

**KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm at Trimpley Village Hall**

**Present** Councillor Mrs. L. Green (Chair)                      Councillor Mr. C Grainger  
                  Councillor Mr. J. Gammond                        Councillor Mr. B. Phillips  
                  Councillor Mr. G. Yarranton                            Councillor Mr. R. Jennings  
                  Councillor Mrs. C. Gammond                            Mrs E Whitehouse (Clerk)  
                  District Councillor Becky Vale. (left at            3 members of the public

8.30p.m.)

1. **a) Police Report** Clerk read report from the police who were unable to attend. It was also noted that a battery had also been stolen from the Crundalls area.

**b) Public Forum**

A discussion took place about the application for deregistration of a portion of common land near to Mount Pool. This application had only been discovered due to notices posted up, and the County Council had not sent official notification to the Parish Council (being the local authority) as it is legally required to do. A discussion took place about the application with points being made in support and against. It was decided that the Clerk should ask for an official extension for comment from the County Council, as insufficient time had been granted to fully consider this, and it should be an agenda item on the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr. Ron Collins advised that he had noted in Friday night's Express and Star that, although permission had been granted for the application for development of the Park Attwood Clinic site, the highway authority had expressed reservations about the plans. In addition, he had noted that there had been calls for an archaeological survey to be done on the site.

2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs. Ron Jennings and James Gammond. Reasons for absence were approved. Clerk was requested to send a "get well" card to Cllr. Jennings.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Mrs. Gammond declared an interest in being members 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.

Cllr. Yarranton declared his office as District and County Councillor.

4. **Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2017 were approved and signed, with one amendment re date of April meeting.

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

**District Councillor Becky Vale**

- **Deep Cleansing** currently being instigated in the area, with lanes being swept. Advise Becky if there are any areas requiring attention or which are missed.
- **Litter and fly tipping** Fines are being issued for fly-tipping in the district.
- **Inconsiderate parking in the ward** Enforcement taking place via police.
- **District Budget** – Becky gave details of budget setting this week – with the District Council not raising its portion of Council Tax, but maintaining services by raising money on a capital portfolio fund. She reported positive reception for this across political parties.
- **Health consultation** – currently being held in the District, in respect of where services could be accessed in the future across the County. Becky encouraged Councillors to go and view the consultation. (Clerk had previously given details of when and where this could be done). Chair advised that she had been to view the consultation.

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

- **Council Tax** – although he acknowledged that the District Council were not increasing their Council Tax for the forthcoming year, as voted for by the council, he felt that this was not perhaps in accordance with the feelings of many of the district electorate – as adult social care was, he felt, in an appalling state.
- **Fly tipping** – incidents in the parish had been reported, including those at Mary Moors layby, but he stated that although there were prosecutions being given out,

this appeared to be for incidents in the towns. It was reported that there were 6 CCTV cameras in operation throughout the district.

- **Trimpley Village sign** - was being made by County. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Yarranton for his help with this.
- **Inconsiderate parking** – Cllr. Yarranton agreed that enforcement was taking place, but that this was mainly confined to towns, and not in rural areas.

(Distr. Cllr. Becky Vale left the meeting at this point).

- **Highways Engineers leaving : David Hunter** – Cllr. Yarranton confirmed that David Hunter, Highways Engineer whom we had built up a rapport over many years was in fact leaving the County Council employ. He would discuss this with Ian Bamforth and report to the next meeting.  
**Phil Coulson** (Rights of Way Dept.) was also leaving.
- **Highways work** – Cllr. Yarranton had met and discussed local problems with Ian Bamforth on 26<sup>th</sup> January, and reported:
  - Surfacing work at Trimpley crossroads would be done in April this year
  - Remedial work in Upper Birch lane would be done in April/May this year.No guaranteed date could be given for Crundalls lane as yet – although the potholes had been attended to.  
Drainage problem at Little Gains was also discussed and reported.
- **Severn Trent Water Chamber surround – Jacobs Ladder bank** – reported to the County Council for attention.
- **Northwood Lane** - all the potholes had been repaired, and 300 metres would be top-dressed.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Cllr. Yarranton, for his long and continuing support for parish matters.

Matters brought by Councillors for Cllr. Yarranton to report included:

Cllr. Phillips – a bad stretch of **road by Holbeache Cottage in Eymore Lane** needing some filling.

Cllr. Grainger - **Dead trees by switching station (at Crundalls)**. – Cllr. Yarranton stated he would report – but they may be the responsibilities of Western Power.

## 6. **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 had circulated the officer's report, showing that the full application with revisions would be going to committee on 21<sup>st</sup> February, with a recommendation for approval. It was noted that the development would be too small (10 units min) to command obligatory s106 contribution.

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

Approved

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

Approved

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

Approved

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

Awaiting decision – we may not get notification, as under permitted development.

