

# Whittington Parish Council



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## MINUTES of the meeting of Whittington Parish Council held on 10 March 2015 at 19.30 at Whittington Village Hall

### Democratic Period/ Question Time:

A parishioner reported that fly tippers had blocked his and other parishioners entrance in the village, he reported it to the County Council to get the rubbish removed, he added that the WCC had cleared the rubbish very quickly and was very happy with WCC Service.

Another parishioner reported that he had written to Chris Shaw of Bloor homes to report the rubbish on Swinesherd Way, which seemed to be from the Bloor homes development.

### Agenda 03/15

#### 1) Attendance and Apologies -

##### Those Present:

**Chairman:** Cllr S Macleod  
**Councillors:** Cllr M Baker, Cllr A Guy, Cllr S Brooker  
**Officers:** Mrs C Chambers (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies** PCSO Steven Tinkler, Cllr F Richards, Cllr P Wood, Cllr Rob Adams

#### 2) Declarations of Interest and Ethical Matters.

- a To receive declarations of Personal (non prejudicial) Interests in items on this Agenda and their nature. **None.**
- b To receive declarations of Prejudicial Interests in items on this Agenda and their nature.
- c Ethical Matters. **None.**

#### 3) Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2015 had been circulated to all Members with the agenda. Agenda item 5(a) planning application for Modwin suffix was amended to P14Q0023 and item 7(c) was amended from David Hemming to David Perridge. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes including the amendments be adopted as a true record.

#### 4) Police Report - the Chairman read out an email from

The Chairman read out an emailed report from PCSO Steven Tinkler. He reported that no crimes had been reported in Whittington in the last month, however the police had received a report of youths riding quad bikes in the fields at the end of Walkers Lane. This had resulted in one youth been given a section 59 offence in which if they were seen in the same manner again the bike would be seized, the other youths had received anti social behaviour letters.

## 5) New Planning Application / Consultation

**Application Number : 15/000007/REG3** - Worcestershire County Council - Land to the east and south of the Crucible Business park, Norton, Worcester.

**Proposal:** A full planning application for the development of a new rail station and associated infrastructure. The application comprises of new platform on the Birmingham-Bristol railway line and one platform on the Cotswold railway line, a new station building, a public right of way footbridge over the Birmingham - Bristol railway line, car parking, flood attenuation and a new round about on the B4084. Following debate Whittington Parish Council welcomed the changes to accommodate the Councils previous comments, and would review as the scheme developed further and the impact on Whittington. WPC would like to see an increase of traffic and speed management and parking enforcement, and a reduction of the speed limit in the residential areas in Norton, and would like to see the Highways Department and the Safer Road Partnership be more pro active in the preservation of the rural area that surrounds the development.

## 6) Finance.

a. **Receipts:** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which itemised the receipts that had been received in January and February 2015. It was **RESOLVED** that the receipts which totalled £531.30 be approved.

b. **Payments:** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which itemised all payments that had been made in January and February 2015. It was **RESOLVED** that all payments which totalled £1,293.88 be approved.

c. **Bank Reconciliation.** The Clerk had circulated with the agenda the Bank Reconciliation as at 28 February 2015. **Approved.**

### 6(a) Proposals for expenditure.

d. **Re-submission of Village Hall Plan:** The Clerk advised Members that £837.50 would be payable to Wychavon District Council for the re-submission of Whittington Village Hall plans, original application number 11/02852/PN. It was **RESOLVED** that the payment be approved.

e) **DFS Maintenance** - The Clerk advised Members of the cost of the maintenance of the DFS, she was quoted £700 per annum for 4 onsite maintenance visits or £450 per annum for the DFS to be returned to the factory for maintenance. It was **RESOLVED** that the maintenance programme be deferred. Clerk to report back with quotes of new DFS/maintenance. Members requested that the Clerk contact Constable Paul Acaster to request a speed gun community speed check.

f) **Village Enhancement** - The Clerk requested that the Council consider flower planters for the entrance(s) to the village and new village notice board(s), it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk get quotes for the flower planters and village notice boards(s) and report back at the next Council meeting.

## 7) Highways & Byways.

**Whittington Tump Access**- Cllr MB reported that he had spoken to the land owner with regards to access to the Whittington Tump as the gate had been blocked off, the landowner would report back to Cllr MB once he had spoken to the tenants.

**Motorway Sound Reduction Scheme** - Cllr MB reported that the sound reduction work on the M5 motorway had made a significant difference to the noise from the motorway, at Cllr SB request it was **AGREED** that the Council would write a letter to Sir Peter Luff to thank him for his support of the resurfacing scheme on the motorway.

**Litter** - Members and parishioners commented on the amount of litter along Swinesherd Way, Cllr AG reported that several comments had been made on social media with regards to this problem, it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council write to the County Council to request the litter be removed.

**Fly Tipping** - Cllr AG reported that there had been several fly tipping incidents within the village and that he had, on numerous occasions litter picked. Members **RESOLVED** that the Council make the Police and WCC aware of the problem, also Members would organise a litter pick within the Village.

**Narrow Walk Flooding of Footpath** - Cllr MB reported on the site meeting he had with Cllr Rob Adams of WDC & WCC and David Lavender of WCC Highways, he explained that they had discussed how the rain water could be drained away by a concrete gully at the top of narrow walk by grove cottages which would collect the rain water and divert the water from the path into the drain, he added that further investigation was needed on the existing drains and the possibility of a new drain at the bottom end of Narrow Walk. Cllr Adams would update the Council as the investigation continues.

