

Whittington Parish Council



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MINUTES of the meeting of Whittington Parish Council held on 9th July 2013 at 19.30 at Whittington Village Hall

Democratic Period/ Question Time: A parishioner had noted a large amount of rubbish on Junction 7 roundabout which had been exposed since the vegetation/hedges had been cut back.

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr S Brooker

Vice Chairman: Cllr S Macleod

Councillors: Cllr P Wood, Cllr A Guy, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr M Baker

Officers: Mrs C Chambers (Parish Clerk)

1) Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Smith and County Councillor Adams.

2) Declarations of Interest and Ethical Matters.

- a Declarations of Personal (non prejudicial) Interests in items on the Agenda and their nature. SM declared an interest in agenda item no 6) Highways & Byeways- item 1.
- b To receive declarations of Prejudicial Interests on items on the Agenda and their nature.
Non received
- c Ethical Matters.
Non received

3) Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 May 2013 had been circulated to all Members with the agenda. It was moved by Councillor SM, seconded by Councillor MB and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true record.

Update on Action from the minutes of 21 May 2013 –

The Clerk to book Police Commissioner 8th October 2013 at WVH - Done

Letter to/from Roy Fullee - Done

SB flyers for NHB post to all parish households - Done

Items to carry forward to next meeting - Clerk to find an Internal Auditor

4) Planning Applications

- 1.1 W/13/01095/PN - Miller Homes Ltd, Ms J Morgan - LAND OFF WALKERS LANE - Erection of 17 dwellings with associated infrastructure. It was moved by Councillor SB, seconded by Councillor JC and **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved, although concerns were expressed about road safety, increased volume of traffic congestion and considered Kilbury Drive inadequate with a further 257 homes to be developed near that site.
- 1.2 W/13/01174/RM - Miller Homes Ltd, Ms J Morgan - LAND OFF WALKERS LANE - Application for approval of reserved matters for outline permission W/11/02349/OU landscaping scheme as shown in Landscape Plan C-929-01 Rev B. It was moved by Councillor JC, seconded by Councillor SB and **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.
- 1.3 13/0056/OUT - Land to the South of the City of Worcester, Bath Road, Broomhall, Worcestershire - Outline planning application for a mixed-use development with local centre to the south of Worcester including demolition of existing buildings and the construction of up to 2204 dwellings including affordable housing including approval of access (appearance, landscape, layout and scale reserved) (Use Class C3) and up to 14ha of employment land. The development to also include: Hotel (Use Class C1); Elderly Persons Accommodation (Use Class C2); Business (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8); Retail (Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5); Non-Residential Institutions (including; Health (Use Class D1) Primary School (Use Class D1)); Assembly and Leisure (including:Indoor Leisure (Use Class D2), Outdoor Sports and Leisure (Use Class D2)); Landscape, Public Realm, Open Space, Allotments and Orchards; Associated infrastructure and Off-site Highways Works.

Although this plan is sited outside Whittington Parish it was noted by the Council that the scale of the proposed development would greatly impact on Whittington Village and Whittington Parishioners at St Peter's. WPC had registered to be on the list of consultees, following discussion it was agreed that WPC comments be made to Malvern Hills District Council.

Action Clerk

b) Previous Consultations

W/12/02045 Uffnells farm. Parish of Whittington. Chairman's Report

Chairman Councillor Brooker reported on the meeting of Wychavon District Council Planning Committee who met on Thursday 20th June 2013, he explained that there were 3 objectors each had 1min 20seconds to speak. Spetchley Road Residents Association and Kilbury Drive Residents Action Group were also in attendance. Cllr Rob Adams was present and represented the interests of Whittington. Whittington Village Hall Chairman, Roger Phillips was also present as were members of the public. He reported that after a lively debate, Professional planning advice was offered and reminded the Committee that it had been agreed in the South Worcestershire Development Strategy. The final outcome was 7 votes for, 4 against and 3

abstentions. He advised that the developers had indicated a start date in about 6 months initially they would develop 50- to 70 houses. The Chairman also added that under Section 106 Whittington Parish Council would get 15 allotments with water provision, and benefit from £50,000 funding to enhance the community. The Chairman also reminded Members that Whittington could benefit from the New Homes Bonus funding, which was estimated at approximately £100,000 per year for community projects. The Chairman thanked Cllr Rob Adams for his support and advice along the way.

c) Planning Decisions:

