

WHITBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting of Whitbourne Parish Council to held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.30pm in Whitbourne Village Hall

***PLANS FOR ALL PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING
FROM 7pm ONWARDS***

Present: Cllr M Williams (Chairman), Cllr R James (Vice-Chairman), Cllrs J Archer, G Cupper, D Haddock, Cllr R Freeman

In attendance: Cllr G Swinford (Ward Councillor), Mrs M Seldon (Clerk), 25 members of the public

CSO Steph Annette was in attendance at the beginning of the meeting and was invited to speak before the proceedings began. CSO Annette spoke of the broken window in the village hall, resulting in children being banned from the car park area - if anyone was seen flouting this rule the public were asked to phone 101.

The fire procedure was noted by all present.

14/44 To accept **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cummins, Cllr White and Cllr Westacott

14/45 To receive **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr James 14/48a

14/46 To approve the **Minutes of the Meeting** held on:
Tuesday 6th May 2014

Proposed Cllr Cupper, seconded Cllr James, APPROVED by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

14/47 To receive the **Clerk's Report**

- Internal Audit
- International Bursary

14/48 **Planning:**

1. To consider: Application No. P133439/F

Land off Acreage, Whitbourne, Herefordshire, WR6 5SA

Erection of 20 new houses, bungalows and apartments and associated parking and amenity space.

AMENDED

The Chairman asked that the meeting be opened to members of the public: Proposed Cllr Archer, seconded Cllr Freeman. The Clerk noted the key points made by members of the public:

- No highway engineer report on Herefordshire Council planning website
Outside village boundary
- Building on good agricultural land
- There seemed to be some doubt about the size of the plot
- Newly proposed road prone to flooding - and this was a major consideration

The meeting was then closed and Councillors were asked for their thoughts on the application:

- Unimaginative layout and design
- Does not reflect local Architecture
- Disability splays
- Village within a village
- Dormitory development
- Good agricultural land
- Visual impact from Bringsty Common
- Would need a footpath near the shop
- Outside settlement boundary for NDP
- Localism Act 2012 - public views
- Flooding

OBJECTION: Cllr Cupper proposed that the Parish Council reject the planning application taking into regard the planning matters mentioned already. Seconded Cllr Archer. Four votes to reject the proposal, one against and one abstention.

Objection on the following planning considerations:

1. Unimaginative layout and design not suitable for rural environment
 2. Does not reflect local vernacular architecture
3. Social Housing poorly integrated with Market Housing which does not conform with best practice, it should do as the applicant is a Social Housing Provider.
4. The proposed new access road joins the C1066 where there is no footpaths to access the main village, shop & pub contrary to highway safety.
5. The visibility splays shown on the site plan appear inadequate
6. This will create a separate village with road from the South
7. Once developed this site would become gross development and sprawl, impossible to control
8. This is good agricultural land - grade 2
9. Visual impact damage from A44 and Bringsty Common
10. This is outside the settlement boundary for market housing
11. The Neighbourhood Plan can find HCC housing for parish in region of 30 by 2031, not as a housing estate but infill and redundant agricultural buildings and can prove it.
12. The Localism Act 2012 is supposed to take on the majority of public views and the view here is against this type of development.
13. Liable to flooding
14. Highways report not on website and therefore not in public domain

To consider: Application No. P141013/F

Bumblehole, Gains Road, Whitbourne, Worcester, Herefordshire, WR6 5RD

Proposed extension of existing residential property by incorporating part of the Coach House, includes change of use of ground floor level to residential.

No objection. Proposed Cllr Cupper, seconded Cllr James, AGREED.

To consider: Application No. P140949/O

Boat Cottage, Boat Lane, Next to waterworks, Whitbourne, WR6 5RS

Site for proposed replacement dwelling
Objection - no vehicular access, unsustainable, open access
Scattered settlements preferred - so no objection of a settlement being reinstated there,
but no comment on design

OBJECTION proposed Cllr Cupper, seconded Cllr Haddock, AGREED with one
abstention.

15. To consider: Application No. P132703/F
Whitbourne Community Shop, Whitbourne, Worcester, WR6 5SP
Erection of shed at rear of car park
SUPPORT
16. To note: Application No. P141552/K
Colbridge Cottage, Whitbourne, Worcester, Herefordshire, WR6 5RT
Crown reduction of Golden Leyland Cypress, top and all sides about 15%
SUPPORT

14/48 **Financial Matters:**

- a) To approve **accounts for payment:**
Mary Seldon Net Salary 03 04: £348.06
HMRC PAYE 03 04: £87.00
Expenses incurred by the Clerk: £25.84
4Seasons Ground Care: £120.46
Herefordshire Council (planning): £72.00
Overton Associates: £60 inc VAT
Proposed for APPROVAL Cllr James, seconded Cllr Freeman, AGREED.
- b) To approve **Bank Reconciliation** to 1st July 2014
c) To approve **Income and Expenditure** to 1st July 2014
Proposed for APPROVAL Cllr Haddock, seconded Cllr Archer, AGREED.

14/49 To receive **Ward Councillor's Report**

- General concerns about the running of the council (Herefordshire)
- Planning department not functioning as it should - holding up economic development in the county
- Grass cutting

14/50 To receive reports from **Outside Bodies and receive updates on agreed decisions:**

- a) Village Hall Committee - accident (broken window) not vandalism - ask village hall to look at insurance. Is toughened window a possibility?
- b) Playing Fields Committee – Nothing to report

14/51 To receive update on the **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Williams gave an update on the 10th draft of the NDP.

14/52 **School Buildings**

There was a planned Statement from the Church about the school building - it has been very difficult to find out about who owns the land and what would be happening to it in the

future. It was agreed that the PC should be consulted. Members agreed that they were happy for Cllr Williams to act on their behalf if the matter should occur before the September meeting.

14/53 To review **Parish Council policies**

Standing Orders – Proposed Cllr Cupper, seconded Cllr Freeman. AGREED

Financial Regulations – Proposed Cllr Freeman, seconded Cllr Archer, AGREED.

The Clerk was asked to put these onto the PC website.

14/54 To report **village issues** regarding road maintenance, clearance, etc.

- Maintenance of roads generally in the village
- Pavement in Old Forge - dangerous
- Old Forge - road
- Acreage generally

14/55 **Public Participation** - members of the public are allowed 10 minutes to address the Council

- Grids on Village Hall windows would be a good idea
- Thank you for grass cutting
- Phyllis Williams book - reference to school about public subscription
- Suggestion - CCTV on the corners of the village hall

14/56 Items for future consideration

New access to churchyard

Grant for war memorial - letters need re-doing

Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings

**Date for next meeting:
Tuesday 2nd September 2014**