

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council

held on 23rd January 2019

Attendance:

Present: R. James (Chairman); M. Williams (MW); A. Evans (AE); J. Bromley (JB); N. Knight (NK); P. Wood (PDW); J. Cummins (JC);

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from G. Cupper (GC); J Walker (JW); Ward Councillor Nigel Shaw

2. To receive declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: 2nd January 2019

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

4. Matters arising from above minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Financial Matters

- a) Village Hall invoice (£12.00). Proposed MW, seconded AE. All in favour. Approved.
- b) CJS invoice (kiosk services, £185.00). Proposed JC, seconded JB. All in favour. Approved.

6. Planning

- a) Planning Consultation – 184382 – Poplands Rise, Whitbourne

It was proposed (NK) and seconded (MW) to open the meeting to the public. All in favour. The Chairman then opened the meeting to the public. The planning consultation applicant then provided an overview of the proposal and the surrounding context. After questions from the Parish Council, the Chairman closed the meeting to the public. The Council decided to support the application. Proposed PDW, seconded AE. All in favour. Decided.

7. Decide approach to address overgrown hedge opposite Live and Let Live

It had been drawn to the attention of the Parish Council that the hedge opposite the Live and Let Live Public House (from the school down to the village shop) had begun to encroach onto the carriageway. This was causing traffic (especially busses and high sided vehicles) to travel in the centre of the road. Any oncoming traffic had to pull-in to the forecourts of private property. It was decided that a polite reminder should be given to the occupants of the dwellings concerned, requesting that the hedge be trimmed back. The Clerk was to draft a suitable letter.

8. Public participation.

In absentia, a member of the public had raised several concerns about the village roads. The Chairman also noted the mud on the roads particularly where farmers came out of fields. He agreed to speak with the farmers at the next farmers' breakfast. The hedge on the right hand side of Church bank was also overhanging. The Chairman agreed to contact the owner. There appeared to be evidence of subsidence on a couple of stretches of bottom lane. The Clerk would contact Balfour Beatty to request an examination, although this road is checked on a regular basis. The culvert at the bottom of Ford bank appeared to be blocked again (and is the cause of the bottom lane and Ford bridge flooding). The Clerk agreed to raise this with Balfour Beatty. Although the grips on Church bank had been cleared last year, they were now blocked again. The Clerk would raise this with Balfour Beatty.

The idea of the book exchange in the telephone kiosk was warmly welcomed. The member of public making this comment also volunteered to operate and maintain the facility. The Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 20:00.

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Chairman – 23rd January 2019