

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**NORTON-JUXTA-KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT NORTON PARISH HALL, LITTLEWORTH**

See Appendix 2 for public question time discussions.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** M. Reeves. These apologies and the reasons for them, were accepted and approved.

**Attending:** H. Turvey (Chair), R. Brooker, C. Dawson, K. Fincher, M. Hughes, P. Richmond, J. Sparling, Cllr. Adams (District & County Councillor), Mrs. J. Greenway (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer).

**2. Changes to Membership**

The Parish Councillor vacancy remains and a notice will be placed in the Parish Council newsletter.

**Action: Clerk**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

a) Cllr. Turvey reminded Councillors of the need to update their register of interests if necessary.

b) None

c) Existing dispensations were noted.

d) None.

**4. Minutes**

a) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Sparling, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and agreed by all.

b) The minutes action summary was reviewed. This will be updated following the meeting, with completed actions removed.

**Action: Clerk**

**5. 2017/1 Reports**

**a) Cllr. R.C. Adams (District & County Councillor)**

It was agreed for Cllr Adams to comment on items when discussed on the agenda. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr. Adams regarding drainage/flooding matters.

**Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Adams will seek further details of a Hatfield Lane temporary road closure. **Action: Cllr Adams**

**b) Finance**

(i) Current account balance £14,577.41 (12<sup>th</sup> January), deposit account balance £54,431.33 (3<sup>rd</sup> January), including £10,514.41 New Homes Bonus funds. S.137 expenditure of £50, within the annual limit.

(ii) There were no questions relating to the monthly accounts and bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**c) West Mercia Police**

The Clerk provided a report from the Police.

**d) St. James the Great Church, Norton**

As detailed within Appendix 2 – public question time discussions.

**6. 2017/2 2017/18 Budget and Precept**

a) The draft budget figures circulated in advance of the meeting were considered, along with potential projects. It was noted that Parish Councils will not be included in Government referendum principles in respect of ‘excessive’ precept increases relating to the 2017/18 budget.

**It was proposed by Cllr. Fincher, seconded by Cllr. Brooker and agreed by all to submit a budget requirement of £45,540 to Wychavon DC (£44,273 precept and £1,267 Grant), which equates to a £5.37 (13.24%) per annum increase for Band D Council Tax. The Clerk will submit by 3 February.**

b) The Council's Reserve Levels Policy was reviewed, with this being revised to require a general reserve to be maintained of not less than 50% of the annual precept. Reserves above this level will be considered for allocation to proposed projects. Proposed by Cllr. Fincher, seconded by Cllr. Brooker and agreed by all. The Clerk will revise the Reserves Policy. **Action: Clerk**

#### 7. 2017/3 Annual Appointment of Internal Auditor

Appointment of Iain Selkirk as the independent Internal Auditor for 2016/17, at a cost of £85, was proposed by Cllr. Fincher, seconded by Cllr. Brooker and agreed by all. **Action: Clerk**

#### 8. 2017/4 Annual Insurance Renewal

a) The Zurich Insurance renewal proposal was reviewed and agreed as adequate. The Clerk will arrange for renewal of the policy, as proposed by Cllr. Richmond, seconded by Cllr. Sparling and agreed by all, at a cost of £2,713.80 including Insurance Premium Tax. **Action: Clerk**

b) Risk management procedures will continue to be reviewed and formalised. A formal tree survey will be explored following completion of surveys by Parish Councillors to identify trees on Parish Council owned land. **Action: Cllr. Turvey**

#### 9. 2017/5 Planning

##### a) Current Planning Applications

The following applications were noted.

##### Approvals

**Beechwood House, Pershore Rd,  
High Park, Whittington  
Ref: W/16/02548/PP**

Oak framed garden room extension, and side porch – amendment to planning permission W/16/00118/PP

**Granary Barn House, Hatfield Lane,  
Hatfield. Ref: W/16/02649/PP**

Extension to form additional ground floor accommodation. Parish supports with conditions

##### Refusals - None

##### Other

**Cooksholme Farm,  
3 Wadborough Road,  
Littleworth. W/16/02262/PN**

General purpose agricultural building for storage of feed and equipment. Parish Council supports. Withdrawn by applicant.

##### Awaiting Decision

**Land to the south of the City of  
Worcester, Bath Road. Malvern  
Hills DC Ref: W/13/00656/OUT  
Welbeck Land**

Outline planning application, including approval of access (appearance, landscape, layout and scale reserved) for a mixed-use development with local centre to the south of Worcester.

