

Speed Monitoring (DFS): No formal response had yet been received from WCC Highways. A reminder had elicited that the test monitoring has showed cause on Pershore Road, but that the speed limit review could increase permitted speeds to 50 m.p.h. It was unlikely that their use on Church Lane would be agreed. The Clerk was to contact D. Clee following his return from holiday.

Members were concerned at the suggestion that the speed limit might be raised on the B4084 and the Chairman pointed out that the road had been downgraded from the A44 because of high accident rate and to deter HGV's from using it. Since then the traffic load had increased by some 80 HGV journeys per day to serve the Envirosort Facility, as well as the use of the adjacent property as a distribution centre, and further proposed uses which would generate more HGV, and private car traffic. The Clerk was to make these concerns clear to WCC. Public support for the DFS/VAS, and maintenance or lowering of present speed limits on the B4084 and in the village was to be canvassed on the website, in the Parish Magazine, at the school, and by general distribution of a draft letter.

Speed Enforcement: Having been asked for an update, the Clerk was not aware of any formal request having been submitted for Police/Road Safety Partnership action; nor were Members.

New Matters: None

b. Byways:

General:

Parish Paths Warden: No progress had been made. Shirley Penn had taken over from Fiona Argyll as the area access officer, and nothing further had been heard about the appointment of a Volunteer PPW.

Whittington Tump - access: The Clerk reported a very limited response with few questionnaires returned

Bridleways: Nothing reported

Footpaths: A. Lodge reported that difficulty was encountered in climbing the stile where RoW502 joined Walkers Lane. The stile was difficult to access by virtue of the bank and was very tall with rounded and slippery foot bars.

2010.86 Training.

No relevant training was identified. S. Mcleod asked if the "in house" training was to be continued. In view of the holiday season the Clerk suggested this be held on Tuesday 11th October.

2010.87 WDC Statement of Licensing Policy, 2011

Members made no response to WDC Public Consultation

2010.88 Registration under Data Protection Act.

The Clerk reported that it is the generally held view, and the advice of the D.P. Registrar and NALC/CALC that P.C.'s should be registered. In the light of this he recommended the Council register at a cost of approx. £30.00 p.a. Members were reluctantly persuaded to accept the advice given and agreed (MH/AL) to register (NH abstained).

2010.89 District and County Councillors' Report – For Information.

The County and District Councillor was not present

2010.90 Police Report - For Information.

In the absence of a representative of the police, the Clerk had been asked to report an incident in Shrewsbury where a motorist had been distracted whilst getting into her car and goods taken from her parked car.

The Chairman closed the meeting temporarily to allow public comment.

S. Cottam reflected on other VAS which aggravated drivers because they were incorrectly set, and commented on the data protection legislation.

The meeting was reconvened.

2010.91 Reports by Councillors, and Items for Future Agendas.

- a) Reports of Committees and Working Groups and of Councillors representing the Council on outside bodies.

Envirosort Site, Norton Liaison Group: the Chairman reported on a recent meeting at which concerns had been expressed about uncovered vehicles coming & going and resultant litter and glass spillage. It was agreed (MB/SM) that the Council write to Envirosort to express its concerns.

West Wychavon PACT: M. Baker advised that no meeting had taken place

Worcestershire CALC: A. Lodge had been unable to attend the last meeting but received copious information from CALC. She had not identified any matters that were particularly relevant to WPC.

- b) Reports of Councillors on other matters. None.

- c) Inclusion of specific items on a future agenda. Parish Plans, Bulb Planting, Training Session.

2010.92 Inclusion of items in the Parish Magazine.

Village Road Safety, response re Whittington Tump access.

2010.93 Correspondence.

A note of correspondence received has been periodically sent out to Members under the "Clerk's Digest" since the last meeting.

2010.94 Date of Next Meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 14th September 2010 at Whittington Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 21:10 hrs.

