

**KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at Trimpley Village Hall**

**Present** Councillor Mr. J. Gammond (Chair)                      Councillor Mr. C. Grainger  
Councillor Mr. G. Yarranton                                      Councillor Mr. B. Phillips  
Councillor Mrs. C. Gammond                                      Mrs E Whitehouse (Clerk)  
Councillor Mrs. L. Green                                              4 Members of the public present

**1. Police Report**

No police officers were present, and they sent apologies but they sent the following report:

*Force Incident Number: 0199S 050118 CRIME No: 2222/1313/18*

*Land in Habberley Valley has been damaged by persons unknown 'rallying' vehicles around the nature reserve.*

*Force Incident Number: 0252S 030118 CRIME No: 2222/724/18*

*Shed broken into at a property in Low Habberley. two boxes of hand tools stolen.*

*Force Incident Number: 0436S 020118 Report of males lamping near to the reservoir.*

*Force Incident Number: 0697S 010118 CRIME No: 2222/289/18*

*Vehicle broken into at Trimpley Lane. Battery stolen.*

*Force Incident Number: 0402S 261217 CRIME No: 2222/27400/17*

*White Ford Ranger stolen from driveway of a property on Low Habberley*

*Letter from*

**Public Open Forum**

No matters were raised.

**2. Apologies For Absence:**

County Cllr. I. Hardiman and Dist. Cllr. B. Vale, Cllr. R. Jennings – apologies noted and accepted.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. J Gammond and Cllr. Mrs. Gammond declared an interest in being members of the Village Hall committee. Cllr. Mr. Grainger declared an interest in any item in connection with Riddings Brook and also Planning application 17/3076. Cllr. Phillips declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the Churchyard grant. Cllr. Yarranton declared his role as a District Councillor.

**4. Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved and signed with one minor amendment.

**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 Cllr. Becky Vale –**

*1. **Lionfields Cinema and Leisure Hub** (on the former Glades site): The District Council has awarded the contract for this Development to Cordwell Property Group, based in Belbroughton. We are excited to see this project moving closer to fruition. It is important that this first phase of redevelopment acts as a catalyst and sets the benchmark for the redevelopment of this area of Kidderminster.*

*2. The District's Cabinet at its recent meeting agreed to the Council's Medium Term **Financial Strategy for 2018 to 2021**. This will be subject to Full Council consideration in February.*

*Importantly, it is proposed to continue with a further localism fund of 50,000 pounds for 2018/19, and a Community Leadership Fund providing each Councillor with 1000 pounds to assist worthy local causes or groups. It is proposed that the Wyre Forest element of Council tax will be increased by 1.94 percent for 2018/19.*

*3. **Crown House** Tenant, Telereal Trillium has agreed the terms of Demolition. There will be no cost to the Public Purse. Telereal Trillium has already served notice to the Council of their intention to carry out demolition.*

**District Cllr. G. Yarranton –**

No report.

**County Cllr. I. Hardiman –**

*1. "**Dead Trees Crundalls Lane**: I am awaiting a response schedule detailing the date for this work and will continue to chase. "*

*(Councillor Grainger stated that the length of time taken to have this done is unacceptable, and that there are double standards in that landowners who have dangerous trees are given just 30 days in which to deal with them – whereas this matter had been reported many weeks before that. )*

*"2. **Horse Warning signs by Crundalls Court**: I am awaiting a response on the request for two not one signs to be installed here in the interests of safety. I am continuing to chase this.*

*3. **Road Patching Hoarstone Lane**, Quality concerns! : The Highways Engineer is investigating; at the time of writing, I am awaiting the results."*

Clerk had e-mailed Cllr. Hardiman the report compiled by Cllr C. Gammond, detailing the poor quality repairs undertaken between 2010 – 2018 and it was agreed to send this to

highways at County Hall for comment and remedial action.

6. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

a) **Previous planning applications**

**17/0632 – Valda, Severn Meadow, Northwood Lane – Replacement Chalet**

Withdrawn – see 0795 CERTP below

**17/0757 – Two storey side and single-storey side and rear extensions and triple detached garage at Highlea, Halls Farm Lane, Trimpley**

Awaiting decision

b) **New planning Applications**

**17/3076 PNG Change of use (Agric. To Office) Land adjacent to Highfield, Crundalls Lane** (Councillor Grainger expressed an interest in this item and took no part in discussions).

**Comment:** “The Parish Council would offer no objections to this”

**17/0790 - Proposed adventure trail to comprise activity stations, decking, storage buildings and new toilet block, various kiosks, new parking area and ancillary works at THE BUNGALOW HABBERLEY GOLF CLUB, LOW HABBERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER, DY115RF**

Clerk was asked to contact the District Council for a deferral in submission of comment by the Parish Council until after the February meeting to enable Councillors to better inform themselves of the plans and other aspects of this planning application.

**17/0795/CERTP Application for: Rear extension to the original bungalow and side extension less than half the width of the original structure and two metres from the side boundary at VALDA, NORTHWOOD LANE, BEWDLEY, DY121AS.**

**Comment:** “Providing the development falls strictly within the guidelines of the PDO, then we would offer no objection, but we would ask that this is checked meticulously”.