**Land north of Taylors Lane, south  
of and part north of A4440  
Broomhall Way, Worcs.  
Malvern Hills DC Ref: W/13/01617  
St. Modwen Developments**

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for a mixed use development comprising residential development up to 255 dwellings, employment (B1) (b and c), B2 and/or B8, access, footpath, cycleways and highway infrastructure, pedestrian/cycle bridge over A4440, public open space, landscaping and associated development and drainage.

**Land adjacent to Lobelia Close,  
Cranesbill Drive, Broomhall Green  
and the A4440 Broomhall Way  
Worcester City Ref: P13A0617  
St. Modwen Developments**

Erection of pedestrian/cycle bridge over A4440 Broomhall Way to facilitate access to a mixed use development comprising of up to 255 dwellings and employment (B1) (b and c), B2 and/or B8, on land between Taylors Lane and the A4440 Broomhall Way.

**Middle Battenhall Farm**  
**Worcester City Ref: P13B0632**  
**Miller Homes**

Outline planning application for the construction for up to 200 dwellings, open space, new vehicular junction and access and associated infrastructure

**Land at Broomhall Way**  
**Worcester City Ref: P14L0266**

Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 103 dwellings with all matters reserved, excluding access. Parish supports subject to revision of application.

**Land at Broomhall Way**  
**Worcester City Ref: P14L0266**  
**(amended application)**

Outline matters application for the erection of up to 81 dwellings with all matters reserved, excluding access.

**23 St James Close, Littleworth**  
**Ref: W/16/02858/PP**

Proposed single storey rear extension to form a new kitchen/cloakroom/utility. Demolish existing garage and form new garage with ancillary accommodation at first floor level. Parish does not object, but points raised for consideration.

#### Internal Consultation

**Recreation Hall, Wadborough Road,**  
**Littleworth. Ref: W/16/03003/PN**

Improvements and alterations to village hall to replace windows to the main halls, reposition the front entrance. Extend front canopy roof, resurface the stoned car park area with free draining tarmac

#### Appeals

Planning appeal ref: APP/J1860/W/16/3165260:

**Land adj. Pattann Bungalow,**  
**Abbotswood, Littleworth**  
**MHDC Ref: 16/00008/FUL**

1 no. 4 bed house (Parish Council did not support the original application which was refused by Malvern Hills DC)

It was agreed to continue to object to the application for land adjacent to Pattann Bungalow and to submit the previously submitted comments to the Planning Inspector.

**Action: Clerk**

It was agreed to submit a support comment for planning application W/16/03003/PN relating to Norton Parish Hall, Littleworth.

**Action: Clerk**

**b)** It was noted that AVL is no longer planning to develop the Norton Road site adjacent to Yew Tree Court.

### **10. 2017/6 Worcester Parkway Station**

An update following the Stakeholders meeting on 16 January was considered. Further information will be sought from Worcs CC, with a consultation questionnaire included in the next Parish Council newsletter if considered appropriate. Agreed to review the situation at the February Parish Council meeting, as proposed by Cllr. Fincher, seconded by Cllr. Richmond and agreed by all. **Action: Clerk**

### **11. 2017/7 Southern Link Road (SLR) Improvement Works and Crossing Points**

An update following a meeting with Worcs CC and Wychavon DC was considered. It now appears likely that neither SLR bridge will be open for use until 2019. It was agreed to seek details of what is planned for the period before the crossings are in place, to provide safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists across the widened SLR. **Action: Cllr Turvey**

### **12. 2017/8 Adoption/Maintenance of Development by Garden Centre**

Wychavon Officers met with the developer(s) in December. Further details of this meeting are being sought, along with a meeting with Wychavon to discuss the plan of action, to ensure the adoption process is completed without further delays. Cllrs Turvey and Fincher offered to attend the proposed meeting, with Cllr. Adams. **Action: Clerk**

A quote for installation of the new Crookbarrow Road notice board (from the contractor recommended

by Persimmon Homes) was considered. As proposed by Cllr. Fincher, seconded by Cllr. Sparling and agreed by all, Riddings will be instructed to install the notice board at a cost of £390 plus VAT, funded from reserves if necessary. The new notice board will be ordered as previously agreed, with the Clerk and Cllr. Hughes liaising re timing of delivery and installation. **Action: Clerk**

### **13. 2017/9 Neighbourhood Plans**

The steering group will meet on 31 January and will consider consultant costs. **Action: Cllr Turvey**

### **14. 2017/10 Employment Matters**

Procedures relating to sick pay were reviewed, along with delegated actions taken by the Clerk, in consultation with the Parish Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman. These actions were noted and agreed as proposed by Cllr. Hughes, seconded by Cllr. Sparling and agreed by all.

