

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 23rd February 2022

Attendance:

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

In Attendance: N Shaw (NS) Ward Councillor, K Phillips (Clerk). Three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

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

2. To receive declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting: 3rd November 2021

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

4. Matters arising from above minutes

PDW informed Councillors that an article had been submitted to the Parish magazine advertising for a Lengthsman. He will also send in the Lengthsman registration forms now that they have arrived from Herefordshire Council. MC and PDW will meet with Simon Hobbs on 7th March 2022 to discuss possible extra road safety measures within the village plus opportunities for accessing grants.

5. Finance

a) SLCC membership fee (£112.00). Proposed CW and seconded GC. All in favour. Approved.

6. To approve Clerk decisions

Proposed PDW and seconded JB. All in favour. Approved

7. Response to Herefordshire Council Spatial Options Consultation

It was proposed (MC) and seconded (CW) to open the meeting to the public. All in favour. The Chairman then opened the meeting to the public.

RJ sought input and reaction to the questions relating to the Spatial and Rural options of the consultation. Councillors debated the various scenarios and acknowledged that the lack of definition and data in some areas made it difficult to reach a meaningful decision. Nonetheless, there were some strong themes emerging in the areas of existing settlements, infrastructure and transport links with regard to the economic and ecological backdrops. The Clerk would distill the discussions to provide answers to the online consultation document. RJ then closed the meeting to the public.

8. To decide approach to verge cutting within the parish.

It was proposed (PD) and seconded (GC) that Whitbourne Parish retain the two cuts per annum. All in favour. Approved.

9. Public participation

Ash trees on playing fields and tree by village shop. It was agreed to add tree inspections to the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 21:21.

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Chairman – 23rd February 2022