

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council held on 19th June 2024

Attendance:

Present: R James (RJ)(Chair); P. Wood (PDW); P. Davis (PD); M. Clark (MC); T. Hunt (TH);
S. Knowles (SK)

In Attendance: L Kershaw (LK) via Zoom; K Phillips (Clerk). 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from P Stoddart (PS); J. Bromley (JB); N Shaw (NS)

2. To receive declarations of interest:

RJ and TH declared an interest in item 6.1 and did not vote.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (8th May 2024) and Annual Parish Council Meeting (8th May 2024)

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

4. Matters arising from above minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Finance

5.1., 5.2. & 5.3. were taken together. To approve payment for Bringsty Common Manorial Court Grant (£200.00), Parish Council Insurance (£507.19) and Whitbourne DCC for grass cutting and church clock maintenance (£1250.00). Proposed TH, Seconded PDW. All in favour. Approved.

5.4. To approve purchase of Speed Indicating Device ground sockets (PCC grant, £1022.05 ex VAT). It was noted that the original quote is a few months beyond its expiry date. Proposed SK, Seconded PDW. All in favour. Approved.

5.5. To approve purchase of Speed Indicating Device 4m pole (£102.62 ex VAT). Proposed PDW, Seconded PD. All in favour. Approved.

6. Planning

6.1. Planning Consultation - 241313 - Land south of Cider Mill Farm

It was proposed (PDW) and seconded (SK) that the meeting be opened to the public. All in favour. The Chairman then opened the meeting to the public. Several concerns were raised including speeding, increased traffic density, green field development and adjacency to listed buildings. The Chairman then closed the meeting to the public and requested Councillor views. It was noted that NS had already submitted his views to Councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion there were a considerable number of aspects about the proposal that were contrary to the Whitbourne NDP, Herefordshire Council Local Plan Core Strategy and the NPPF. It was proposed (MC) and seconded (SK) that this planning consultation be opposed. All in favour. Decided. A detailed note outlining the objections would be prepared and submitted to the planning portal.

7. To decide approach to Public Right of Way asset grant funding

The opportunity had arisen that allowed Parish Councils to apply for grant funding for the maintenance or replacement of PROW assets (styles, kissing gates and bridges). Two foot bridges and a kissing gate had been identified as needing replacement. Outline costs had been received from the Lengthsman. With the addition of a style on Bottom Lane, it was proposed (SK) and seconded (PDW) that the Clerk apply for PROW funding for the two foot bridges and a kissing gate. All in favour. Decided.

8. To receive report concerning distribution of Smart Water kits.

In addition to those Smart Water kits distributed during the events held at the village hall, a further 115 had been issued to Councillors for area distribution. The Clerk was tasked to invite the We Don't Buy Crime unit to assist with further distribution.

9. Public Participation

The style on Bottom lane needed a step-up as this was missing. The dwelling opposite the proposed development site on Bottom lane was of 14th c construction and was considered to be the oldest building in that locality.

The meeting closed at 20:35.

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Chairman – 19th June 2024