintenance of the area. Cllr. Ben Phillips asked to meet with Mr. Ellson on a site visit (tba).

**b) Footpath at Honeybrook Cottage** – Mr. Jones from County PROW Dept had inspected the site, and had agreed the correct route with the owner. Rectification works had been put in place. In respect of any motor sports taking place on the site, the owner verified that works undertaken were for his family use only. Minute closed.

**c) Fly tipping (including tipping of green waste on Common Land)**

Mr. Reynolds re-iterated that he would not tip further grass cuttings on the Common. Flytipping of black bags at viewpoint (Shatterford lane) had been reported. However, it was reported that a vehicle (including all details) was caught on video by Mr. Banal of Upper Birch Lane, last year, and yet no prosecution had followed – such evidence having appeared to be ignored by the District Council. Also, Cllr. Mrs Gammon reported that a further case of tipped lawn mowing had been reported on the common near to Trample House, which had been the local gardener, who had agreed not to do this again.

**d) County Council Verge grass cutting problems**

A second cut had taken place, which had been much better. However, the BT temporary cover at Mary Moors layby had again been hit, and totally smashed. Clerk to report to Open Reach.

**e) State of Parish Noticeboards**

It was agreed to arrange repairs to the parish noticeboards at a cost of £150. The supplier had pointed out that there had been no maintenance to the boards since erected.

**f) SVR – risk of embankment fires**

Clerk had written to the Chief Fire officer at County, and had received an acknowledgment of the points concerned. Awaiting a detailed reply to be tabled at the next meeting.

g) **Cllr. Arthur Buckley** – had recently suddenly passed away. Funeral next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 at Wolverley Church. As he had represented this parish at one time, Clerk was instructed to send a card from the Parish Council.

**Display Stand for the Parish Council** – Clerk had created a two-sided display illustrating what the Parish Council did, for display at the Heavy Horse show, and the Vintage Rally. It was decided to man this if possible by councillors who may be attending.

Whilst discussing this, it was reported that many of the millennium books still remained unsold. It was decided to advertise these again in the next newsletter @ £5 each.

**8. Lengthsman & Litter collection – :**

**a) Worksheets**

It was noted that Cllr. Phillips had not seen the Lengthsmen for some time. Cllr. C. Gammond stated that she understood they were carrying out footpath clearance work. However, Cllr. Phillips had stated that some litter picking was required, and so the Clerk was requested to ask the lengthsman to get in touch with him.

**b) Battery on VA Sign**

Cllr. Phillips had sent a photo of the faulty battery as requested, but had received no feedback. He would follow this up.

**c) Lengthsman Visible ID methods**

Clerk was instructed to purchase visibility vests with Lengthsman ID on these, and also to purchase a magnetic sign to be attached to their vehicle. To be tabled at the next meeting.

**9. Financial Reports**

**a) Payments**

**Cheques signed:** None.

**b) Grant Consideration re Social Club Restoration**

It was now thought that the bar shutters may not be replaced. However, it could be that a grant contribution towards the provision of a defibrillator at the village hall would be most welcome. Clerk to obtain details for consideration at the next meeting.

**c) Grant Consideration re Riverside North Park**

It was agreed to give a donation this year of £200 towards Riverside North Park – to be reviewed if to be repeated in subsequent years.

**10. Worcestershire CALC**

**Possible Wi-Fi for the Village Hall**

This was being investigated by the Village Hall Committee. Clerk alerted the meeting to a possible grant opportunity which had been reported via CALC for community/village halls.

It was reported that connection using Notspot Broadband could be obtained at a reasonable cost, without the need for a BT line.

It was felt that operation of booking the village hall remotely would need to be looked into in the future, and that CCTV would also need to be installed. Theft of some timber from the car park had been experienced this week – local householders' CCTV would be checked to see if it had picked up the theft, since the removal would have required a large vehicle.

**11. Other Matters**

**Diversion sign** A road diversion sign directing traffic up the Trimpey Lane at Shatterford had now been removed, after being reported by Cllr. Mrs. C. Gammond.

**Low Habberley Golf Club**

Clerk advised that the new owner, Mr. James Walley from Cheshire, had contacted her, and asked if he could come to advise the Parish Council of his plans for the site. Clerk had agreed that he could come to the next meeting (7<sup>th</sup> August) to explain his plans and would agenda this for the August meeting.

**12. Date of Next Meeting –** confirmed as 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.20p.m.

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