

held on Monday 17th June 2019 at 7.30pm at Trimpley Village Hall

6 members of the public present

1. **Police Report** – Police were unable to attend, but sent the following report:

Force Incident Number: 0341S 280519

LOW HABBERLEY - took place between 26/05/2019 21:00:00 and 28/05/2019 08:00:00

Unknown persons have pulled down a security bar at the rear garden of a property in Low Habberley.

Force Incident Number: 0706S 210519

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY - Habberley Valley - took place between 20/05/2019 17:00:00 and 21/05/2019 09:00:00

Unknown person have attempted to remove a wooden panel at the rear of the visitor centre.

Public Open Forum

A landowner from the Honeybrook area was in attendance, and explained the problems he was facing with people walking dogs on his land. They were not keeping to the definitive routes, and he was receiving verbal abuse, and abuse on social media accusing him of obstructing walkers. He advised that people were accusing him of making it impossible to walk dogs and the PROW officer Cllr. Mrs. Gammond stated that stiles did not have to be dog friendly, and that dogs should be lifted over stiles if they could not negotiate them, and that holes should not be made in adjoining fences for dogs to pass. People had also shot at footpath signs and livestock pens with air guns, and this was totally unacceptable. They were also leaving "dog poo" bags on branches. The landowner was encouraged to contact the police about the use of the air guns on the property. Clerk stated that a piece would be put in the quarterly newsletter making it clear to footpath users that this behaviour was totally unacceptable.

A question was posed about Tree Preservation Orders in the Honeybrook area, and it was thought that this was just a temporary measure. However, it was reported that it still featured on the TPO records.

It was also reported that motorcycles were still using the fields at Low Habberley, and it was confirmed that this was without the consent of the tenant farmer, although it appears that one of his workmen had in some way indicated consent.

2. **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies received from District Councillors Paul Harrison and John Byng.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Mrs. Gammond and Cllr. J. Gammond declared interests, being members of the Village Hall committee. Cllr. Phillips declared a pecuniary interest in respect of any Churchyard grant. Cllr. Grainger declared an interest in any item concerning Riddings Brook, and pecuniary interests in an invoice for wood preservative.

4. **Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2019 were approved and signed.

- 5. District and County Councillor Reports - inc. progress reports on other matters**

Items reported for attention by District & County Councillor and other matters arising.

District Cllr. John Byng) None) Not present

District Cllr. Paul Harrison) None)

County Cllr. Hardiman) - Clerk advised that she understood the proposal by Shropshire County Council to cease the 297 bus service on Saturdays had now been shelved. However, she would draw Councillors attention to the Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy Consultation detailed later in these minutes.

Verge Grass Cutting – although in places there had been some damage from the contracted grass cutter, (and this had either been corrected or reported), it was generally felt my most councillors to be an improvement on last year.

- ## 6. Co-option Matters

Following prior interview of the two candidates, Mrs. Patricia Jones, and Mr. G. Yarranton, a vote was taken and on a majority it was resolved to co-opt Mr. Gordon Yarranton to fill the vacant seat. Clerk would write to each candidate with the Council's decision.

- ## 7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:

a) Previous planning applications –

19/0181 - : Change of use and extension to existing staff house to form dwelling.

Demolition of existing building and erection of 6No. Dwellings (amendment to previously approved scheme 16/0325/FULL) at PARK ATTWOOD, TRIMPLEY LANE, SHATTERFORD.

Approved

19/0264/FULL SEVERN TRENT WATER SEVERN TRENT WATER LTD TRIMPLEY WATER TREATMENT WORKS Installation of a caustic dosing kiosk

Awaiting confirmation of corrected plans before formal comment is confirmed. Clerk had chased the planning officer for amended plans.

19/0272/FULL 30 LOW HABBERLEY KIDDERMINSTER DY115RA Proposed single storey rear extension, replacement gates, front porch, bay windows and internal alterations

Awaiting Decision

b) New Planning applications: -

19/0311 CERTP - Single storey side extension at PAYNES COTTAGE, TRIMPLEY, BEWDLEY, DY121PP - NOTE This is *for information only* and no comment from the Parish Council was required.

a) Compliance Issues/Appeals

Easter Cottage – Awaiting appeal decision from the Planning Inspectorate at Bristol.

