

# Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 31st March 2021

## 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:

Apologies were received from P. Davis (PD), S. Knowles (SK) and 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: 15th March 2021

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

### 4. Matters arising from above minutes

The Clerk agreed to write an article for the parish magazine regarding the 'nature/quiet zone' seeking a group of volunteers to maintain the area. The Clerk would also contact the insurers to obtain clarification about public liability of the use of the land.

### 5. Planning

a) Planning consultation - 210439 - Horners Barn, land adjacent to Whitbourne Brook, Lower Thrift Farm, Clifton-on-Teme

It was noted that storm water would be directed into the outflow pipe of the sewage treatment facility and thence directly into Whitbourne Brook. It was preferred that such storm water be retained on the land using a soak-away or some such method. It was proposed (GC) and seconded (PDW) that this application be supported, given the above proviso. All in favour. Decided.

b) Planning Re-consultation - 201111 - Former Poultry Shed, Cider Mill Farm, Whitbourne

It was noted that there was a recent ecology report objecting to this application on the grounds of drainage being close to Whitbourne Brook. This had also been a previous concern of the Parish Council. It was proposed (PDW) and seconded (JB) that this application be supported, given that the above objection cited in the ecology report is resolved. All in favour. Decided.

### 6. To decide upon cutting of grass verges

There had been representations to the Parish Council that the verges should be cut in line with the usual schedule. Whilst it was understood that leaving them for the first cut may encourage a wider diversity of flora, this was outweighed by the safety issues of overgrown verges. It was proposed (MC) and seconded (PDW) that the verges be cut within the usual schedule. All in favour. Decided.

### 7. To decide approach to village 'Welcome pack'

RJ explained the outline requirements for this task in that the role holder welcomes new residents with a 'welcome to the village' pack and a £10 voucher from the village shop. The Clerk agreed to place an article in the parish magazine to ask for a volunteer for this task. CW kindly offered to take on the role if nobody came forward.

### 8. Public participation

No members of the public were present.

The meeting closed at 20:26.

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**Chairman – 31st March 2021**