

Whittington Parish Council



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Minutes of the meeting of Whittington Parish Council held on 12 July 2016 at 19.30 at Whittington Village Hall

1) Attendance and Apologies -

Those Present:

Chairman: Cllr S Macleod
Councillors: Cllr S Clark, Cllr A Guy, Cllr R Pearce
Officers: Mrs C Chambers (Parish Clerk)
Attendees: Cllr R Adams

1) **Attendance and Apologies -** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F Richards and PCSO Julie Pardoe.

2) Declarations of Interest and 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. **None.**
- c Ethical Matters. **None.**

3) Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

- a The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2016 had been circulated to all Members with the agenda it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true record.
- b. The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held 31 May 2016 been circulated to all Members with the agenda it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true record.

4) Finance.

- a. The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which listed the receipts for April, May and June 2016. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the receipts for April, May and June 2016 be approved.
- b. The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a report which listed the payments made in April, May and June 2016. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the payments for April, May and June 2016 which totalled £3,997.92 be approved.
- c. The Clerk had circulated with the agenda the bank reconciliation up 30 June 2016. The 3 accounts showed the overall balance as at 30 June 2016 was £30,709.44. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation as at 30 June 2016 be approved.
- d. Proposals for expenditure. **None.**
- e. Whittington Parish Council Financial Regulations. To review/change and adopt WPC's Financial Regulations. It was agreed to review the Financial Regulations at the meeting to be held on 13 September 2016.

5) **New Planning Application/Consultation - A GPD Application 16/01377** - Change of use - conversion of existing building to 2 dwellings. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** to support this application.

6) **Police Report** - PCSO Julie Pardoe had emailed her apology and reported that the Police had no incidents to report for Whittington.

7) **Highways & Byways.** It was noted that the barrier on Swinesherd roundabout had been damaged, Cllr Pearce to write to police with regards to traffic racing on the dual track. The Chairman noted that the pot holes in the village had been repaired. Cllr Guy had reported to WCC that the Bridleway & footpath end of Brewers Lane been padlocked. It was agreed to write WCC to request that the bridleways/footpath be kept open.

8) **Training, meetings and seminars.** No reports were made under this agenda item.

9) **District and County Councillors' Report.**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Adams to the meeting, he reported on a meeting he had attended St Peters Parish and the concerns that were raised about the current road works and the safety of children walking to school, barriers along the path were requested whilst the construction was ongoing. The Transport plan was to be discussed at County Hall, Cllr Adams had requested that Parish Council comments should be requested, he also added that he was to apply more pressure to get help with the access onto the Whittington Roundabout from the village entrance, following discussion it was agreed that the vegetation on roundabout be trimmed, but traffic calming was needed. The Council agreed that more pressure was needed for the roundabout. The Parkway Station works would start in 2017 for approx 12 months, Cllr Adams was looking for sponsors of the artwork for the parkway station which would depict Worcestershire and the forces, he added that he would update WPC on the cycle route to the Parkway Station Cllr Pearce added that barriers would be needed. Following recent hold ups on the motor way Cllr Adams would contact Nigel Huddleston MP as Highways England do not notify WPC with problems on the motorway and they not have a plan B to help drivers get off the motorway. The Chairman thanked Cllr Adams for his report.

10) **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. **None.**

Worcestershire CALC: **None.**

Whittington School: **None. Chair said WPC would publicise any School activities.**

Whittington Village Hall: The Chairman reported on the recent Parish News magazine article written by Roger Phillips the outgoing Village Hall Management Committee Chairman. The article had stated that the Council had not responded to their letters. The Chairman and Councillors were disappointed that Roger had published a misleading statement, as WPC had responded to the Management Committees resignation.

Chair reported on telecom with Mrs Chris Wood who had confirmed that she would continue to receive bookings for the VH and would keep the calendar up to date, she also reported that a user group were looking to move their group to the Community Room at Waitrose on London Road. She added that the cleaners had retired after 40 years of service, and thanked them for all their hard work. She added that the Preschool would be moving their business out of the village hall on 15 July and would clear their belongings by the end of August. She added that all the regular bookings (approx 5 user groups) have their own village hall key.

Whittington Church - New vicar Andy Stand had moved to the Church.

11) Correspondence & Council Consultation. None.

12) IT - Facebook & Communication

Cllr Guy reported that Whittington.Life Domain name had been purchased and he would build a web site over the next 2 months which would have a dedicated email addresses for the Council and Village Hall. He added that he had looked at Hall Master which was a real time online booking system which could be used for bookings at the village hall cost would be £130 per annum. Cllr Guy also suggested that a paypal account for the Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss this expenditure once the new Village Hall Management Committee had been set up.

13) Enhancement. None.

14) Community. Cllr Pearce reminded Members of The Swan Inn 20th Anniversary pig roast and BBQ on Friday 22 July 2016 and added it would be good to support local business, he all made suggestions for future events such as Whittington have a dragon boat race in aid of charity in 2017, also other events were discussed and Cllr Pearce would look into the possibility of the village holding Bonfire night, Cllr Pearce suggested Santa Sledge and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Walk around the village, also a Burns Night January 2017.

15) Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 13 September at Whittington Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Councillor S Macleod
Chairman