8. Severn Trent River Bank Stabilisation/Construction works

It was reported that Severn Trent were to carry out work on the riverbank adjacent to the reservoir. This would require 3500 tonnes (approx. 220 lorry-loads) of rock being transported to the Reservoir site, with works hoped to slow or prevent erosion of the riverbank. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries as regards the route to be taken to access the reservoir, with the information that Hoarstone lane was designated as unsuitable for HGVs. The condition of Eymore Lane was also discussed, and it was hoped that Severn Trent would take responsibility for any deterioration. Cllr. Jordan stated that he would take some photos of the lane now, and after rock-delivering lorries had completed their task, and compare these. The Clerk had also queried with the contractors whether the railbridge on the Reservoir site would be used. It had been confirmed that it would be used, and was suitable for purpose, and could take the necessary weight loads. Clerk would mention the lorries travelling through the parish in the newsletter.

9. Poor quality of the internet in Crundalls Lane / Lightmarsh Lane.

Cllr. Grainger reported that there had been 7 reported breakdowns in the line serving the Crundalls Lane area in the last month, and that it was believed that the cabling in this vicinity was in a bad state of repair. Clerk would write to BT to complain about this.

10. Progress Reports and other Outstanding Items

• CCTV

Cllrs. J Gammond and C Jordan had met with officers from WFDC, who had advised that there should be no problem for the parish to deploy its own cameras, and who promised to send through to the Clerk the requisite forms to ensure that all due process was followed. They discussed the equipment which would be deployed, and the officers agreed that the equipment identified would be acceptable. Clerk advised that she had received no forms from the officers, and would chase for this. The officers had indicated that any subsequent prosecution brought is difficult unless due procedure is followed.

• VA Signs –

Clerk tabled a further quotation for consideration by the meeting, and it was agreed that she should place an order for two of the signs to be delivered to Cllr. B. Phillips. In the meantime, siting of these was discussed, and Cllr. Phillips advised that a request had been received from a parishioner to site one of these adjacent to the corner by the Church in Eymore Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting for Cllr. Phillips to meet with the County Engineer to discuss this, and some other highway matters. Clerk was also instructed to check the insurance cover for the value of the new signs.

• Church Meeting – Moving Forward Together meeting

Clerk had tabled a slip showing a meeting had been called for Wednesday 19th June at 6.30p.m.(presumably at the Church) and Councillors were encouraged to attend, to inform themselves about proposed alterations at the Church.

• Bench and Noticeboard Restoration Work

Cllr. C. Grainger had arranged for local handyman Richard Betts to undertake this work. A vote of thanks was given to Chris for organising this.

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

Clerk had received the signed contract from the Lengthsman for 2019/20. Cllr. Phillips who oversaw the lengthsman activities stated that he was not happy with the lack of contact from Messrs. Archer. It was suggested that work required should be put into a text message so that a record of the work and the date requested could be monitored more closely. Clerk advised that if alternative contractors were sought, then they would have to have the requisite training,

hold adequate insurance, and she also advised that the contract was worth just £2061p.a. and it was generally felt that the contract was really viewed by many people as of nuisance value only. She also gave details of the work schedule which they were allowed to do. It was also felt that more litter picks could be undertaken under the terms of the Litter Contract.

With regard to County Council's reduced grant for the footpath work for the coming year, Clerk had received a letter stating that this had been reduced in line with other County Council cutbacks. She had also received back the signed P3 Contract. The County had also agreed to look into the signpost reinstatement requests, which were long outstanding, for attention.

12. Financial Reports –

a) Payments –

Chq No. 1034 – L. Grainger – Supply of Wood Preservative - £104.26 (omitted from May Mins.)

Chq No. 1035 - HMRC – Clerk's PAYE - £69.60

Chq No. 1036 – Information Commission – ICO – Data Protection Fee - £40

b) Accounts and Bank Reconciliation to end May 2019 - Clerk had supplied everyone with a copy of this for information.

13. County and District and other Correspondence -

Habberley Valley Visitor Centre – has reopened after 19 years, including café facilities.

Young Citizenship Celebration and Awards Evening – Wednesday 10th July, Kidderminster Town Hall

Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy – a Survey and Consultation was taking place for the County Council “to fully understand the contribution that the service makes to the local economy and the value in terms of community health and well-being”. The Survey Form was to be completed by 13th September, and the Clerk would include details of this in the July Newsletter.

Signage near the rock cutting - Hoarstone Lane – It was decided that Cllr. Phillips would take the County Engineer, Paul Green, to the site to discuss the signage, when he visited to discuss the VA signs.

14. CALC Matters – Training. All the dates given were some distance for our parish. Clerk suggested arranging training locally, and asking several parishes to group together for this.

15. Road Accidents One on A442 7th/8th June Bottom of Round Hill. Details unknown.

16. Other Matters

Members of the public had spotted some activity taking place on the Crocky Trail site, although details were unknown.

17. Date of Next Meeting – confirmed as **15th July 2019 at 7.30p.m**

Meeting closed at 9.35p.m.

Chairman :