

KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Trimpley Village Hall on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Councillor Mr. J. Gammond
Councillor Mr. C. Holford
Councillor Mr. C. Jordan
Councillor Mr. C Grainger
Mrs E Whitehouse (Clerk)
Councillor Mr. B. Phillips
Councillor Mrs S. Stone
County Cllr. I Hardiman
6 members of the public were present.

1. **Police Report** : Police were not in attendance. Nothing of concern to mention.
Public Open Forum A member of the public voiced concerns about the **Mad March Hare cycle** event taking place on 26th March. Concerns to be followed up with County Council highways, and the police.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Cllr. J. Gammond for picking up strewn litter in the Eymore Lane layby.

2. **Apologies For Absence**: Received and approved from Cllr. Mrs. C. Gammond and Dist. Councillors Mr. J Byng and P. Harrison
3. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations**: Interests as previously minuted. Cllr. S. Stone also declared an interest in planning application 22/0993/HOU.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 19th December 2022 were approved and signed.
5. **County and District Councillors' Reports – Report from County Councillor Ian Hardiman - LOCAL ISSUES:**

I am due to meet with the County Highways Liaison Engineer this week when I shall be urging attention to issues awaiting attention and resolution:

. **Hoarstone Lane Highway Repairs, Poor Quality**: Highways initial reaction was to agree to ask their contractor to return to refinish the edges of the tarmac patching; however I have been informed that the cause of the breaking up of the surface repair is in fact the poor quality of the actual Tarmac materials. I have therefore persisted with the Highways Liaison Engineer asking for the whole of the patching works be redone, using quality assured materials in order to achieve a safe, permanent result. (Not yet done).

. **A442 Traffic Speed Concerns**: I fully support the Parish Council's request for the County Council to extend the 40mph speed limit to past the former Kennels site where a new development of several dwellings is soon to commence. I have submitted a report accordingly.

. **Speeding Traffic in Trimpley Lane, Shatterford Area**: I have requested a fresh Speed Analysis (cables across the road) to be affected further back along this lane rather than close to the junction at Shatterford as previously done.

. **Valley Close Road Surface**: I have been chasing CHG Management who now appear to be properly investigating the poor surface issues in question.

WYRE FOREST ISSUES:

The applicants for a Quarry at land at Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley have now appealed the decision by WCC to refuse consent. The hearing is due to commence on 28th February this year.

Wribbenhall Beales Corner Flood Resilience: The Environment Agency have submitted their application for a permanent Flood Barrier to WFDC Planners; it is hoped the application will be considered in February and that the project will be able to commence in the Spring.

STRATEGIC ISSUES: - These were circulated to Parish Councillors but not read out at the meeting.

There will be a Parish Council consultation event on 31st January..

Full Council will set the budget on 16th February.

Report from District Councillors – None present.

6. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

a) **New Planning applications: -**

22/0993/HOU Extensions, alterations and refurbishments works at 32 Habberley Lane, Low Habberley,
Cllr. S. Stone expressed an interest and left the room.

Comment: "We understand that the majority of the development of this property is covered under permitted development. Therefore, although we are aware of concerns expressed, we restrict our comments to the parts of the application which require planning permission. As such, we would state that we have no objections to the velux windows, or the render of the brickwork. Because of the opposing ground levels of adjoining property, we would respectfully suggest that perhaps some carefully chosen screening planting may help in respect of objections raised on other issues."

Councillor Mrs. S. Stone rejoined the meeting.

b) **Update on Previous applications**

22/0300/HOU Part demolition and remodelling of existing farmhouse, including the addition of integrated garages, balcony and swimming pool area - Park Attwood Farm, Trimpley Ln. Shatterford - **Pending Decision**

22/0927/FUL Change of Use to Farm Holiday Let. Location: Old Pumping Station, Trimpley Lane, Shatterford – Revised plans received – **Pending Decision**

22/0942/HOU - Single storey side/rear extension at 13 Habberley Lane, Low Habberley – **Pending Decision**

c) **Compliance Issues/Appeals –**

Appeal Reference APP/R1845/W/20/3263496 - 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)

