

County Councillor Ian Hardiman submitted a report – the salient details of which were:-

- District Council still have £20,000 unspent in the **Localism budget** available for applications this year.
- The District Council forecast they will have a **£2Million funding gap** by 2020/21 and they feel that the role of Parish and Town Councils is vital to unlocking savings whilst preserving key services.
- **District Local Plan review** saw 2000 people responding, and more than 1800 visiting drop-in sessions.
- **Highway Matters**
 - Hoarstone Lane** – Blocked gullies will be jetted, and large areas of the road will be patched, requiring a road closure, and therefore this will require a minimum of 3 months before the work could be done. Following the site meeting, Hannah Davies from WCC Highways stated that she hoped to put a camera down the drains to see if there had been any damage to underground pipework.
 - Crundalls Lane** - assessed for re-surfacing due to slippery surface – and warning signage re horses will be checked. Dead Elm trees by the substation were identified, but no schedule set yet for the work to be undertaken.
 - Flooding – Fountain Court** – it was clarified that this was not caused by the tank in the field. Hannah Davies would arrange to have the drains jetted.
 - Mary Moors Layby** – the reasoning behind the request for closure was now better understood, following the site visit, and would be considered.

Councillor Hardiman stated that due to staffing problems at County Hall, it had been a difficult few months recently due to illness and holidays in the Highways Department, making for slow progress on matters raised.

Councillor Yarranton stated that he understood that there had been a recent remuneration review for County Councillors. Councillor Hardiman stated that although Cabinet Members had received an increase in remuneration, back benchers like himself had not. He also felt that this comment had been personally directed to him, and not made as a general comment, and therefore took exception to this remark. Cllr. Yarranton stated that he did not feel he had made this remark to be taken personally, but as a general fact of information for the parish.

6. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

a) Previous planning applications

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Withdrawn

17/0460/FULL Proposed replacement garage and new access at 36 Habberley Lane, LOW HABBERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER, DY11 5RA
Awaiting Decision

17/0475/CER Certificate of Lawfulness - Use of property for permanent residence for more than 4 years “Sunkist”, Hill Farm
Awaiting Decision

b) New Planning Applications

17/0512/CERTP Rear and side extension (Lawful Development Certificate) at WOODSIDE, CRUNDALLS LANE, BEWDLEY, DY12 1ND

Comment: "The Parish Council has no evidence to either support or object to the proposed application."

17/0527 Amendments to the previously approved 16/0145/FULL application 'Proposed extensions and alterations' at SEVERN LODGE, NORTHWOOD LANE, BEWDLEY, DY12 1AS.

Comment: "No objections and recommend approval"

17/0535 Single storey side and rear extension (Amendments to 15/0506/FULL) at HOWARD HOUSE, 17 HABBERLEY LANE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY11 5JT.

Comment: "No objections and recommend approval"

17/0567/S73 07/09/2017 DEL Variation of Condition 1 and removal of Condition 2 of planning permission 17/0320/FULL to allow retention of car park TRIMPLEY GREEN FARM BARN TRIMPLEY BEWDLEY DY121NR

Comment: "No objections to the proposal and Recommend Approval.

However, in offering this, we would recommend removal of permitted development rights."