### **15. 2017/11 Parish Hall Recreation Facilities and Outside Space**

Wychavon has confirmed that planning permission is not required for the proposed exercise track (trim trail), wetland and exercise area for outside gym equipment. Quotes, materials and maintenance of the trim trail were considered, along with any impact upon playing field mowing. It was agreed to obtain refined quotes and to seek guidance from the Wychavon Parks Officer. **Action: Cllr Dawson**

The play area fire repair work has been completed, with the exception of re-sealing/priming the safety surface. It was agreed by all to sign off the works, subject to completion to safety surfacing re-sealing work, which is being carried out for the whole play area, as remedial work to the original installation. This work is weather dependent, but completion is imminent. It was also agreed to pay the eibe invoice for the fire repair work of £10,551.65 plus VAT and to submit this to the insurers for reimbursement (less the policy excess). **Action: Clerk**

In view of difficulties in obtaining a second quote for the Parish Hall gate and fence painting, and the need for the work to be completed prior to the Hall coffee shop opening, it was agreed that if a meeting with a second contractor cannot be arranged by 3 February, then the work will be arranged using the first quote received. Proposed by Cllr. Richmond, seconded by Cllr. Fincher and agreed by all. **Action: Clerk**

### **16. 2017/12 Parish Hall**

An update was received on the coffee shop developments, opening hours and staffing (initially with volunteers), with an official opening on 3 March and public opening on 4 March. Costs were confirmed as on target, with paperwork to support. The coffee shop has been named coffee@WRFive. The windows work is being delayed until after the opening and until planning approval has been granted. It was agreed to release a further £3,000 of New Homes Bonus funding in respect kitchen equipment and internal decoration/furnishings for the coffee shop. The remaining NHB of £7,514.41 will be sufficient to cover the planned windows work. Proposed by Cllr. Richmond, seconded by Cllr. Dawson and agreed by all. The Parish Hall events timetable for 2017 was outlined, along with further community partnership working e.g. with NJK CE First School. The panto was a great success, with the coffee shop providing refreshments and a donation from takings. An old Ordnance Survey map of the Parish, dated 1885, was suggested for mounting/framing for display in the coffee shop, which would also help to preserve the map. It was agreed for Cllr. Fincher to pursue further quotes for consideration by the Council. **Action: Cllr Fincher**

### **17. 2017/13 Allotments**

Cllr. Sparling provided an update on actions in hand, a review of working of plots and a new allotments plan. It was noted that 2016 annual bills have been issued and payments are now being received.

### **18. 2017/14 Public Rights of Way (PRoW)**

Cllr. Turvey provided an update on PRoW matters. Enquiries continue relating to the future of the P3 Scheme and enquiries will be made regarding use of the Probation Service to assist with clearance of the PRoW that runs from opposite the Parish Hall grounds to Stonehall Common. **Action: Cllr Turvey**

### **19. 2017/15 Parish Council Newsletter**

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the Parish Clerk by 1 February. A colour centre spread is planned for the Parish Hall coffee shop, with 900 extra 'centre spreads' printed as fliers for wider circulation. Printing costs will be investigated once the article/flier has been finalised. **Action: Clerk**

### **20. 2017/16 Bus Services**

a) A 382 service update was received, including passenger numbers and extension of the trial period for the 2 new services. Points raised during the public question time were considered, along with another resident's feedback. The issues highlighted will be reported to First Group. **Action: Cllr. Hughes**  
A response will be sent to emailed feedback received. **Action: Cllr Turvey and Clerk**  
Bus services and the impact of reduced subsidies on these, have been highlighted to Nigel Huddleston MP, seeking his assistance.

b) Feedback was considered regarding an incident relating to a school bus drop off along Crookbarrow Road. The general consensus was that this was a matter beyond the control of the Parish Council.

### **21. 2017/17 Worcester Norton Sports Club (WNSC)**

The Chair of WNSC has been in contact with the Worcestershire Regiment Association regarding the potential for relocation of certain elements of the museum to the WNSC site.