Application Reference 20/0405/FUL. – **No decision yet received re appeal.**

Appeal Reference APP/R1845/W/21/3281433 - Northwood Farm , Northwood Lane, - Change of use - Agricultural to Dog Breeding Kennels(21/0029) - Clerk had submitted the same comments to the appeal Inspector as were submitted to application 21/0029.- **No decision yet received re appeal.**

Hill Farm / Mary Moors matters – Despite a visit from Enforcement at the commencement of last week, when it was reported that the unauthorised mobile homes had been removed from site, it transpired that photographs had been obtained showing that they were still there on Friday 13th January. Clerk had asked Dist. Cllr. Byng to ask that officers visit again.

Low Habberley Housing Development – it was noted that the site was now to be developed by Bovis, and not Richborough. Cllr. Holford stated that he thought the mix of housing should have been more heavily weighted towards the provision of bungalows.

Consultation period on planning application Wyre Forest DC Planning Dept had advised that this was to be extended to be 28 days for Parishes/Towns to respond with comments as opposed to the current 21 days. This was welcomed by all councillors and the Clerk

Valley Close – following refusal of permission 22/0678, Clerk was requested to enquire (as this was a retrospective application) as to whether there would be a requirement for the land to be reinstated in respect of hardcore laid down.

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

Highway Matters

- **Hoarstone Lane Surface repairs** – The poor repair work would be addressed by the County towards the end of January. It was noted that water was not coming through the tarmac, and the sump was now empty. .
- **Broken STW Manhole, below Low Habberley:** - . Clerk had chased again by letter. Chase up again.
- **Valley Close Road Surface Issues** –. It was hoped this would be done shortly.
- **Holbeache Farm Flooding problem – Update** – Birmingham Water Corp installed this drain. Matter still being debated between Severn Trent, and Worcs County Council. Tenant Farmer advised that as he was certain it was not taking ground water from the field, he was inclined to stop up the drain at its junction with the highway.
- **Noticeboards – Crundalls Lane and locks on boards at Low Habberley** - No quote yet received. Ade Williams to provide quote to chairman.
- **Speed of Vehicles on Local Roads** – Cllr. Hardiman was following this matter up.
- **Lack of confidence in the District Council** – Clerk had drafted a letter, which was approved, to be sent to the Chief Executive – Mr. I. Miller.

8. **Lengthsman / Litter Collection and Footpath Clearance Matters**

a) **Lengthsman** – Two worksheets received and approved.

Clerk had supplied the lengthsman with extra worksheets, as requested in early January, and had also ensured that he had sufficient litter sacks to complete the litter contract up to end March.

9. **Financial Reports –**

a) **Ratification of payments to be made** –

S. Archer – Lengthsman worksheets (7+8) - (£216 + £648) £864

Nominated Councillor to log in to ratify electronic payments this month - Cllr. C. Grainger.

b) **Printer** - Delegated approval was given to Cllr. Jordan and the Clerk to source and order a replacement printer as the current printer had ceased to function. Payment would be required, once ordered, and delegated permission was given for this to be made.

10. **Worcestershire CALC Reports & County and District & other Correspondence** –

Clerk had booked herself onto a refresher course re the up-coming elections in May 2023.

CALC had forwarded items concerning their campaign to raise interest in becoming a local councillor.

Wyre Forest District –invited comment re 2023/24 Budget for the District.

11. **Road Accidents** – A collision on the A442 at the Wolverley Lane junction was briefly mentioned.

12. **Other Matters**

Water Leak – Habberley Lane, just below The Mount – Clerk was asked to report a water leak to Severn Trent – and on this narrow stretch of road, it could prove dangerous in icy conditions.

Eymore Wood Forestry Scheme

More timber had been taken out of Eymore Wood than was expected, and the ground had been left very rutted. Also tree protectors had been left littered and discarded in the wood, and brash left, or discarded in the stream. Also, if left to natural regeneration, then the woodland would not have the quality or quantity of required trees. It was hoped that there would be some planned replanting. Clerk was asked to contract Bronwen's and Arley Estate about these matters for comment, and possible meeting.

Next meeting: confirmed as Monday 20th February 2023. Councillor Jordan offered apologies in advance.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman :