

Warndon Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Lyppard Grange Community Centre on Monday 6th February 2012

Present: Councillor R Morris (Chairman)

Councillors: M Bayliss, E Holloway, D Long, S Mackay,
V Barrall, D Merriman, N Fielden
J Chamberlain (Clerk)

Councillors: A Roberts, L Hodgson, S Hodgson

Also present: Trevor Pond (Estate Warden), Geoffrey Barclay (Standard), Elizabeth Sweetman (Evening News), Parishioners x 3

1.0 Apologies for Absence

None

2.0 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bayliss has declared a general interest as a member of Worcester City Council and as the Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity. He has also declared a personal interest as the partner of an employee of Lyppard Grange Community Centre, to which the parish council provides an annual grant. (Standing declaration of interest)

3.0 Public Question time

See notes at end of minutes

3.1 County Councillor's report

Comments noted

3.2 Ward Councillor's report

Comments noted

4.0 Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2012 were approved

5.0 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

5.1 Chair identified that research had been undertaken since the last meeting on disclaimers. Cllrs Fielden and Merriman to meet with Clerk to discuss further.

5.2 Online banking had been considered, but due to complexity Chair and Clerk had decided not to pursue this matter

5.3 Clerk had circulated National Guidelines on Standing Orders, Councillors Barrall and Bayliss to consider this subject on behalf of the Council

6.0 Finance

6.1 Payments this month

LGCC Grant £1901.79

J Chamberlain £225.49

BT £263.68

J Chamberlain Salary £1240.80 HMRC £1082.71

LEJ Bishop £2000

LGCC Fete £2000

6.2 Monthly figures – circulated

6.3 Bank balance at 6th February 2012 **£66,676.26**
(Information taken directly from Bank Statement)

6.4 Precept – Increase to 16%

The precept was revisited from the 5th December 2011 when a 4% increase was agreed, however, following the submission of a Notice of Motion, the subject was accepted for the agenda. Considerable discussion took place with a range of key issues such as how the additional funding would be used including covering tree and shrub maintenance and potential pathway work. Arguments reflecting the roles of the city and county councils were raised by Cllrs.

The Council agreed to request a 16% increase in the precept.

Action: Clerk to write to Worcester City Council advising that the precept was agreed for 2012/2013 at £81007. This represents a 16% increase.

7.0 Planning & Rights of Way

7.1 P11Q0582

Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue HQ 2 Kings Court
Proposed erection of 2 radio aerials and associated elements on the upper roof of FRS HQ building

7.2 P12P0002

12 Launceston Place
Proposed single storey rear extension

Comments: No objections to either of the above

8.0 Environment

8.1 Councillor's report

Noted

8.2 Estate Warden's report

Noted

8.3 Wildlife Ranger's report

Noted

8.4 Local Policing Team

No report or presence

9.0 Leisure & Community Affairs

9.1 Fun Day/Fete 2012

Olympic Theme

10.0 Reports from Outside Bodies

10.1 School Governor

Increased numbers 45-60 as previously identified

10.2 Lyppard Grange Management Board

Noted

10.3 Standards Committee

Papers for **CONSIDERATION** and **APPROVAL** relating to the procedures for Assessment and Investigation of Complaints, and the Code of Conduct for members were circulated. **APPROVED**

10.4 CALC (County Association of Local Councils)

The Worcestershire Agreement was introduced and what it means to parish and town councils. It was agreed to bring it back as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Composting – to be discussed with the Chair outside the meeting re newsletter.

11.0 Urgent items at the discretion of the Chairman

12.0 Date of next meeting:

Monday 5th March 2012

13.0 It was resolved to exclude the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

13.1 Personnel issues: Council resolved the issue

14.0 The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed.....Dated.....
Chairman

**Jean Chamberlain
Clerk to the Council
6th February 2012**

Notes of Public Question Time

Three Members of the public were in attendance and raised the following concerns during Public Question Time:

- 1 Raised concerns over the quality of the website
- 2 The impact of the precept on the Council Tax
- 3 Concerns that the Council was taking over City Council's role.
- 4 Expressed concern that hedgerows were being over cut back.