

19/0428 Proposed single storey side and rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable space at THE BUNGALOW, GREY GREEN FARM

Awaiting decision

b) New Planning applications: -

19/0494/FULL RED RIDGE SANDY LANE KIDDERMINSTER DY115QZ

Erection of single storey side extension and attached lean-to store outbuilding.

Comment: "No objections and recommend approval".

19/0349 – Mill Cottage Sandy Lane – Mrs. Gammond advised that she had spotted this application (which had now been decided and had received planning permission) – being next door to the application above, and definitely in this parish. Clerk advised that she had received no notification of this application from Wyre Forest Planners, and would make investigations.

c) Compliance Issues/Appeals

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

d) Wyre Forest Local Area Plan

Consultation ongoing between 2nd Sept – 14th October, as previously reported.

Worcestershire County Council Minerals Plan – Consultation 19th August to 30th Sept.

Clerk tabled maps indicating proposed sand extraction at a site adjacent to the Round Hill on the A442. The site lay roughly half in this parish, and half in Wolverley and Cookley Parish.

Clerk to submit comment to include points:

- A442 is a very busy dangerous road for lorries to be exiting from/onto
- Mud and sand quarry deposits on road could exacerbate dangerous road conditions
- Emphasize requirement to minimise noise and dust by using wheel washes.

Clerk was also asked to put a link to the consultation on the parish website.

9. Progress Reports and other Outstanding Items

• CCTV

Kathryn Underhill and Linda Draycott who had met with Cllrs. J Gammond and C Jordan in May had still not sent through any forms for completion, and Cllr. Yarranton repeated that he would like the Legal department to come and talk to the whole Parish Council before cameras are deployed, to give assurance about the legal aspects of this matter. Cllr. Harrison stated that he would speak with the district officers concerned.

• VA Signs –

Clerk had written to P Green (Engineer) and Cllr Hardiman re provision and erecting of the requisite poles. Clerk had tried to follow this up, but P Green had been away on holiday. Clerk to follow up this matter.

• Signage near cutting in Hoarstone Lane

Clerk had written asking for further consideration to this matter – and was awaiting a full response.

• Broken Manhole cover near to Mount Pool between Wild Woods and Wassell Top

Clerk had reported again to Paul Green as a danger to anyone accessing the verge. Cllr. Gammond advised that the cover had been put over the hold, but was insecure, as the substructure was broken and had not been mended.

• Severn Trent River Bank Stabilisation/Construction works

It was noted that approximately a third of the stone had been delivered, without major incidents, and had been deposited by the pump intake. The footpath alongside the riverbank from Bewdley had been temporarily closed whilst the work was being done.

• Poor quality of the internet in Crundalls Lane / Lightmarsh Lane

No further information. Some work to a switch had been done which had improved the situation, with fibre being promised to be installed during 2019/20.

• Bench and Noticeboard Restoration Work

The restoration work was almost complete, with compliments given from Councillors about the standard of work being done. The bench at the viewpoint still needed attention, and extra preservative would be required to do this. When complete, Clerk asked that the costs be included on an invoice, and it was agreed to accompany payment with a "thank you" letter.

• BT Cover Eymore Layby

At the request of Cllr. Phillips, Clerk had again reported this as broken and dangerous. The cavity had a barrier erected around it, but the work was not complete. Clerk to follow up.

• Mount Pool – Quality of water – It was reported by the Chairman that it appeared that the quality of water did not appear to be great, and wondered if enough sunlight was getting to the water. The surrounding trees had grown considerably, and needed to be cut back, along with a

general tidy up around both this, and other pools on the common. Cllr. C. Gammond stated that she had recently checked the Japanese knotweed and could only find 2 stalks. Whilst clearance was done, she advised that these could be covered with upturned buckets, so that they were not disturbed, or could not be spread. Cllr. Phillips was tasked with checking with the landowner that she had no objection to the council undertaking this work, and the Clerk was asked to write to neighbours at Crofton Lodge to advise them that the work was planned.

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

Lengthsman had tabled an invoice/worksheet for work for £66.

It was noted that the lengthsman had been increasingly difficult to contact, and had not seemed to be particularly active in the parish in respect of work being done. Councillors undertook to contact the lengthsman about work required in Northwood Lane, as requested by the County Councillor and the Highways Engineer. Meantime, Clerk was tasked with finding out about other local lengthsman, problems encountered, rates of pay, etc.

11. **Financial Reports –**

a) Payments –

Chq 1042 – S. Archer – Lengthsman’s Work - £66.00

Chq 1043 – Clerk’s PAYE - £69.60

Chq 1044 – Paper for Newsletters (Reimburse Clerk) £30.00

Clerk had received an invoice for Hire of Village hall for two extra meetings – for interviews, and for training – in the amount of £45 and had paid this, as requested, by BACS.

b) Accounts Reconciliation – Clerk had provided each councillor with figures.

c) From recent training, it had been noted that Parishes should have a “**Grants Policy**”. Clerk advised that she was not aware that this parish had this, and would check on CALC Best Practice for advice and a suitable format.

12. **Worcestershire CALC Reports and Notices**

CALC Training at Trimley V. Hall – was well attended and 4 councillors from the parish were in attendance. It proved to be a useful event, as a refresher on basic parish council matters. Councillors in attendance varied in experience from 40 years to just 3 weeks.

Other Training – Clerk had received a schedule from CALC for other training events, and a free event (for Clerk’s only) at Hawford relating to VAT on-line claim systems and cyber security.

CALC District/Parish Forum – the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 16th September, which clashed with the next Parish Council meeting. Attendance at which to be decided, by CALC representatives Cllrs. C. Grainger and Mrs. L. Green.

13. **County and District and other Correspondence -**

Clerk reminded councillors of other events:

IDOX Uniform Planning Training – 26th September 5.30 – 7p.m. Wyre Forest House – Clerk to advise that 5 people (Cllrs. Mrs Gammond, Mrs Green, C. Grainger, J. Gammond and Clerk) would be in attendance.

Sat 7th September – Trimley Church – Clerk reminded councillors of the meeting to discuss future developments to the Church building.

Community Broadband Engagement Event -26th September 4-6p.m. Free for anyone looking for information on upgrading to faster speeds, or better broadband for the local community.

14. **Road Accidents -** A car had hit the rock roadsides in the cutting at the bottom of Hoarstone Lane on 30th July. The occupant(s) were not with the vehicle, which was towed away - organised by police. It was noted that the vehicle had no current road tax.

15. **Other Matters**

Cllr. Gordon Yarranton queried at the previous meeting as to whether the **Localism Grants** had been ceased, but had since been notified that they had not.

Oak Processionary Moth – Clerk advised that she had contacted the two tree wardens to ask that they be aware of and watch out for incidents of this pest in local woodland.

16. **Date of Next Meeting –** confirmed as **16th September 2019 at 7.30p.m**

Meeting closed at 9.45p.m.

Chairman :