

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 22nd April 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);
S. Knowles (SK); M. Clark (MC); C. Wier (CW)

In Attendance: K Phillips (Clerk). Four members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: P. Davis (PD), Ward Councillor Nigel Shaw (NS)

2. To receive declarations of interest:

RJ declared that although he did not have a pecuniary interest in items 6a, he did rent land from the Applicant. He therefore outlined that he would continue to chair the meeting but not comment or vote on the planning application. If a casting vote was necessary, this would fall to the vice-chair (JB). This was agreed by the remaining Councillors. There were no other declarations.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: 8th April 2020

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

4. Matters arising from above minutes

The Chairman noted that there was an erroneous response entered against the Birchey Leasowe application.

5. Financial Matters

- a) To approve payment for ICO subscription (£40.00) and PWLB (£1748.13). Proposed MC, seconded GC. All in favour. Approved.
- b) To review and approve Annual Governance Statement. Proposed SK, seconded GC. All in favour. Approved.

6. Planning

- a) 200500 - Crumplebury Farm, Whitbourne.

It was proposed (GC) and seconded (CW) to open the meeting to the public. All in favour. The Chairman then opened the meeting to the public. The applicant then gave an outline of the retrospective planning application. After questions to the applicant from Councillors, other members of the public stated their views. The Chairman then closed the meeting to the public. It was proposed (JB) and seconded (SK) that the Parish Council object to this retrospective planning application. All in favour. RJ did not vote. Decided. It is noted that this retrospective planning application contravenes policies MT1, SD1 and RA6 of the Core Strategy.

- b) Planning Consultation - 200834, 1 Blacksmiths Cottages, Whitbourne

It was noted that the block diagram erroneously shows the development to the front of the house. The detailed plans are correct showing the development to the rear of the house. It was proposed (JB) and seconded (PDW) that the Parish Council support this planning consultation. All in favour. Decided.

7. To decide on approach for placing Playing Field equipment order

The Clerk outlined the request from the Playing Fields Committee to procure the playing fields equipment. The equipment is to be funded through S106 monies and there are VAT considerations. Once purchased, the equipment would become an asset of the Parish Council. 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. The Chairman of the Playing fields committee provided more detail about the purchase and the likely time scale for the installation of the equipment. The Chairman then closed the meeting to the public. It was proposed (PDW) and seconded (CW) that the purchase of the playing fields equipment be undertaken by the Parish Council. All in favour. Approved.

8. To decide on approach for supporting local volunteers during COVID-19 outbreak

The Chairman read out a statement from the leader of the Whitbourne Coronavirus volunteers. There were currently 15 volunteers and there had been several food and medicine deliveries made already. Although some Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was in place, some hand sanitiser would be welcome. Proposed (PDW), seconded (JB). All in favour. Decided. It was then noted that there were grants from HCC and the Police and Crime Commissioner for PPE. The Clerk agreed to

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ascertain the possibility of grant funding for these items. It was also suggested by Councillors that volunteers in the village shop would benefit from PPE too. This was accepted.

9. Public participation

The offer that volunteers in the village shop should benefit from the above PPE was warmly welcomed.

The meeting closed at 20:25.

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Chairman – 22nd April 2020