

**At a Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held at Whittington Village Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011, at 19.30 Hrs.**

**2011.114 Attendance.**

Present: S.L. Brooker, A. Lodge, S. MacLeod, P.J. Wood.

In Attendance: P.S. Roe, Clerk.

Apologies: R. Grant. Apologies from M. Hallmark were received subsequent to the Clerk's departure from home & were therefore not recorded.

**2011.115 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 Personal Prejudicial Interests in items on this Agenda.

c Ethical Matters. None

**2011.116 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011, having been previously distributed were taken as read, and adopted (SLB/SM) without amendment.

**2011.117 Co-option to fill vacancies.**

One application had been received from Carl A. Smith. He was formally nominated by S.L. Brooker, seconded by A. Lodge and was elected unopposed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange signature of his Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the next meeting of the Council.

**2011.118 Neighbourhood Planning & Parish Plan.**

The Chairman explained the situation regarding the Parish Plan Survey and explained at some length the reasons why he considered that the Council should also embark on a Neighbourhood Plan.

Members considered this and debated the matter eventually agreeing (SLB/PJW) unanimously to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk had prepared a draft letter for submission to the local Planning Authority requesting its support and asking that it bid on behalf of Whittington P.C. for "Fronrunner" funding for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Members reviewed this and agreed (SLB/SM) that it be sent to the District Council without significant amendment.

The Chairman suggested that the next step in connection with the Parish Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan should be to call a public meeting to explain the results of the Parish Plan Survey and to explain the need, and seek public support for a Neighbourhood Plan. Members concurred with this view and it was agreed (PJW/SM) that provisionally this be held at Whittington School on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (subject to availability of the School Hall.) The Clerk was to pursue this after the half term break.

A number of specific invitations were to be sent out to those who had expressed a wish for a greater involvement in the Parish Plan and to others considered to have a particular interest in such matters. It was agreed that Sian Griffiths be asked to attend to give guidance but not in a lead role.

P.J. Wood suggested that a further meeting should be held nearer the date, to discuss the conduct of the meeting and to brief Councillors on expectations; being seconded by A. Lodge this was agreed unanimously.

The Clerk had prepared a draft wording for a flyer to advertise the meeting (to be distributed throughout the Parish) which members perused and commented upon, leaving the Clerk to make the requested alterations for later consideration.

**2011.119 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011, at Whittington Village Hall. A. Lodge tendered her apologies.

**The Meeting closed at 20:50 Hrs**