

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 12th June 2019

Attendance:

Present: R. James (Chairman); G. Cupper (GC); P. Wood (PDW); J. Bromley (JB); S. Knowles (SK); P. Davis (PD); C. Wier (CW)

In Attendance: K Phillips (Clerk). One member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from M. Clark (MC) and Ward Councillor Nigel Shaw (NS)

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting: 15th May 2019

Proposed JB, seconded SK. All in favour. Approved.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting: 15th May 2019

Item 6b should read that JB will continue on the Playing Fields committee. Proposed GC, seconded SK. All in favour. Approved

5. Matters arising from above minutes

Under item 7a, John Walker will continue to be the tree warden (although not now a Parish Councillor).

Under item 14, JB has asked the Playing Fields chairman to produce the report.

Under item 16 the Clerk reported that he had been in touch with BT and Openreach in respect of the BT wires down Stocking Lane. There had been an apathetic response and it would appear that action will only be taken once there is a problem.

Under item 11, PDW read out the email received from NS in respect of the Wheatsheaf application. The Council felt that a more proactive approach may help resolve the situation quicker. PDW agreed to draft a response for Council approval to be sent to NS.

6. Co-option of Parish Councillor

It was proposed (JB) and seconded (GC) to close the meeting to the public. This was due to the nature of the business to be discussed.

It was noted by the Chairman that both John Walker and Jerry Cummins (both ex Parish Councillors) had decided not to stand for co-option.

There was one candidate to consider after the notice of vacancy had been posted. The Parish Council asked a series of questions of the candidate and then it was proposed (CW) and seconded (SK) that Teresa (Tess) Hunt (TH) be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All in favour. Approved. TH then joined the Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman then re-opened the meeting to the public.

7. Planning

- a) Planning Consultation – 191599 – Old Baymores, Linley Green Road. The Parish Council concluded that this application should be regarded as a new build outside the village settlement boundary. The location of the new build was not on the footprint of the existing dwelling and was not an extension to it. It was proposed (JB) and seconded (PDW) that this application be ‘not supported’. There were 2 abstentions and the remainder in agreement. Decided.
- b) Planning Consultation – 191786 - Marley Bank, Whitbourne. It was proposed (PD) and seconded (CW) that this application be supported. All in favour. Decided.
- c) Planning Consultation - 191811 - Marley Cottage, Bringsty Common. The Parish Council concluded that the scaling and massing of the proposed application was not in keeping with the original dwelling. Also, since the plot is situated on Bringsty Common, an area of natural beauty, the dwelling would be very visible and once again, not in keeping with the surroundings. It was proposed (SK) and seconded (PD) that this application be ‘not supported’. All in favour. Decided.

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8. To receive report on S106 Projects' progress

PDW confirmed that NS had had a meeting with the Officer at Herefordshire Council. There were two questions remaining. 1/ That there would be an assurance that the works would be undertaken in compliance with the appropriate regulations, and 2/ that the Parish Council acknowledges that it would be responsible for managing the works (although there is still a 9.5% levy to be paid to BBLP). PDW had replied in the affirmative and was awaiting a response. It was hoped that this would be resolved by the September Parish Council meeting as the phase 2 projects could then be discussed.

9. Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed at 20:37.

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Chairman – 12th June 2019