### b) **New Applications**

**17/0061 & 0062 Proposed front porch extension at LOW HABBERLEY FARM HOUSE, LOW HABBERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER, DY115RE.**

Comment: “ No objections and recommend approval”

**c) Compliance Issues / Appeals.**

**i) Easter Cottage** - Committee approval is being sought by the District Council to pursue formal enforcement proceedings.

**ii) Crundalls Cottage** – a further suggested amendment had been submitted, proposing partial demolition. The District planners were considering the appropriateness and practicalities of this proposal, and whether it would satisfy the Planning Inspectorate's reasons for refusal on appeal.

**iii) Trimpley Green Farm** -.The property is currently on the market. The District planners have been pursuing the owner/agent about discrepancies between plans and “as built”, and it was anticipated that an application for further variations would be forthcoming.

**iv) Oak Meadow Farm** – nothing further to report following refusal of the recent application.

**v) Sandy Lane – Barn conversion** – This had now become a full-blown enforcement case, as it was apparent that it was not a conversion, but rather a “new build”. Further investigations were being undertaken. It was reported that the PROW had received a complaint about a fence put up along the trace encroaching on the bridleway, but on inspection, this proved not to be a problem.

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

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

Clerk had been advised by the District Council that funding for Smartwater from the Localism fund was not possible. However, she had submitted a grant application under the Safer Wyre Forest initiative and had been successful in obtaining a grant of £1000, which would require completion of a report on the Smartwater provision. Payment of this grant had already been received, but no invoice had yet been received for the Smartwater packs.

**b) VA Sign**– VA Sign was now in Low Habberley, but whilst in Trimpley (near to Black Pools) for approximately one month, a counter showing how many times it had been activated had gone off more than 4500 times with vehicles exceeding the speed limit, and this, of course, was only vehicles going in one direction.

**c) Mirror – Halls Farm Lane** – It was noted that steps were being taken to replace the mirror opposite Halls Farm Lane.

**d) Great British Spring Clean campaign** (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March) Clerk gave out details,

**e) Parish Quiz** – as previously discussed and decided, Clerk advised that she had sent an email advising that no team would be entered from this parish.

**f) Events in the District this summer** – Clerk read out a list of events:

4<sup>th</sup> March – Bewdley Museum re-opens

30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May – Spring Fair - Bewdley

4<sup>th</sup> June – Rock and Roll Party – Stourport Riverside Meadows

19<sup>th</sup> June – Flag Flying Ceremony – Bewdley Museum

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> August – Country and Western Event – Stourport Riverside

27<sup>th</sup> August – Outdoor Cinema event – Brinton Park

**g) Grit Bins** – all reported as adequately full

**h) Halls Farm Lane** – residents were replenishing their own grit bin and mending their own potholes

**i) Superfast Broadband**– further discussion took place on how to improve the provision in the parish.

**j) The Chairman had attended the recent **Chairmen's meeting**, and reported on the following matters:**

Localism Fund – Clerk had already asked for a list of projects funded, but had not received this. The Chairman had repeated the request. Clerk to chase up.

Visit by John Baggott (Planning) to Parish Council Meeting – Clerk to arrange – possibly for May meeting

Halfpenny Green Airport - it was noted that a possible GPS system was to be installed at the airport, with 2 planes landing per hour to be possible, alongside night flying.

Other items discussed included: Unitary Authority (not likely for Wyre Forest) and the new Severn Trent pipeline, and possible traffic problems it may cause

**8. Lengthsman –**

Timesheets were submitted and approved for payment for 90.5 hours

9. **Financial Reports**

a) **Request from Arley School for Grant towards transportation to swimming and gymnastics**

It was unanimously agreed that a grant of £250 should be made, but the Clerk was asked to write and request a breakdown of costs relating to these activities when next year's request is made – in the interests of transparency.

b) **Cheques signed :**

Clerk - PAYE - £65.80

Lengthsman - £905

Grant towards swimming transportation costs for Arley School - £250

c) **Financial Regulations**

Clerk would revise the parish's regulations to bring them into line with current regulations.

10. **Road Accidents**

20<sup>th</sup> February – Car ran in to the Telegraph pole post near to Trimpley Crossroads (early hours of the morning) cut off several people from service. A new pole would be required.

11. **Other Matters**

**Clare Witnell & Blount Charities** It was noted that Sally Merritt-Collins had volunteered to take up the position of representative trustee for the Parish Council on this Charity and it was unanimously agreed that she be appointed. Clerk to progress the matter with both Sally, Wendy Wright and the Charity Clerk. Clerk would write and thank Wendy for all her service over many years in this capacity.

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

Cllr. C. Grainger advised that he may not be present, and if not, would like to offer his apologies in advance.

Clerk had checked the hall availability and had arranged to move the April meeting, which clashed with Easter Monday to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – to include the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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