### **22. 2017/18 Highways and Drainage Matters**

Worcs CC Highways do not wish to proceed with extended double yellow lines along Church Lane (towards the Hatfield Lane junction) at the current time, advising that following hedge maintenance, visibility is improved and that parked cars provide an element of traffic calming. Following discussions, it was agreed that parking in this area continues to be considered a safety concern and evidence to support this will be gathered for Highways.

The Clerk will liaise with Cllr. Adams, the Lengthsman, Mr Reeves and the Parish Groundsman regarding drainage/flooding matters. **Action: Clerk**

### **23. 2017/19 Worcs CC Local Transport Plan**

Agreed for Cllr. Fincher to review and draft a Parish Council response for consideration (final response submission deadline 17 March). **Action: Cllr. Fincher**

### **24. 2017/20 Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan**

Agreed for Cllr. Turvey to review and draft a Parish Council response for consideration (final response submission deadline 24 February). **Action: Cllr. Turvey**

### **25. 2017/21 Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan**

Agreed not to respond, as no areas within the Parish are included, or required to be included in the Plan.

### **26. 2017/22 Parish Council Owned Lands**

Parish Council archives at The Hive will be explored as soon as time allows. **Action: Cllr. Brooker**  
The Parish Council solicitors will be chased for news from the Land Registry following the surveyor's visit to the Parish Hall site. **Action: Clerk**  
The potential for future 'bulk' payments relating to wayleaves will be explored. **Action: Clerk**  
Tree surveys will be progressed as detailed under agenda item 8b.

### **27. 2017/23 Finance**

a) It was proposed by Cllr. Richmond, seconded by Cllr. Brooker **and all were in agreement** that the accounts detailed below be approved for payment/confirmation.

Accounts for Confirmation:

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
S. N. Day	Mowing of small grass verges at Brockhill 2016 (£285) and summer planting of Parish Hall patio pots (£62)	347.00
Duplikate	Winter newsletter (net of advertising) £380, bus services leaflet £80, PC business cards * £60, copies of Parish Plan reports * £18 (plus VAT on *)	553.60
City Signs	CCTV and No Parking signs for Parish Hall grounds £96 plus VAT	115.20
WW1 Group	Donation to Norton Barracks trail leaflet costs (agreed 30 November PC meeting)	480.00
NEST	Employer pension contributions December payroll	7.10
Mrs J. Greenway	Clerk Honorarium December 2016 - Gross including expenses paid via payroll	1,202.72
D. Fletcher	Groundsman and litter picking work November/December (Gross incl. materials purchased and mileage)	486.45
Miss K. Watkinson	Assistant Clerk Honorarium November/December 2016 (Gross including expenses paid via payroll)	190.85
HMRC	Quarterly NI and PAYE tax payment	601.34
Severn Trent Water	Allotments water June to December 2016	167.44
Shear Perfection Ltd	Maintenance of hedge between allotments and 72 Wadborough Road (£150 plus VAT)	180.00
Duplikate	No Parking leaflets	45.00
Red Kite Pest Control	Trapping moles at Parish Hall	100.00
Wychavon DC	Planning application fee re Parish Hall and outside space proposed developments	97.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,574.20</b>

Accounts for Payment:

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Mrs J. Greenway	Clerk Honorarium January 2017 - Gross including expenses paid via payroll	1,202.72
NEST	Employer pension contributions January payroll	7.10
D. Fletcher	Groundsman and litter picking work Dec 2016 /Jan 2017 (Gross incl. materials purchased and mileage)	516.04
Miss K. Watkinson	Assistant Clerk Honorarium Dec 2016/Jan 2017 (Gross including expenses paid via payroll)	174.34
P. Skeys	Lengthsman duties Nov 2016, Dec 2016 and January 2017	472.50
T. Smith	Winner of newsletter number puzzle	10.00
B. Roberts	Runner up for newsletter number puzzle	5.00
Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance renewal	2,713.80
The Richards Sandy Partnership Ltd	50% of annual accountancy fee (£425 plus VAT)	510.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,611.50</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>10,185.70</b>

- b) A donation to Norton Theatre Group, for £35.86, for refreshments for the after pantomime party was proposed by Cllr. Fincher, seconded by Cllr. Sparling and agreed by all. **Action: Clerk**
- c) The cutting schedule for the Parish Council owned field adjacent to Coppice Cottage will be increased to 2 cuts a year, at a cost of £60 + VAT each. Proposed Cllr. Richmond, seconded Cllr. Dawson and agreed by all. **Action: Clerk**

**28. 2017/24 Correspondence for Information**

See Appendix 1 for a list of correspondence received and noted.