**17/0798 Double garage at KEEPERS LODGE, SANDY LANE, FRANCHE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY115QZ.**

**Comment:** “No objection to the proposal and recommend approval”.

c) **Compliance Issues /Appeals.** – No further progress – as reported at last meeting: Paul Round (Planning and Enforcement) had sent the following updates:

i) **Easter Cottage**

The property would be viewed in the new year with the aim of taking a report to the Planning Committee in February

ii) **Crundalls Cottage**

A meeting had taken place with the owners, where officers had discussed potential works that would form a new planning application, hopefully to be submitted in the new year.

iii) **Sandy Lane – Barn conversion**

A planning contravention notice is being prepared to inform a report to the Planning Committee in February/March.

d) **Appeal - APP/R1845/W/17/3180731 – (Re refusal of 17/3020/PNRES) Honeybrook Farm – Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house – Dismissed.**

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

a) **Trees: At the rear of houses, along back road – Low Habberley –**

No further information. Clerk also to report overhanging **trees and branches on the golf club side of the road coming up from Jacob’s Ladder, through the rock cutting area.** It was reported that the **leaning tree in Hoarstone Lane** fell whilst the lane was closed.

b) **Elm Tree Planting – not yet undertaken. Now deferred until spring.**

c) **Tree in Shatterford Lane opposite viewpoint –** Could not be found by arboriculturist. Clerk to give more precise directions and offer site help from councillors.

d) **Eymore Lane Layby –** Still awaiting a response from the County Council re possible partial closure.

e) **Grit order –** Clerk had ordered this in the first week of January, and on chasing, understood that it should be delivered this week.

f) **Velo Birmingham –** Clerk had attended the CALC debrief meeting at County Hall. The vast majority of attendees voiced opposition to the event taking place again on the same route in 2018. Richard Levett (CALC) had chaired the meeting, and would send minutes through to those who had attended. He also provided the names of the WCC Cabinet members who would be deciding on 8<sup>th</sup> February whether the event would happen again in 2018 in Worcestershire. Clerk would e-mail the cabinet members with details of the problems faced during the 2017 event.

g) **A gully at top of Hoarstone Lane –** had been reported as being blocked.

- h) It was reported that the **sump at the bottom of Hollies Lane** was not being emptied; it was full of silt, and that water would again be going straight across the A442.
9. **Lengthsman, Footpath work & Litter collection – :**
- a) **Worksheets** – Submitted and approved, including extra gritting of footways – particularly in Low Habberley, undertaken during the current bad weather. Clerk had received confirmation that County Councillor Hardiman would reimburse the parish lengthsman’s budget with extra funds to cover work done in the harsh weather. Clerk had identified that this amounted currently to £200, but that further bad weather may mean that this amount increases.
- b) **Litter Collection** – Duplication of work by the District Council had now been stopped. It was noted that there was an excess of litter along roadsides in Trimpley village, and Cllr Phillips advised that he had already asked Messrs. Archers to deal with this.
10. **Financial Reports**
- a) **Payments –**  
 Lengthsman Work - £605  
 Clearance of Footpath under P3 scheme - £60  
 Clearance around Mount Pool - £80
- b) **Grant offer from County Councillor re Defibrillators** – Clerk to check with Councillor Ian Hardiman whether his kind offer of £200 per defibrillator installed could be accessed if installation did not take place by the end of March.
- c) **Budget and Precept Setting** – it was unanimously agreed to keep the Precept level the same as for the current year, which would, in effect, show a decrease in the parish rate to households. Clerk to advise amount within deadline to the District Council.
- d) **Transparency Code compliance and funding application Website proposal** – Clerk had submitted a grant application for £1145 but questions had been asked concerning the training funding being claimed. Clerk is following this up with CALC/NALC.
- e) **Churchyard Grant** – (*Councillor Phillips declared a pecuniary interest*) Clerk again warned that she understood from CALC that the grant paid annually to the church for churchyard maintenance was contrary to the law appertaining to Parish Councils. A discussion took place on how the Parish Council could continue to make this grant legally but no final decision was reached. Clerk to continue with investigations.
11. **Worcestershire CALC**
12. **County and District and other Correspondence**
- a) **County – De-registration of part of Trimpley Green Common** – Nothing further received, although decision delay – apparently due to a change of staff - had been queried by the Clerk.
- b) **Parish Quiz Night** – Clerk advised that the District would again run this on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk had put an article in the newsletter to see if anyone wanted to enter a team.
- c) **Electoral Roll** – Clerk had received and shared an electronic copy.
13. **Road Accidents**  
 None recorded.
14. **Other matters**
- Work party for the pools across the green** – Councillor C. Gammond would give a call to fellow councillors to undertake maintenance across the green – mainly extracting fallen trees from the pools.
- Felling of Trees** – had been taking place across the village by Western Power, who were cutting back trees under power lines – currently at the top of Halls Farm Lane.
15. **Date of Next Meeting** – confirmed as 19th February at 7.30p.m.  
 The Chairman offered apologies in advance.  
 Meeting closed at 9.35p.m.

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