W/13/00685/PP – Mr & Mrs Francis, Orchard House -Extension to garage
APPROVED on 28/05/2013. **NOTED.**

d) Section 106 Allotments

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a copy Schedule 12 of the Planning Obligation Deed relating to land adjacent to Kilbury Drive, Spetchley Road, Worcestershire from Wright Hassall LLP. The report explained that under Section 106 the developers of Uffnells Farm are to prepare 15 allotments with water supply and make ready for Whittington Parish Council to take transfer of the allotments subject to the developers laying out the allotments and doing the work that was necessary for the allotments to be transferred to the Council in a satisfactory condition i.e. ready to be let. The Chairman had stated via email (previously circulated) that WPC did not wish to incur any costs and that all legal fees and any other associated costs be covered by the developer. Following discussion the report was **NOTED.**

e) Other Planning Matters:

1.1 South Worcestershire Development Plan - Notice of Submission

An Email from Jessica Wooley, Planning Officer, Wychavon District Council had been circulated by email to Members with an attached letter on behalf of Paul Bayliss (SWDP Project Manger) which informed the Parish that the SWDP had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination on Tuesday 28 May 2013 in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Section 20). The report was **NOTED.**

1.2 **Amendments to Applications:** None reported at time of meeting

1.3 **Appeals:** None reported at time of meeting

5) Finance.

- a. Receipts: It was noted at the time of printing the agenda no receipts and been received.
- b. Payments: The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a list of payments that had been made from 1st June to 26th June 2013, it was moved by Cllr SB, seconded by Cllr SM that the payments made on behalf of WPC which totalled at £1,121.60 be **APPROVED.**
The Clerk also circulated with the agenda a list of expenses that had been incurred by Cllr JC on behalf of WPC, it moved by Cllr SB, seconded by Cllr SM and **APPROVED** that Cllr JC be

reimbursed for costs incurred of £16.29. In accordance with Item 8 of WPC Financial Regulations.

- c. Proposals for Expenditure: Cllr JC had advised that the latest edition of Charles Arnold-Baker, Local Council Administration book was due to be published, following debate it was moved by Cllr PW, seconded by Cllr MB and **Approved** that the Clerk place an order for the book through Calc.
- d. Future Payments: The Clerk advised that there were payments to be made in due course but had not received invoices at the time of the meeting.

New Uffnells development would be erecting sound barriers. It was suggested by SB that WPC should hire a professional company to conduct a survey on sound pollution along Swinsheard dual carriage way to ensure that the sound barriers do not reflect road noise into Whittington. The Chairman reminded Members that a similar survey had been conducted approx 6 years ago to measure motorway noise. Following discussion it was agreed that a new sound survey be conducted. It was agreed that the cost of the survey would be paid out of the NHB funding. **Action SB.**

Clerks Note: A new HSBC banking mandate had been signed at the meeting by Cllrs SB, SM, and PW. Cllr MB signed after the meeting.

6) Highways & Byways.

6.1 Highways – Double Yellow Lines in Church Lane

The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a letter and a map from Worcestershire County Council which advised of a proposal of an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the prohibition of waiting on Church Lane, Whittington. The Order of which would be to prohibit waiting at any time in the following lengths of road. Church Lane (north side) from a point of 15 metres east of its junction of School Walk for a distance of 125 metres in a westerly direction. Church Lane (south side) from a point of 15 metres west of its junction of School Walk for a distance of 85 metres in a westerly direction. Following debate it was moved by Cllr MB, seconded by Cllr PW that the double yellow lines in Church Lane be **APPROVED** and that a letter be sent to Simon Mallinson Head of Legal and Democratic Service at Worcestershire County Council.

6.2 Footpaths:

The Clerk reported that following a complaint from a Parishioner that footpath number 504 (just past the church) was blocked, she had checked the Worcestershire County Council's Web site, footpath 504 had now been reported, footpath 503 was also overgrown and had previously been reported to WCC and has been inspected. The report was **NOTED.**

6.3 Maintenance:

Work for the Lengthsman: No work for the Lengthsman had been reported, the Clerk advised Members that the Lengthsman would be on holiday Week Commencing 15 July for 1 week.
Noted.

6.4 Traffic Management:

AG aired his concern regarding the ongoing issue of speed racers on the dual tracks in the parish, following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the District Commander to request traffic calming enforcement of speeding vehicles. **Action Clerk.**

6.5 Previous Matters:

It was generally agreed that The Clerk would write to Peter Blake for an update on outstanding issues relating to new and unresolved Highway Matters. **Action Clerk.**

6.6 New Matters:

As 6.4 above.

6.8 DFS:

No reports were made under this agenda item.

6.9 Bridleways

No reports were made under this agenda item.

7) Training, meetings and seminars

No reports were made under this agenda item.

