

## SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
At 7.30 pm in Suckley Village Hall

Present: Cllr P Whatley (Chairman), Cllr J Green, Cllr P Griffiths,  
Cllr C Luton, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr A W Huband

In Attendance: Mr Andrew Grieve

Apologies: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk) due to illness

**Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other Disclosable Interest falling within the terms of para 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct - None declared.**

**No requests had been received by the Clerk for any Dispensations relating to items on the Agenda (Sec 33 of the Localism Act 2011).**

As the Parish Clerk was unable to attend due to illness, the Chairman took the Minutes of the Meeting

Before commencing the Agenda items, the Chairman informed the Council members in attendance of the resignation of Cllr Andrew Grieve with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The Chairman expressed great regret at Cllr Grieve's resignation and offered thanks for his sterling service over many years, noting particularly Cllr Grieve's leading role in respect of Community Planning and organising special events. These sentiments were strongly echoed by all those present. The Parish Clerk had prepared notices of the vacant Councillor position, and would be reporting back on applications received at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman also reported the resignation of the Parish Lengthsman, Rob Lambert, who would be finishing his contract at the end of March. The Parish Clerk was already seeking a replacement for Mr Lambert, though Lengthsmen were extremely hard to recruit. Cllr C Luton felt she might have a possible candidate and would report further at the next meeting.

As the applicant was not present and no public questions were raised, the Council considered the following Planning Application:-

### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

**12/17**

**17/00098/FUL**

Location: Suckley School, Church Lane, Suckley, Worcs WR6 5DE

Proposal: Single storey extension to provide additional office accommodation

Applicant: Mrs Sheila Marshall

The Council had no objections to this application, and recommended APPROVAL

### **13/17 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN – 2017 - 2030**

After extensive discussion, the Council wished to make the following comments:-

1. The highest possible priority should be given to dualling the A4440 Worcester ring road between the Ketch to Powick roundabouts.

2. Further extension of the A4440 around the northern side of Worcester to meet the A449 is highly desirable to avoid the existing by pass becoming jammed with traffic due to new housing developments.
3. The A449 should be significantly enhanced between Malvern Link (Countrywide roundabout) and the A4440 Powick roundabout to accommodate the large increase in traffic likely from housing developments around Malvern.
4. Cycleway proposals should be enhanced to produce continuous cycleways discrete from the main highway between the proposed Norton Parkway railway station and (a) Malvern Link and (b) Bransford roundabout. Such cycleways should ideally be lit for safety between cyclists and other road users.
5. The proposal for an extra park & ride railway station at Rushwick should have a high priority. This facility would greatly assist those living on the west side of the Severn and reduce traffic on the A4440. The proposed Norton Parkway station would not meet either aim.

**14/17 MHDC Waste Collection Report**

After a short discussion, Councillors agreed that it would be greatly preferable to retain the existing weekly general waste collection, unless significant, demonstrable savings from a fortnightly wheeled bin collection could be proven by MHDC. The Council was concerned about the ability of houses to accommodate two large bins and also about the ability of refuse vehicles with the required bin raising equipment to negotiate restricted access routes (e.g. Blackhouse Lane).