

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 17th April 2019

Attendance:

Present: R. James (Chairman); M. Williams (MW); A. Evans (AE); N. Knight (NK); G. Cupper (GC); J Walker (JW); P. Wood (PDW);

In Attendance: Ward Councillor Nigel Shaw (NS), K Phillips (Clerk). Two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from J. Bromley (JB); J. Cummins (JC);

2. To receive declarations of interest

AE declared an interest in item 7f and would leave the room at the appropriate time. RJ (Chairman) also declared an interest in item 7f as Mr J Evans of Whitbourne Estate is his landlord. However, he would remain as Chairman and take no part in the discussion or decision making.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: 6th March 2019

Proposed MW, seconded NK. All in favour. Approved.

4. Matters arising from above minutes

Rosemore Grange application. NS confirmed that this was still ongoing and being looked at by the new planning officer.

5. Clerk Report

The clerk reported the following:

- Fly tipping. The Clerk had chased HC who responded that a team had been to the site and reported 'nothing found'. The Clerk responded stating that the fly tipping was still there.
- The Clerk reported that elections for Councillors for the Parish Council was uncontested and that for the Ward by two candidates.
- The parish precept has been agreed by HC and indeed the first half has been deposited already.
- The Clerk had joined the SLCC since the Parish Council would not be re-subscribing to HALC.
- The end of year accounts were being prepared. The internal auditor has been agreed.
- Live and Let Live. The Clerk had been contacted by the potential owner of the pub. He had asked about a change of name of the premises and the potential conversion of the stables into accommodation to allow for business diversification. It was proposed (NK) and seconded (JW) to open the meeting to the public. All in favour. The Chairman then opened the meeting. There were further questions about the pub and associated business. The Chairman then closed the meeting to the public. RJ noted that since the business deal had not been signed, due caution should be accorded to any immediate future plans. PDW suggested that the Clerk speak with the potential owner to pass on the thoughts and encouragement of the Parish Council.

6. Financial Matters

- a) PDW and GC agreed to become signatories for the Parish Council bank account.
- b) Village Hall invoice (£48.00). Proposed AE, seconded GC. All in favour. Approved.
- c) SLCC Subscription (£81.00). Proposed PDW, seconded GC. All in favour. Approved.

7. Planning

- a) Planning Consultation – 190818 – Hedgerow Whitbourne. This had previously been decided by Councillors via email and was submitted as a qualified comment. It has now been approved by Herefordshire Council with a small number of recommendations.
- b) Planning Consultation – 184595 - Wheatsheaf, Whitbourne. The Parish Council agreed that it was unable to support the application on three grounds (highways issues, sewerage issues and being outside the settlement boundary). Proposed MW, seconded NK. All in favour. Decided.
- c) Planning Consultation - 190795 - Wheatcroft, Whitbourne. This application is supported. Proposed PDW, seconded GC. All in favour. Decided.
- d) Planning Consultation - 190970 - Barns at Old Gaines Farm. This application is supported. Proposed MW, seconded NK. All in favour. Decided.
- e) Planning Consultation - 191009 - Lyndhurst. This application is supported. Proposed AE, seconded PDW. All in favour. Decided.

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- f) Planning consultation - 191140 - Dutch Barn at Crumplebury Farm. AE left the room. The Chairman restated that he would neither take part in the discussion nor the decision. The conclusion was that the Parish Council do not support this application and also note and agree with the Conservation Officer regarding his decision. Proposed PDW, seconded JW. Remainder in favour. Decided. AE re-entered the room.

8. S106 Monies

- a) Progress report. Since the last meeting PDW had had clarification discussions with the potential suppliers for the previously identified phase 1 projects. However, recent email exchanges between PDW, NS and BBLP seems to indicate that the Parish Council will not be allowed to engage its own suppliers. HC are taking governance advice from their legal teams although it is reported that the principle of getting value for money is supported. There is a meeting on the 9th May at HC to discuss the matter.
- b) Spend of S106 monies on sports facilities. The Clerk had been contacted by Yvonne Coleman inviting the Parish Council to determine how to spend the £6061.00 allocated under the Ardley Meadows development agreement. This item was to be deferred to the full Parish Council meeting after the elections on May 2nd.

9. Public participation

- The question was raised as to access to the detailed proposals for the S106 monies projects identified at the previous Parish Council meeting. PDW agreed to send out the details to the member of public requesting them.
- It was suggested that a Boules pitch be established using the S106 monies allocated to sports facilities.
- The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have decreed that church bells will be rung for 7 minutes at 7 o'clock (18th April) in tribute to the Notre Dame church in Paris that had recently caught fire. The bells at Whitbourne church will also participate.
- The weight limit sign will appear on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on the 1st May 2019.

The meeting closed at 20:38.

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Chairman – 17th April 2019