

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 15th July 2020

Attendance:

Note: Attendance was by remote video conferencing as necessitated by the Covid-19 lockdown.

Present: R James (Chair); J. Bromley (JB); G. Cupper (GC); T Hunt (TH); P. Wood (PDW); M. Clark (MC); C. Wier (CW);

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

1. Apologies for absence:

S. Knowles (SK); P. Davis (PD); Ward Councillor Nigel Shaw (NS)

2. To receive declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting: 1st July 2020

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

4. Matters arising from above minutes

CW had spoken with Gigaclear and it would seem straightforward to connect the village hall to the fibre network. PDW had contacted the contractor for the pavement extension by the village shop to determine a schedule.

5. Finance

- a) Playing fields insurance. TH advised that it had been agreed with Came and Co to enter a three year long term agreement. This had reduced the annual premium slightly to £377.75. Proposed PDW, seconded MC. All in favour. Approved.

6. Planning

- a) 201732 - Woodside, Whitbourne

It was proposed (GC) and seconded (PDW) that the Parish Council support this planning consultation. All in favour. Decided.

7. To receive report from NDP working party

JB reported that the working party had not yet met. It is confirmed that MC/CW and PDW will also join. Other parishioners would be consulted as necessary. The first meeting has been set for 20th July 2020 via an online Zoom meeting.

8. To receive report concerning verge management in the village environs

The Chairman thanked MC for the production of the report. Many Councillors had been approached by parishioners concerning safety with the overgrown verges. The consensus was to return to having the verges cut according to the normal rota for next year.

9. To determine approach to weight restriction signs on approach to village

There had been another incident with an articulated HGV getting stuck on the bottom lane, this time causing damage to private property. This incident adds to the long list of events when HGVs try to get through to Clifton via the bottom lane and the Whitbourne Ford bridge. It was suggested that a weight limit sign be placed at the entrance to the village from the A44 and a 'No through road for HGV's' sign be placed at the top of Church Bank. The Clerk will write to BBLP to determine the way forward for such signage.

10. Public participation

There were no members of the public in attendance. However, it was noted that the dead tree at the bottom of Stocking Lane was still of concern despite Herefordshire Council's assurances. Also, that the playing field is to remain closed after taking advice from Herefordshire Council.

The meeting closed at 20:22.

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Chairman –15th July 2020