Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 25th July 2023

Attendance:

Present: R James (RJ)(Chair); P. Wood (PDW); J. Bromley (JB); P. Davis (PD); L Kershaw (LK); N Shaw (NS)

In Attendance: K Phillips (Clerk). No members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from S. Knowles (SK); M. Clark (MC); T. Hunt (TH);

2. To receive declarations of interest:

PD declared an interest in item 6a).

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: 5th July 2023

Proposed PDW, seconded NS. All in favour. Approved.

4. Matters arising from above minutes

PDW gave provided a summary of a recent meeting with the Lengthsman. Some meeting notes were prepared that had been circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting. It was noted that not all of the suggestions would be implemented but be based upon cost and priority. The Lengthsman has agreed to provided services for the 2023/2024 season. It was noted that passing places on The Stocking and by Poswick were very deep at the edge and needed reporting.

5. Finance

a) To approve payment to the grass cutting contractor (£560.00). Proposed PDW, Seconded PD. All in favour. Approved.

6. Planning

a) Planning Consultation - 231969 - Woodside, Whitbourne

PD gave a summary of the planning consultation including the history and intended use of the building. The case officer had visited that evening. PD fielded some questions from Councillors and was then invited to leave the room. Concern was raised to add a restrictive condition that would not allow the development to be sold off as a separate dwelling. With this proviso, PDW proposed to support this planning consultation, seconded by LK. All in favour. Decided.

b) Planning Consultations - 230782 - Little Common, Bringsty Common

It was considered that the extension to the dwelling as depicted in the amended drawings was still considered to be oversize and therefore did not compliment or enhance the listed building. Should this planning consultation be approved by Herefordshire Council then a restrictive condition should be placed such that none of the buildings should be sold separately. Other developments on the planning consultation would not be opposed. It was proposed (JB) and seconded (PD) to object to this application. One Councillor against, the remainder in favour. Decided.

7. Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance but LK raised a couple of points for general knowledge.

- The shop was beginning to struggle through lack of volunteers. However, the reserves were in good order.
- The village hall had received some grant funding from the West Midlands Mayor Community Fund. A treasure hunt is being planned for the 10th September 2023 that will also provide free refreshments.

	Chairman – 25th July 2023
The meeting closed at 20:18.	