

# KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council

held remotely using ZOOM on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Mrs. C. Gammond	Councillor Mr. J. Gammond
	Councillor Mr. C. Grainger	Councillor Mr. C. Holford
	Councillor Mr. C. Jordan	Councillor Mrs. L. Green
	Councillor Mr. B. Phillips	2 members of the public were present on line
	Mrs E Whitehouse (Clerk)	Dist. Councillor P Harrison) ... arrived
		Dist. Councillor J Byng ).... 8.25pm

1. **Police Report** – Shed break in and theft of contents in Trimpley noted. Various suspicious vehicles noted. Clerk advised that she had received reports from the public about cars (boy racers) again using Eymore Lane as a race track and the Arley Estate Eymore Car Park as the terminal for the race, going in one gate and out the other. Clerk had reported this for attention (as much as was possible) to the police.

### **Public Open Forum –**

**Clay pigeon Shooting – Honeybrook Kennels** – The owner of the site explained that his new venture into Clay Pigeon shooting had not started well, in that he agreed his first event was not well controlled, with far more participants than he had expected. He had now moved two of the shooting stands to minimise the noise from the site, following complaints from local residents, reduced the number of participants to 80 per day, and the shooting hours from 9a.m. – 4.30p.m. to now 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Councillors asked various questions about the operation. The owner advised that he had been visited by officers from the Forestry Commission, and also from Wyre Forest District Council Planning department, and at the moment, it appeared (from all reports) that there had been no contraventions above that which was allowed. He was expecting an officer from Worcestershire Regulatory Services to visit the site within the coming days, to investigate noise issues.

2. **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies received from C.Cllr. I. Hardiman
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Mrs. C. Gammond and Cllr. J. Gammond declared interests, being members of the Village Hall committee. Cllr. Grainger declared an interest in any item concerning Riddings Brook, and if bus stop providers were to be discussed. Cllr Mr. C. Jordan declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 19/0754, and also litter picking at Trimpley reservoir.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 were approved and signed.

5. **Election of Vice Chairman** – for various personal reasons, Cllr. Grainger had advised that he wished to step down from this position with immediate effect. However, he was happy to continue in the role of Councillor. It was unanimously decided to elect Cllr. C. Jordan to the post of Vice Chairman. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Grainger for his support over the past 18 months.

6. **District and County Councillor Reports -**  
**Items reported for attention by District & County Councillor and other matters arising.**

**District Councillors – no report.**

**County Councillor Ian Hardiman's Report:**

#### **“Strategic Issues:**

*The County Council has continued to be heavily involved in the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, working with our statutory partners.*

*Cases in Worcestershire in line with the Country have been increasing and particularly concerning has been the increases across Wyre Forest in the last week or so but things do change on a weekly basis.*

*Our Hospitals are coping very well with substantial capacity on all 3 sites and despite our increases, Worcestershire has been less affected by infections than many other authorities in the West Midlands region.*

*We have continued to assist our many care settings with PPE.*

*Worcestershire “Here2Help” Community Action response to Coronavirus continues to provide excellent support to Residents and Businesses.*

*Council meetings are still taking place virtually and it is likely that County Full Council will not meet in person for some months yet.*

*As for all County Councillors, I have a fresh allocation of Divisional Funding for 2020/2021 for deserving local causes and will be pleased to consider any applications over the coming months.*

#### **Wyre Forest Issues:**

*County Highways’ Kidderminster Churchfields Spur Road project has been delayed as a result of Coronavirus but I understand contractors have recommenced with safe distancing measures being put in place.”*

7. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

#### **a) New Planning applications: -**

**20/0580/HOU** (Revised) Demolition of existing porch, infill single storey kitchen extension and pitched roof over existing two storey flat roof extension at Myndholm Trimpley DY12 1RD

*Comment: “No objections”*

**20/0839/FUL** Proposed temporary caravan for construction works Honeybrook Kennels , Bridgnorth Road, Kidderminster, DY11 5RR

*Comment: “No objections to time-limited temporary siting of a caravan.”*

#### **b) Update on Previous applications**

**19/0754** – Retrospective application re COU to Swimming Pool at The Guildings Eymore Lane, Trimpley – *still pending decision*