**29. 2017/25 Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions and Expenditure Delegations since the Last Meeting**

The following items were approved:

Maintenance to the hedge between the allotments and 72 Wadborough Road at a cost of £150 plus VAT.  
Order of a new allotments register at a cost of £167 plus VAT.

**30. 2017/26 Items for Update to Local M.P.**

An update will be provided regarding the Southern Link Road crossing issues. **Action: Cllr. Turvey**

**31. 2017/27 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

None.

**32. 2017/28 Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 16th February.

The meeting closed at 10.35pm.

<b><u>Correspondence Received for 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Parish Council Meeting</u></b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Boundary Commission	Acknowledgement of consultation comments
CALC	Updates on various matters and training, including Transparency Fund, shaping Worcestershire's future, WCC budget consultation, National Stop Loans Sharks Week, external audit, Your Place Matters, P&CC newsletter & fairer funding, Draft SPD Planning for Health in South Worcestershire, Superfast Worcs, Fostering, Worcs P&CC Ambassador, Local Transport Plan, P&CC budget consultation, future of acute hospital services in Worcestershire, Worcs Minerals Local Plan, precept capping, NALC Chairman appointment, severe weather bulletins, 105 service/get ready for winter, Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute, news from NALC, dates for the diary/training, vacancies (to Parish Councillors)
Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine July 2017
Community First	E-bulleting including funding. Invitation to AGM on 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017
CPRE	Campaign updates, Countryside Voice magazine winter 2016
First Group	Passenger numbers for two new 382 bus services
Glasdon	Product brochure
Highways England/Taylor Woodrow	M5 J4a-6 closure details and news bulletins
I. Selkirk	Internal audit 2016/17
Imi Cenotaph	War Memorial cleaning
iPrint Digital Solutions Ltd	Email flier re provision of Parish Council newsletters
Lloyds Bank plc	Confirmation of mandate change
Malvern Hills DC	Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation (responses by 24 Feb)
Malvern Hills DC Planning	<u>Appeal Notification:</u> 16/00008/FUL: Land adj. to Pattann Bungalow, Abbots Wood, Littleworth: 1 no. 4 bed house. Application refused by MHDC
Mr Edwards	Scam alerts
Mr Wallace	382 bus service
Mrs Medlicott	Talavera Road play area improvements
NALC	Local Council Review magazine winter 2016
Network Rail	Vegetation clearance/management (to summer 2017)
One Ltd	AVL Norton Road development
Open Spaces Society	Campaigns update and donation request
Pershore High School	Invitation to carol service 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Rev Mark Badger	Free School bid SWUE
Sheds Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance enquiry
SMH Fleet Solutions	Transporter access via Woodbury Lane
Soc. Local Council Clerks	The Clerk magazine January 2017
Sovereign Play	Product brochure
St Peter's Parish Council	Newslink magazine Dec 2016
SWDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on draft supplementary planning document – Planning for Health in South Worcestershire (comment by 27 January)</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of response to Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document</li> </ul>
West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner	Newsletter, budget consultation 2017/18
Western Power Distribution	Business Plan commitments, stakeholder workshops and severe weather bulletins
Worcs Assoc. of Carers	Newsletter Dec 2016