2010.84 Finance.

The Clerk reported as follows: -

- a. Receipts: from WCC re. Lengthsman, for April & May 2010 (amount t.b.a.) and minimal HSBC Interest.
- b. Payments: The following invoices and requests for payment were submitted: -

Expenditures: 13/07/2010	Date of invoice	VAT No	Net	Gross
S. Gwilliam - Lengthsman Services for May 2010 (includes 30 mins for WPC work)	24/5/2010		£88.00	£88.00
S. Gwilliam - Litterpicking Services for May 2010	None		£0	£0
S. Gwilliam - Lengthsman Services for June 2010 (includes 30 mins for WPC work)	28/06/2010		£176.00	£176.00
S. Gwilliam - Litterpicking Services for June 2010	03/06/2010		£35.00	£35.00
Worcestershire CALC - Clerks Gathering + Book on S.O.'s	19/05/2010 & 28/06 2010		£24.50	£24.50
P.S. Roe - Clerking costs and back pay	13/07/2010		£76.94	£76.94
Total			£ 400.44	£ 400.44

Payment of these was approved (MB/AL) unanimously.

The Clerk reminded Members that the purchase of the Westcotec VAS from Hallow P.C. was still outstanding.

- c. Cheque Signatories Bank Mandate: The Clerk pointed out that there were now only two signatories to cheques, which could cause a problem. The account had been changed maintain free banking A copy of a revised Mandate was circulated for Members' review prior to it being agreed (MB/NH) that it should be signed with the A. Lodge added to the approved signatories in place of R.A. Phillips. A copy of the mandate is appended to these Minutes.
- d. Revision of S.O. for payment of Clerk's salary. Following the 1hr p.m. increase the S.O. needed revision to reflect the increased salary. The revised Mandate was circulated, approved (SM/MB) and signed.
- e. Proposals for Expenditure. None.

2010.85 Highways & Byways.

a. Highways:

General.

It was reported that WCC were seeking PC's input to winter maintenance schedules in the light of last winter the clerk was asked to respond as follows:-

- Areas within the parish that are a particular problem in times of severe weather: Access Road near the Swan Inn, the bend Nr Whittington Lodge on Church Lane, and the exposed stretch of Church Lane between the Church and The Village Hall
- Areas that either have or require a grit bin: **Existing** bins at school entrance (Old Road), Church Lane near Whittington Lodge, and at Three Ways/Berkeley Close. **No additional bins requested**
- Parish assistance with monitoring grit bin stocks and reporting low stocks or damage to the County Council: Councillors were agreeable to accepting responsibility for this.
- Key areas that need to be cleared by snowploughs in severe weather conditions: Access Road at Swan Inn, Old Road, Church Lane & Walkers Lane.
- Farmers or small contractors that might have suitable equipment for snow clearing:, Contractor Mrs. N. Rogers, Goldcliffe, Church Lane - already undertakes work for "Highways"
- Farmers or landowners that are likely to have sufficient undercover areas in which to store an emergency grit supply. None identified.
- Parish Lengthsman be available to help out in cases of severe weather: Yes but he does have other (work & lengthsman) commitments.

M5 Noise:

The Clerk reported ongoing correspondence with P. Luff & HA/Minister. The Chairman suspended the meeting to seek S. Cottam's clarification, after which he reconvened the meeting.

Maintenance:

Works for the Lengthsman:

M. Hallmark asked that he be instructed to plant more bulbs. This was not within the lengthsman's remit but could be considered as a separate (parish financed) scheme. The matter was to be tabled for the next meeting, in the meantime N. Hodgetts and the Clerk were to investigate availability & cost of bulbs.

No other work was proposed but Members ask that he be thanked for his excellent work.

Previous Matters:

A. Lodge reported residents' concern at the standard of the road resurfacing (particularly near "The Swan").

New Matters:

Damage to Barrier at Swinesherd Way roundabout was reported by the Chairman. WCC had been notified.

The Chairman thought a village sign was missing on the M5 side of the access road. Two empty posts were present. Members could not recall a village name sign here and no action was proposed

Traffic Management:

Previous Matters:

Parking: Residents' permits: these were with the Clerk who suggested that SB hold the stock as he lived centrally and was the PC's "Highways Member". This was agreed

At a Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held at Whittington Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July 2010, at 19:30 Hrs.