- c) **Compliance Issues /Appeals.**
- i) **Easter Cottage**
- ii) **Crundalls Cottage**
- iii) **Sandy Lane – Barn conversion**
- Nothing further received on any of these issues.
7. **Progress Reports / Correspondence, and other Outstanding Items**
- a) **Trees at the rear of houses, along back road – Low Habberley** – Further to District Cllr. Becky Vale’s report, Clerk had given the owner’s contact details to Alvan Kingston, and he would write recommending that they have the trees inspected professionally.
- b) **Highways issues** – covered in Cllr. Hardiman’s report.
- c) **Fly-tipping and CCTV evidence** – Re CCTV Evidence in Upper Birch Lane re Flytipping. i) the evidence submitted by Mr. Bagnall showed a vehicle which was found not to be the vehicle responsible for the flytipping, and lacked sufficient evidence to take it forward; and ii) re the evidence from the resident at The Bumbles – the owner of the CCTV would not give evidence or sign a statement confirming where the images were taken from, and therefore, Cllr. Hardiman asked for this to be recorded in the minutes, as he felt the District Council could not be held to account for any apparent inaction in these instances.
- d) **Velo Birmingham Event** - Clerk advised that she had requested signage, not only at Trimpley Lane in Shatterford, but also further afield along the A442 at Bridgnorth and hopefully also on the Wolverhampton road, so that traffic travelling from the North would know that there would be no access to Kidderminster or Bewdley to enable them to cross the Severn. This would, of course, involve authorities other than Worcestershire. She also advised that Jon Fraser would be present on the day, and gave details of a phone number to call in the event of difficulties.
- e) **BT cover at Mary Moors** – now repaired. Minute closed.
8. **Lengthsman, Footpath work & Litter collection – :**
- a) **Worksheets** – None tabled
- b) **VA Sign** – would be positioned across the common for forthcoming Velo event.
- c) **Lengthsman Visible ID methods**
- Clerk tabled the 3 personalised HiViz Jackets – to be provided to the lengthsman.
- d) **Funding** – with no guarantee of extra funding from County Cllr. Hardiman, parish Cllrs. were fearful that our contracted lengthsman may prioritise other, more lucrative contracts which they had over and above the work for the parish, and therefore not give it the immediate attention which it sometimes requires, and at worst, may decide that the lengthsman contract is not worth their while continuing. A discussion took place as to whether the parish could afford to offer some extra subsidy itself from the precept. Also, it was decided to make the lack of funding known to parishioners in the newsletter, and therefore a possible deterioration in the amount of care that could be afforded to local highways.
9. **Financial Reports**
- a) **Payments**
- Cheques signed:**
- Trimpley Village Hall – Hire of Room (April – Sept 17) - £65
- Definitive Furniture – Repairs to Noticeboards - £150
- Clerk’s PAYE - £0.40p
- b) **Localism possibilities**
- Clerk reminded councillors that the District Council had £20,000 of funding remaining in the localism budget, which they could bid for, for an appropriate project.
- c) **Pension Staging** – Clerk advised that she had met with requirements concerning the Pension Staging Deadline for the Council, advising the authorities that she did not wish to have a pension. Her reasoning behind this was, that for very little worth, she would be required to do extra work, and it would cost the parish further money in providing pension funds.
10. **Worcestershire CALC**
- Autumn Training Programme** – Clerk tabled details, and received approval from councillors should she decide to attend any training updates.

11. **County and District and other Correspondence**

a) **County - De-registration of part of Trimpley Green Common** – Clerk tabled a copy of the report and recommendation from the County Council in respect of this, with a recommendation to refuse the application. Comment was made that the Parish Council were only a very small part of the consultation, and that the comment and representation made was unanimously made by this Parish Council and was based on facts that had been obtained by historical data, and not on local hearsay, although comment was made that some people may have expressed opinion that had been swayed by an anonymous letter which had been circulating locally. As Councillors had not taken this into account when formulating their comment, it was unanimously decided not to alter the comment already made, in opposing the application, despite the applicant (who was present) explaining the rationale behind why she was submitting the application.

b) **District** – Clerk tabled details of the Showcase of Services for Older People taking place on 21st September

c) **Worcs. CALC AGM** – Clerk advised that this would take place at County Hall on Wednesday 15th November – trade fair commencing at 5p.m. (with refreshments and cake available) and AGM at 6.30p.m. Places need to be booked by emailing caroline@worcscal.org.uk. Clerk advised she would be unable to attend.

12. **Road Accidents**

Crundalls Lane – a van trying to steal some metal was crashed and abandoned.

13. **Date of Next Meeting** – confirmed as 16th October at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

Chairman : _____