

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 25th November 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); P. Davis (PD)

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

1. Apologies for absence:

S. Knowles (SK) and Ward Councillor Nigel Shaw (NS)

2. To receive declarations of interest:

PD declared an interest in agenda item 6a). He would leave the meeting when Councillors discussed this item. There were no other declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting: 4th November 2020

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

4. Matters arising from above minutes

- Grass cutting of Church Bank has been arranged for the coming weeks. It has also been arranged for the playing fields hedge on the roadside to be cut at the same time.
- Cracks have appeared in the lane by Marley Bank and Woodside.
- Verge markers have been re-instated by the Finchers Farm bend but not on the bottom lane bank leading to Whitbourne Ford bridge. The Clerk would seek opinion from the BBLP Highways expert. MC and PD offered to meet with the expert on location.

5. Finance

- a) Approval of Payment for grass cutting (£420.00). Proposed CW and seconded PD. All in favour. Approved.

6. Planning

- a) Planning consultation 203666 - Woodside, Whitbourne

PD outlined the background to the planning consultation and was then placed in the virtual waiting room. It was proposed TH and seconded JB that this planning consultation be supported. All in favour. Decided.

- b) Planning consultation 203768 - Land at Whitbourne Hall, Whitbourne

It was proposed by PDW and seconded by CW that this planning consultation be supported. All in favour. Decided.

7. Public participation

There were no members of the public present but Councillors had been approached by Parishioners to make the following points.

- RJ had been approached with the idea of creating a footpath/cycle path between Whitbourne and Knightwick. RJ explained that the ground adjacent to the A44 had been purchased some years back by Worcestershire County Council with the plan to straighten out the bends in the road. It was advised to contact Martley Parish Council.
- RJ had been sent an article recounting an incident in 1967 whereby some of the primroses on Church bank had been stolen and taken to Worcester. The local Rector at the time had penned a witty poem to denote the event.
- MC reported that there is a significant amount of mud at the beginning of Boat Lane after Gigaclear had finished their works. The Clerk agreed to contact BBLP.
- PD reported that there had been two saddles stolen from within the Parish. The Police have been notified. It was suggested that an App called 'Nextdoor - Neighbourhood' be used by Councillors and Parishioner alike to remain abreast of current incidents such as this within the locality.
- There had been damage to the roof of the village shop. The cause is unclear. This raised the question of installing CCTV cameras at strategic points in and around the village.

The meeting closed at 20:10.

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Chairman – 25th November 2020