**Correspondence Received for 26th January 2017 Parish Council Meeting (continued)**

Sender	Subject
Worcs CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation to budget consultation meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm</li> <li>• Highways roadworks reports</li> <li>• Comic Relief – local communities programme</li> <li>• Worcs Minerals Local Plan 3<sup>rd</sup> stage consultation and briefing session</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan support</li> <li>• Local Transport Plan consultation (responses by 17<sup>th</sup> March) and response questionnaires</li> <li>• Double yellow lines along Church Lane, Norton</li> <li>• Scientific Services assistance with asbestos management</li> <li>• Southern Link Road newsletter Dec 2016</li> <li>• Arts and Obesity symposium</li> <li>• Parkway Station stakeholder briefing sessions</li> </ul>
Wychavon DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterside, Evesham car park closure (one day – 15 December)</li> <li>• Shared Chief Executive (WDC and MHDC) delivering benefits</li> <li>• The W Factor events</li> <li>• Village cleansing schedule (quarterly – week 5 of 13)</li> <li>• A4440 crossing points</li> <li>• Funding updates</li> <li>• Parish Matters newsletter Nov 2016</li> <li>• Pinvin art classes</li> <li>• Wychavon Community Grants Scheme</li> <li>• Council Tax referendum principles and changes to NHB allocations</li> <li>• Tree felling in Droitwich</li> <li>• Award of annual Police trophy</li> <li>• Halifax Quality of Life survey – Wychavon, one of the best</li> <li>• Christmas/New Year refuse collection dates</li> <li>• Public Health newsletter Dec 2016</li> <li>• Design Award winners announced</li> <li>• Invitation to ‘Business Breakfast’ 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7.30-9.30am</li> <li>• Music workshops in Wychavon</li> <li>• Visualize our Country – arts competition for 11-18 year olds</li> <li>• Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards 2016 winner – WW1 Group</li> <li>• Suitcase stories dementia project</li> <li>• Wychavon staff show support for charities</li> <li>• Medical Centre extension in Evesham</li> <li>• Interactive health stall at Evesham market</li> <li>• Spring clean for Wychavon</li> </ul>
Wychavon DC Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda and minutes for Planning Committee meeting 12 January 2017</li> <li>• Agenda and minutes for Planning Committee meeting 15 December 2016</li> <li>• Minutes for Planning Committee meeting 17 November 2016</li> <li>• Approval of Neighbourhood Area for NJK Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan designation</li> <li>• Enquiry re planning requirements for changes to 37 Vimiera Close, Norton</li> <li>• Publishing of Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement and notification of referendum date of 16 March 2017.</li> </ul> <p><u>Approval Notices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W/16/02548/PP: Beechwood House, Pershore Road, High Park.</li> <li>• W/16/02649/PP: Granary Barn House</li> </ul> <p><u>Withdrawal Notices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W/16/02262/PN: Cooksholme Farm, 3 Wadborough Road, Littleworth</li> </ul>

**Public Question Time**

One Parishioners attended regarding the 382 bus service.

Key points highlighted/discussed are summarised as follows:

- The temporary nature of the 2 additional 382 bus services. It is understood that First will extend the trial period, in view of the first few months of the service being over the winter period.
- The potential to extend the 32 bus service to the Parish Hall. First has advised that this is not possible due to Traffic Commissioner requirements relating to a 15 minute service to the St. Peters/Broomhall roundabout. If the 32 bus was extended to the Parish Hall, it would not return to St Peters in time to meet this 15 minute service requirement.
- The bus that is providing the 2 additional 382 services, is a Birmingham bus that was previously idle at these times and has been offered by First to provide the additional 382 services on a trial basis.
- Problems relating to a 32 bus blocking the stand in the bus station, preventing the 382 lunch time service from reaching the stand and leaving on time. This will be reported again to First for resolution.
- An instance was highlighted where the 32 bus at the stand, changed its number to become the 382 service. This will be clarified with First.
- Target passenger numbers are not quite being achieved (at around 70%), but it is hoped that passenger numbers will increase as the weather improves, making the service viable and sustainable. Concern was expressed that if the 32 service leaves the bus station before the 382, then this will impact upon 382 passenger numbers.
- The need to use the 382 service, and in particular the 2 new services, was stressed. It is understood why residents may use 32 services from St Peters, but if journeys could be adjusted to allow use of the 382 services, this will improve the likelihood of these services becoming more permanent.
- Other service improvements will be explored with First once the new services have been established, through passenger numbers.

Rev Mark Badger attended to provide an update on Church matters, with key points/discussions summarised as follows:

- Rev Badger will be licensed on 12 March, by the Bishop of Dudley, at a 'Messy Church' session at St James the Great.
- The Tower bid is progressing. Opening of the Church during the day is being explored, as is how best to use the Church as a community resource. A Heritage Lottery Grant application is being prepared, with submission planned in May.
- Churchyard mowing arrangements will be considered as Rev Badger becomes more involved in matters relating to St James.
- The Church is also keen to develop closer working relationships between community groups within the Parish, for the benefit of the community.
- The proposed SWUE developments are being reviewed, with consideration being given as to how best to structure the Church within the community. The Diocese is planning to bid for a Church of England Free School within the SWUE development, which could provide a multi-functional building, not just a school. A new Church is not planned to be built within the SWUE. The Diocese is keen to save and reinvigorate St James the Great Church within the wider community.