8) Parish/Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Development Plan - PROJECT MANAGER APPOINTMENT

Following a meeting with Tom Woof who had successfully project managed the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Upper Eden, Cumbria. He advised the Chairman that the Council should formally select a Project Manager. Due to the time constraints it was discussed by email that a Project Manager be elected. It was agreed to appoint Councillor Stephen Brooker to Project Manage the neighbourhood Plan. It was moved by Cllr AG Seconded by Cllr JC and **RESOLVED** to appoint Stephen Brooker as the Project Manager for the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Whittington. **NOTED.**

The Chairman gave further details on the meeting with Mr Woof and advised that a flyer which invited parishioners to put their views forward had been posted to all of the parish households.

9) District and County Councillors' Report – For Information.

No reports were made under this agenda item.

10) Police Report - For Information.

The Clerk had previously circulated all correspondence from the police. PC Ben Allchurch had circulated dates for the Police Mobile Station. Which would be at Whittington village hall on 2nd August at 11.00am and 24th August at 11.00am.

11) Reports by Councillors, and Items for Future Agendas.

To receive the reports of Committees and Working Groups and of Councillors representing the Council on outside bodies, to ask relevant questions, and to consider appropriate action.

WPC staffing Committee: *No report was made under this agenda item.*

Envirosort Site, Norton (CMRF) Liaison:

MB reported that glass and litter arising from the transport of materials to/from the Envirosort Plant at Norton was an ongoing problem he had referred it to Councillor Rob Adams. Next liaison meeting would hold October/November.

West Wychavon PACT:

MB reported that PC Ben Allchurch has put an article in the paper to publicise that the police were to clamp down on motor bike racers in Whittington. MB reported that he had contacted Simon Wilton, Spetchley Estate Manger who confirmed that the lock on field gate would be replaced. In reference to an email from PC Ben Allchurch he confirmed that the owner of the dog that had attacked a pedestrian had now been idtenified. Cllr MB also commented on the lack of police presence at WPC meetings.

Worcestershire CALC:

Cllr JC reported on the meeting she attended at Wychavon District Council's Civic Centre. She reported that the meeting was well attended and that the Crime Commissioner and deputy were present and discussed items such as drugs, alcohol and anti social behaviour. She also informed the Council that a new Neighbourhood watch list was to be updated and were now asking people to register as a NW representative.

Cllr JC put herself forward to be the Neighbourhood Watch Representative for Whittington as she had previous experience. It was moved by Cllr SB, seconded by Cllr MB and **RESOLVED** that Cllr JC be WPC representative to Neighbourhood Watch.

Whittington School:

Cllr PW had meeting with Gary Richards, Cllr PW reported that the hedges by post box and opposite had overgrown and was obstructing the footpaths which were not wide enough for children and parents to walk side by side and the overgrowth of the thorns were dangerous. It was agreed that Spetchley Estate be contacted to trim the hedges. **Action MB.** Cllr MB had reported that the School fete held in June had been a success, and that the cake stand had raised £300 for Saint Richards Hospice with a further £6,000, to be raised from a cycle trip from Worcester to Paris. The School had raised £2,000 with a donation to church fund.

Whittington Village Hall:

Cllr PW reported that the next meeting of WVHMC would be on 22 September, he also reported that Roger Phillips had been very disappointed in the reduced amount of section 106 funding which was to be used to replace the VH. The Chairman reminded Members that funding would also be available from the New Homes Bonus Funding. PW aired his

concerns that WVH was in a serious state of disrepair and that action would be needed in the near future.

12) Items for the Parish Magazine.

Flyer - Neighbourhood plan

List of Ben Allchuch Mobile Police – dates for later in the year

Police & Crime Commissioner date.

Double yellow lines; As a consequence of parking concerns and safety WPC support Highway

Authority implementation of double yellow lines in Church Lane

Cllr JC is WPC representative for neighbourhood watch

13) Correspondence.

Peter Luff MP had written to WPC in response the Council's concerns regarding Wychavon District Council's decision not to send paper copies of plans for consultation. He acknowledged WPC concerns and recognised the issues and difficulties for all parties involved in planning deliberations. **Noted.**

14) IT – Facebook and Cloud and Communication

At the meeting on 21 May 2013 it was discussed that a Facebook page be dedicated to Whittington Parish Council, it was also discussed that an account be opened on 'The Cloud' an online storage facility. The Facebook page had been set up by AG, it had been decided that further discussion of the management of the Facebook page and The Cloud needed to be explored by the Council. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Cllr AG manage the Facebook page and report back at the next Council Meeting.

15) Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be Tuesday 10th September 2013, at Whittington Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20pm

Councillor S Brooker
CHAIRMAN

Signed