**Village Hall** - they looked into the flooding of the road by the village hall, Cllr MB reported that the ditches needed to be cleared, and were to continue to investigate. The Chairman thanked Cllr MB for his work. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to wait for an update by Cllr FR as he had previously investigated the problem of flooding by the Village Hall.

**Speed Reduction** - Cllr SM reported on the increase of two way traffic in Walkers Lane, it was felt that highways should be consulted about a reduction of speed to 20mph and additional passing points would make Walkers Lane safer. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Highways.

**Swinesherd Roundabout Railings**. Cllr SM commented that the Swinesherd roundabout railings should be extended to the other side of the roundabout to protect pedestrians. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to wait for Cllr Adams to progress with the invitation to Highways to attend a Council meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the School sign on the corner of Walkers Lane which had been bent over had been reported. It was also reported that the fence by bus stop needed to be repaired; it was **RESOLVED** to ask lengthsmen to replace the missing panels.

**Village Entrance Enhancement.** The Clerk reported on a project that had been fronted by the Whittington Village Tree Warden to enhance the village entrance and the wooded area which runs the length of Church Lane. The scheme which, in conjunction with WCC Countryside Officer had progressed, and a concept plan would be drawn up in the near future. Although details of the enhancement project were not available the Chairman felt that Members should be aware of the project. Following discussion Members agreed to wait for the concept plan to be presented to the Council for consultation.

**8) Training, meetings and seminars to receive reports of relevant training, meetings and seminars attended or offered to the Council and to consider attendance by Members and or the Clerk.** See agenda item 9a and 9b.

**9) Neighbourhood Development Plan - New Homes Bonus – Section 106**

It was **RESOLVED** to invite Andrew Ford to a meeting to advise the Council on progressing with the Whittington Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

New Homes Bonus was discussed and it was **Agreed** to wait until the parish had a project to which the New Homes Bonus could fund.

**a) SWDP Hearing held on 4th March WARRIORS RUGBY CLUB, SIXWAYS STADIUM, WORCESTER**

Cllr AG gave a verbal report on the SWDP hearing that was held on 4th March. He reported that the other attendees were representatives of the Councils of South Worcester and the Developers Agents. Councils were represented by a Barrister. Cllr AG and Cllr FR were the only people who were opposed to the inclusion of Swinesherd into the housing supply in the SWDP. The Inspector wanted to ascertain if it was a sufficient site for development, he reported that access was debated, the Councils, Highways and Developers were in favour of a foot bridge. Cllr AG challenged the Barrister and Highway Authority as the police were previously opposed to a foot bridge on Nunnery Way. Cllrs AG and FR raised the issue of flooding and referred to previous reports that had stated that Swinesherd was a 'significant gap' and a 'strategic gap' the inspector viewed both polices as the same which was to achieve and to provide a visual and noise buffer, the Inspector wanted to know why Swinesherd had been ruled out for development since 2007 and had only just been included as a late inclusion into the SWDP. Cllr AG added that contribution from S106 and CIL would go towards the new foot bridge. Cllr Brooker explained S106 may go to fund the Bridge and CIL could go towards the infrastructure on the development. Cllr AG advised the Council to wait until the Inspectors report was published and advised that there was no further opportunity to voice or sway opinion for the SWDP, although there would be an opportunity when a developer presents a planning application.

The Chairman thanked Cllr AG and FR for their attendance at the hearing and their report.

**b) SWDP and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) held on 9th March 2015 at Worcestershire County Council -**

Cllr Brooker gave a verbal report on the meeting held on 9th March on the SWDP and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), the Clerk informed Members that she would email a copy of the presentation. Cllr Brooker gave a brief outline. He reported that CIL would be implemented once the SWDP had been adopted and would sit alongside a reduced form of s106, he added that contributions of s106 would be subject to the CIL test which were, Site specific, Necessary to make development acceptable, Fairly and reasonably related to the development, benefits for local communities. All monies would go into one pot and that CIL could be in operation in 2016. The Chairman thanked Cllr Brooker and the Clerk for their attendance at the meeting.

## **10) District and County Councillors' Report .**

No reports were made under this agenda item.

## **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: Staff review to be advised.

Envirosort Site, Norton (CMRF) Liaison:

Cllr MB advised that Envirosort had invited Members to attend a site visit, Cllr MB would coordinate a site visit, he confirmed that the visit could be after 6pm.

West Wychavon PACT:

Cllr MB reported that Paul Acaster, Steve Tinkler, Julie Pardo were hoping to reconvene the PACT meeting, David Hemming of Community Police are to meet with Cllr MB next week.

Worcestershire CALC: All email had been forwarded to Members.

Whittington School: None.

Whittington Village Hall: Annual Village Hall meeting will be held on 28 April at 7.30pm at Whittington Village Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr SM asked Cllr MB to look into how we could move NWW forward.

## **12) Correspondence & Council Consultation**

Worcestershire County Council had written to advise that the application to vary conditions 8, 35 and 36 of planning permission 407669 to incorporate changes to the operating and maintenance hours at Envirosort, Woodbury Lane Norton would be considered at the Planning and Regulatory Committee on Tuesday 24 March 2015.

## **13) IT - Facebook & Communication**

Members had received a flyer about a new web site called Streetlife online community site. The Clerk was to review the site and report at the next meeting.

## **14) Enhancement**

See request for expenditure agenda item d. Proposals for expenditure

## **15) Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next Meeting will be the Annual Council meeting which will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at Whittington Village Hall.

The Date of the Annual Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Councillor S Macleod  
Chairman