**20/0405/FUL** Conversion of former stable building to dwelling (Use Class C3), together with new vehicular access and closure of existing vehicular access (to pedestrian access

only) At Oak Meadow Farm, Honeybrook Lane, Kidderminster – *Refused permission*  
20/0567/FUL Erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings at Highlands, Trimpley Lane, Shatterford – Approved.  
20/0685/FUL - Proposed Replacement Caravan under Permitted Development with Caravan base and associated earthworks at Hill Farm, Sunset View, Northwood Lane, Bewdley, DY12 1AT – *still pending decision*  
20/0737/HOU Proposed Porch to Front Location: Abbots Lea, Hoarstone Lane, Trimpley, Bewdley, - *still pending decision*.

c) **Compliance Issues/Appeal** –

**Easter Cottage** – Nothing further to report.

8. **Progress Reports and other Outstanding Items**

- **VA Signs** – The sign still did not appear to be working after a full re-charge, so the Clerk had made arrangements to send the sign back to the suppliers to check it out under warranty. Cllr Holford agreed to take the sign down, with help, and Cllr. Jordan agreed to pack it up and send away.

- **Highway Matters** –

Parking on Grass Verge near to Low Habberley Farm – Clerk had sent off the suggestion to the County Council to plant gorse bushes on the grass verge. No reply had been received.

Hoarstone Lane – Rock Cutting issues - Arrangements would be made by the County Council to have the sump cleared out. This had not yet been done.

Traffic speeds through Low Habberley village – Despite a request to have the speed monitoring wires put down in the village, this had not yet been done, much to the annoyance of local residents. Clerk would continue to chase for this to be done as soon as possible.

- **Bus Shelters** – Having received no further quotes, despite chasing, it was resolved that the Clerk should place an initial order for just one shelter with Severn Structures – at the only site where there was currently permission from the County to erect a shelter – opposite Eymore Lane junction. Clerk was still awaiting notification from Paul Green at the County Council concerning the two other sites discussed.

- **Telephone Kiosk – Northwood Lane and proposed Defibrillator installation** – No further information had been received from the residents group concerning this matter.

- **Corporate identification** – Clerk had researched the cost of corporate logo printed Hi-viz tabards, an along with these, litter picking sticks, and money required for work around the **Black Pools** on Trimpley common, and as requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had submitted a grant application to the District Council Community Fund to cover the cost of this.

- **Severn Trent Reservoir Site Matters – progress since site meeting** – No further information received. However, through his charity, Cllr. Jordan confirmed that charity workers were undertaking regular litter picks around the site, for which the Council expressed their thanks.

- **Arley Estate Eymore Wood car park** – diseased trees, gatepost, etc. – Although reported to Arley Estate, no work had been undertaken to date. Clerk was requested to report the diseased trees to the County Council as being a highways hazard.

9. **Broadband provision up-date** – Cllr. Jordan was continuing to request households with Arley Exchange telephone numbers (from Eymore Lane to Shatterford) to sign up for the vouchers to secure broadband to property connections. If sufficient households signed up, then it was likely that this service could be secured for the parish. Clerk asked if households had to commit to sign up for fibre connection if they requested a voucher, but it was felt that this was not a condition. Cllr. Jordan requested help from other councillors in identifying households, and approaching them to sign up to enable this provision to proceed.

10. **Newsletter distribution during Covid 19 pandemic** – Clerk advised that distribution now amounted to just a copy on the website (for all to view) and hard copies on the noticeboards and one copy supplied to each councillor

11. **Lengthsman, Footpath work & Litter collection & Footpath Clearance.**

Clerk advised that the invoice to the County Council for footpath clearance would shortly have to be prepared, and asked if a second cut was required, as usual on some footpaths.

Grit/Salt provision – As requested Clerk had ordered one tonne, which had been delivered to Cllr. Grainger at Grey Green Farm, for use by the lengthsman on highways as required.

12. **Financial Reports** –

a) **Payments** – (all agreed, and would be signed remotely).

Cheque 099 – HMRC – Clerk's PAYE - £75.80

Cheque 100 – E Whitehouse – Clerk's Expenses - £119.29

Cheque 101 – Worcestershire CALC – Training (courses attended by Cllr Holford) - £60

b) **Accounts balanced – approval of sheet** - Clerk had prepared and distributed a balanced accounts sheet, as at end September.

13. **Worcestershire CALC Reports & County and District & other Correspondence** – None.

14. **Road Accidents** – None

15. **Other Matters** - None

**Date of Next meeting** – confirmed as 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Chairman :