Democratic Period/ Question Time: Three Members of the Public were present. R.A. Philips spoke in his capacity as Chairman of the Whittington VH Management Committee about the proposed rebuild of the facility. He asked the Council to take the high level of village support for the project into consideration and look kindly upon it, when setting its budget for future years.

He commented privately on his objection to the proposed J6 development; and hoped the Parish Council had opposed it and would continue to do so as he perceived it as setting an unacceptable precedent for development East of the M5.

2010.77 Attendance.

Present: M. Baker, M. Hallmark, N. Hodgetts, A. Lodge, S. MacLeod.

In Attendance: P.S. Roe, Clerk.

Apologies: S.L. Brooker. District & County Councillor R.C. Adams, p.c. Sean Woods,

2010.78 Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy.

No nominations or applications had been received.

2010.79 Declarations of Interest and Ethical Matters.

a There were no declarations of Personal (non prejudicial) Interests in items on this Agenda.

b There were no declarations of Prejudicial Interests in items on this Agenda.

2010.80 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th May 2010, having been previously distributed, were taken as read, and were adopted (AL/SM) without amendment.

2010.81 Appointment of representatives and Correspondence & related duties.

Appointment of Representatives:

Parish Trees Warden: A. Lodge had investigated the involvement required and was not prepared to take on this responsibility. She had been unable to contact Wade Muggleton at WCC to see if a volunteer warden was available.

Correspondence & related duties

Highways: } S. Brooker had confirmed to the Clerk that he was happy to undertake these

Health & Safety: } responsibilities but wished to discuss the Health & Safety implications with the Clerk

His appointment was therefore confirmed (MB/SM)

2010.82 Planning.

a. **New and Unresolved Planning Applications:** None

b. **Previous consultations.** The Clerk confirmed the following.

W/10/01246&7/PP&LB: Extension to existing house to provide shared and separate facilities for elderly relatives.

Demolition of existing prefabricated triple garage; The Elms Walkers Lane; Mr. & Mrs. Guy; No comment made

W/10/01442/PP: Single storey rear extension: Goldcliffe, Church Lane; Mr M. Rogers; No comment made.

c. **Planning Decisions:** None reported

d. **Other Planning Consultations:** None

e. **Other Planning Matters:**

SWJCS: The 3 participating Authorities were to review the future of the SWJCS following the demise of the ...

WMRSS: This was now effectively dead, following the change of government.

Wychavon D.C.: The Chairman reported having met (in company with the Clerk) with representatives of WDC, Norton P.C., & District Councillor Adams that afternoon to discuss the Archdeacon's house, concerns about developments on the old Morganite Crucible site, and the Planning Consultation process.

The development of the Archdeacon's house was approved, and no power for change existed unless grounds could be given to show that the offices etc were being used to the extent that they constituted a Change of Use.

WDC had agreed to support a request by WPC for reinstatement of the boundary hedge. It was agreed (MB/SM) that the Clerk write to the Archdeacon requesting this.

In respect of the old Morganite Crucible site it was noted that one building was in use by Boots as a distribution, warehouse (Class B8). EnviroSort occupied the adjacent area (sui generis use - planning approval by WCC) and a Gypsum recovery facility had set up in another building.

The District Council had sought legal advice regarding the Gypsum recovery facility - to the effect that it did not constitute a change of the existing Class B2 use of the site. Thus matters were very much in the hands of the County Council as the Waste and Highways Authorities and the environmental control specialists.

Two Planning Applications had been received for the conversion of buildings at the site to a Training Centre and a "Go-Karting" facility, these were actively under consideration.

The Chairman indicated his concerns at the increased traffic levels these generated on the B4084, Norton P.C. was concerned about traffic accessing the site via Norton Village.

Parish Plan: The Chairman had attended a meeting at WDC relating to Community Planning and he spoke about the possible production of a Parish Plan. He explained the ramifications thereof and the Clerk pointed out that it could have an impact on the Planning Process if accepted by the planning Authority.

Members expressed interest and asked the Clerk to table this for further consideration at the next meeting.

2010.83 Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Resolved.

None