

KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 18th November 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)
PC Steve Thomas
1 member of the public was present +
3 candidates for the casual vacancy.

1. Police Report

4/11/13 – Suspicious vehicle near to Wassell Wood Barn was checked out and turned out to be vets vaccinating badgers..

Reports of “tramp” markings – arrow chalk markings on roads etc – which were traditionally markings for house burglaries. Similarly horse thefts are often preceded with braiding the mane of horses targeted. However the chalk marks may have been associated with Explorer scouts who were carrying out orienteering exercises in the area. There were some reports that the scouts (although they had notified neighbourhood watch) had left gates open on their night-time exercise.

It was advised that their had been a couple of instances of horses and cows loose on local roads. Advice was given that the owner of stock found loose on the road could be prosecuted.

In answer to questions, it was reported that there had been no instances of hare coursing or lamping in the parish of late.

Public Open Forum

Councillor Yarranton advised that the County Council were to address the “wash-out” at the bottom of Hollies Lane onto the A442. Mr. Collins advised that he had put in a drain outside his property on the lane, and asked if a contribution from the County Council could be made towards this. This was to be discussed between Councillor Yarranton and Mr. Collins.

It was agreed that the Parish Lengthsman would be asked to dig out the ditch being put in at the bottom of the lane every so often.

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 21st October 2013 were approved and signed.

5. Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy

As a poll had not been claimed by 1st November, the Returning Officer had given the Parish Council permission to fill the vacancy by co-option, and notices to this effect had been posted on the noticeboards.

Three applications had been received from Mr. B. Cope, Mrs L. Green, and Mr.N. Halford-Bishop.

Each candidate was seen by all present and the chairman asked each of the three candidates the same three questions.

A brief discussion then took place on each of the questions posed and the answers given by each candidate. A written ballot took place, and a majority vote of 4-2 meant the Louise Green was duly elected. All candidates were then told of the decision, with two candidates leaving the meeting. Mrs. Green then duly signed the Acceptance of Office form, and remained for the rest of the meeting. Clerk would obtain a copy and supply to Mrs. Green of the Good Councillors Guide.

6. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**
- a. **Previous planning applications**
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
Awaiting Decision
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.
Awaiting Decision
- b. **New applications received**
None
- c. **Compliance Issues**
Playhouse erected adjacent to Amenity/Storage Building (permission granted) to be used in conjunction with adjoining land use – Hollies Lane.
Nothing further to report..
7. **Progress Reports on Outstanding Items**
- a) **Highway matters – flooding at Low Habberley**
Clerk had e-mailed Kirsten Huizer to see if she could help with funding a possible project to remedy this problem. It was agreed to call a site meeting if she could help. Clerk to progress this forward.
- b) **Severn Trent**
Clerk read out a reply she had received from Severn Trent about the series of recent water leaks in Shatterford Lane.
- Fencing at the Reservoir car park** – to prevent 4 x 4 vehicles gaining access into the wood. After initial glitches, which thanks to the watchful eye of the Chairman and Vice Chair, this work was now on-going, and should be completed shortly.
- c) **Northwood Lane** – It was reported that the hedges needed trimming.
- d) **Work on Trimpley Green** – a work party had taken place in the area at the top of Halls Farm lane, and scrub vegetation cleared. The Worcestershire Black Pear tree was planted, and photos taken for the newsletter.
It was reported that an invasive weed – parrot's feather – had taken a strong hold in the marsh off Eymore Lane, along with bulrushes, and these would need clearing out.
8. **Lengthsman -**
The Chairman reported on a meeting he had attended with Councillor Yarranton re additional funding from the District Council to extend various services to be undertaken by the parish – (mainly litter picking by our Lengthsman).
An invoice for £405 for Lengthsman's work was tabled and approved.
It was reported that the battery in the Speed Activated Sign would require changing.
9. **Financial Reports**
- a) **Cheques signed**
PAYE re Clerk - £54.60
Lengthsman - £405.00
10. **County and District Council & CALC Matters**
Centenary of the start of WWI is on August 4th 2014. Clerk had commenced researching the three names on the WW1 War Memorial in Trimpley Church for a possible feature in a forthcoming newsletter.
Carol Service – 13th December – The District Council's Carol Service would be held in St. Mary's church on 13th December.

11. **Other Matters**

Arley Estate Timber Lorries - who go down Eymore Lane to pick up the timber – were reported as travelling too fast and knocking branches off roadside trees.

Parish Roll of Honour Board – Clerk to make enquiries with the supplier to purchase lettering to add Mrs. Louise Green's name.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Confirmed as Monday 16th December 2013

Clerk asked if consideration could kindly be given to moving the date of the February meeting from 17th Feb 2014 to possibly a week later – say 24th February – as she would be away on 17th Feb.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Chairman - 16th December 2013