

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
Held via zoom  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7:30pm**

**Present :** Cllr M. Tilt (Chair) Cllr P. Laight  
Cllr R. Drake Cllr I. Bull  
Cllr P. Collins District Cllr L. Robinson

**In Attendance:** Clerk  
Two members of the public

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No questions**

1. **Apologies** – Cllr V. Longmore and County Cllr R. Adams
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Collins declared an interest in item 12a
3. **Grants for Dispensation** – None requested
4. **To approve the Minutes**
  - a. The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were approved by the Council as true and correct
5. **Finance-** The following payments were approved-

Mrs Powell	Internal Audit	£20.00	Cheque 462
Carol Ward	Salary	£460	Cheque 463
Lisa Cope	Salary	£336	Cheque 464
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£84	Cheque 465
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£44.66	Cheque 466
Luke Farnsworth	Lengthsman June/July	£265.00	Cheque 467
Luke Farnsworth	Lengthsman Aug/September	£250.00	Cheque 468
HMRC	Lynn Stewart Tax	£14.60	Cheque 469
Worcs Calc	Training Core Roles	£40.00	Cheque 470

**6. Progress reports:**  
**a) District Councillors Report**

The District & County have demonstrated commitment to their slogan 'Here to Help Wychavon 's emphasis is now on recovery and encouraging people back into our High streets thus supporting local businesses. So far 29 million has been paid out from our legacy grant to small businesses and hospitality. Government also through their Bounce Back loan and Coronavirus Business interruption loan has paid out 1,810 loans to businesses in Mid Worcs. totalling £66.5 million. To help to continue to keep you safe I have sent your clerk a copy of Wychavon's publication Easing of Coronavirus measures from 15<sup>th</sup> August which includes advice on staying safe particularly for those who have recently been shielding and includes a useful link to download face covering exemption cards and also some of Distance Aware Scheme's 'give me space badges'. ( possible display on notice boards) Tighter measures are being introduced today due to an increase in cases nationally limiting social meetings of more than six people We do seem to go two steps forward to go one step back but the clear message is to keep aware and stay safe . At Wychavon we now have a new Chief Executive in post ,Mr Vic Allison who was formerly Deputy to Jack Hegarty who has now retired. The Civic Centre has been closed for several months but staff are returning in a phased approach, But I suspect many will continue to work from home and all Council meetings remain online. There is limited access to the front desk. Hopefully you have all had a chance to look at the papers that Lisa has kindly distributed for me. I would draw your attention to those concerning proposed Government's white papers for this Autumn. The first is on proposals for Devolution and the handing down of powers to local government with potentially an enhanced role for town & parish councils. Also are two proposals on Planning and changes to the current planning system with a focus on streamlining & modernising the planning process. This raises concern that the local voice could be taken away from the planning process and with it the benefit of local knowledge and has raised much consternation at District level.

The second is on changes to the recommended standard method for calculating the housing requirement in a local plan such as our SWDP Review. This could have consequences for Wychavon as the proposals suggest nearly a doubling of numbers so may not be in our favour.

There is a town and parish briefing being held remotely on the 8th October and would recommend attendance if possible.

Our SWDP consultation on the preferred options has fallen behind and is now more likely to go public next October. Finally, Wychavon have set up a Community Recovery fund to help local communities and our local economy recover-more details on this have been sent to you. This afternoon I have attended a briefing on it so hopefully can try and clarify a little more.

**b) County Councillors Report-** Cllr Adams sent apologies

**c) Footpaths report**

- Stile has been replaced on Cockshot Lane
- Negotiations ongoing for a replacement stile or gate further up Cockshot Lane
- A booklet of local walks in the parish is currently being updated

**d) Crime Report**

- None received but email circulated to Cllrs from Cllr Robinson regarding the theft of a horsebox from Dormston which has since been recovered. Cllr Robinson urged Cllrs to report anything suspicious directly to the Pershore team and Julie Pardoe if needed

## **7. Highways**

Clerk reported back correspondence from West Mercia Road Safety team who are currently tasked to work on the A422 and focussing on this location. Cllr Robinson suggested the Parish Council join the petition from Flyford Flavell for speeding motorcyclists on the A422 and Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to make contact with the Clerk at Flyford Flavell .

## **8. VAS Sign**

Cllr Collins reported that Barry Barnes from Highways has approved the site, a damson tree needs to be cut back which he will action in the next 10 days then the sign can be ordered, and Highways will fit. Cllr Collins to let the Clerk know when the site is ready for the sign to be delivered

## **8. Noticeboard**

Cllr Collins had liaised with Highways and due to a solid concrete base where the noticeboard is to be located had agreed for Cllr Collins to insert two brackets then clamp the legs of the sign into the brackets. Cllr Drake had also explored an alternative location if required within the grounds of the pub. Cllrs agreed that the first location already agreed by Highways to be the most suitable.

## **9. Dog fouling**

Reports of dog waste and dog bags being littered in hedges, along footpaths and overflowing from the refuse bin at the bus stop proving unpleasant for people waiting for the bus. Cllr Tilt suggested the Clerk publish something in the local 'Whats On' to try and highlight the issue and Cllrs agreed

## **10. Defibrillator**

Located at the village hall the parishioner that has been responsible for checking it weekly would like to pass on the responsibility to the Parish Council. Cllr Longmore has agreed to oversee ongoing alongside Sheila once passed over as agreed by all Cllrs. Cllr Tilt to also check who manages the defibrillator in Kington too.

## **11. Lengthsman**

Nothing to report

## **12. Planning**

a.

**Applications considered under delegation since previous meeting:**

20/01639/OUT Little Ashdene Farm Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DH

An application for outline planning permission for the construction of up to four self-build dwellings

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Cllr Tilt stated that overall the general consensus amongst parishioners is that they are in support of the application subject to no street lighting being included within the development, the footpath is kept open and that the Kennel business be moved. Cllr Collins stated that this would all be adhered to that progress is already being made with regards to a planning application to move the Kennels hopefully to their own bespoke area completely off the site.

Cllrs agreed to post the response drafted and circulated by email previously on the planning application portal online

20/01647/S106 Bourne House Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DH

Modify the details of a legal agreement dated 8 November 2011 associated with planning permission reference number W/10/02497/CU to move Bourne Lodge to Bourne Farm -No Objections by Cllrs

20/01247/OUI Court Farm, Kington Lane, Kington, Worcester WR7 4DQ- **WITHDRAWN**

Outline application for the construction of a single live/work unit

Circulated under delegation – PC traffic concerns

**b) Consider a response regarding planning law reform**

Cllrs agreed that it is important for the Parish Council to submit a response to Nalc in response to the proposed planning reforms as otherwise the local voice may not be heard for future planning applications. Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to draft a response and submit for approval

**13. Finance**

Cllr Tilt to chase bank statements from previous Clerk and a date to be arrange for signatories to visit Lloyds to sign banking address over to the new Clerk

**14. Correspondence**

None received

**15. Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

None

**16. Date of next meeting- was confirmed as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm via zoom**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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Signed – Chairman

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