

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 31st January 2024

Attendance:

Present: R James (RJ)(Chair); P. Wood (PDW); J. Bromley (JB); P. Davis (PD);
N Shaw (NS); M. Clark (MC); T. Hunt (TH)

In Attendance: L Kershaw (LK) via Zoom; K Phillips (Clerk). No members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from S. Knowles (SK); P Stoddart (PS)

2. To receive declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: 3rd January 2024

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

4. Matters arising from above minutes

RJ reported that during the recent Smart Water distribution morning, a Polish family noted that they had been unable to obtain a place for their child at any of the local schools. RJ had mentioned this to the Queen Elizabeth school in Bromyard, which had recently found a place. MC reported that he had submitted the grant application to the Police and Crime Commissioner. This was for mounting sockets for the speed indicator device support poles.

5. To agree approach to continue distribution of Smart Water kits

It was agreed that it was useful for Councillors to meet parishioners in person during the recent Smart Water distribution mornings. It was acknowledged that publicity may have been a root cause for the low turn-out of these events. It was agreed that an article would be placed in the February issue of the parish magazine and to have another distribution morning on the 2nd March 2024. It was also agreed that a further distribution session be adjoined to the planned village hall 'taster event' scheduled for the 23rd March 2024. In the meantime, some Councillors would distribute the kits to their neighbours. After this, it was agreed that the residue of kits would be distributed by hand to those addresses not yet in receipt of their kit.

6. Finance

- a) To approve payment for grant donation (£100.00) to the CPR course charity. Proposed NS, Seconded MC. All in favour. Approved.
- b) To approve payment of cheque to Bringsty Common for football pitch grass cutting. Not required at this time.

7. Planning

- a) Planning Consultation - 233584 - New Linden, Old Gaines Farm, Gaines Road, Whitbourne
After discussion it was proposed (NS) and seconded (PDW) to support this planning consultation.
All in favour. Decided.

8. Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting closed at 20:11.

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Chairman – 31st January 2024