

Tuesday 08th November 2016 There was no attendance at the Open Public Forum.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 08th November 2016

183/16 Present – Cllrs. Bogaard, Glaze, Palmer, Bainbridge, Wilkes, Wood and Ransted.

184/16 Apologies – Apologies received from Cllrs Brown and Cameron. These were unanimously accepted.

185/16 Declarations of Interest – No Declarations were received.

186/16 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016

Following one minor amendment, the Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October were a true and accurate record. Therefore a proposal to accept the Minutes was made by Cllr Bogaard and seconded by Cllr Bainbridge. All present were unanimous in their agreement and the Minutes were duly signed.

187/16 District & County Councillor Reports – Reports received as follows:

Cllr Davis:

- Joint working advisory board continues, currently planning is being updated and improved.
- Financial savings continue to be implemented.

Cllr Hardman:

- Planning Application 15/01013 (Field SO9239 Eckington Road) – Cllr Hardman to attend Hearing and will speak on behalf of Bredon PC (date yet to be decided – there may be a possible backlog of 6/9 months). Bredon PC have discussed whether legal representation will be required, although no decision has yet been made. WDC have confirmed that they will vigorously defend the application.
- Hammock Lane, Piecing Modification Orders – Footpaths are now open, although the flooding issue is yet to be resolved.
- Eckington bridgeworks are progressing well.
- Re-surfacing is scheduled for New Road and Glenmoor (will be carried out 2016/17 financial year).
- The planned closure of Ashchurch Camp has been deferred for 10 years.

The following update regarding the 382 bus service was received:

Further meetings with Pershore Volunteer Service and First Bus Company have now taken place. A proposal has been put forward to run a service equivalent to the Pershore Plumline. Responses regarding a suitable route have been requested from various Parish Councils.

188/16 Progress Reports – The following was reported:

Clerk's Report – The Meeting considered the purchase of grit for the Parish bins. Due to lack of storage, it was agreed that grit would be purchased from a retailer (rather than WCC), as it could then be purchased in a much smaller quantity.

Village Hall –

- A new Secretary has now been appointed.
- Cost of hiring the hall (for the day) has been raised.
- A deal has now been reached with the Performing Rights Society – an annual fee of approximately £60/£70 will be made to the PRS.
- Current funds are at £40,000

Recreation Centre – Another successful bonfire evening was reported, with a profit of £3,000 being made (photos of the evening are available on the website).

The Meeting discussed the PC representatives and agreed that both Cllrs Palmer and Wood should continue to represent the PC

Footpaths – Modification Orders (Hammock Lane and Piecing)

- It was noted that both paths are now open.
- Some issues regarding cattle have been reported.
- An update will be prepared for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.

BHCG - It was confirmed that the recent planning application for a campsite and warden's house at Ashton Under Hill, has now been turned down - this has been replaced by a new application solely for a campsite.

CALC – Points raised at the recent meeting were as follows: Local Council Award Scheme was discussed (more relevant to larger/town Councils), community transport, recycling, central government cuts, Neighbourhood Plans and CALC and NALC subs for 2017.

Partnership – Next meeting is due on 16/11/16.

189/16 **Planning** – The following planning matters have been brought before the Clerk and/or Wychavon District Council since the last Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016:

Refusals:

W/16/02095/OU Land adjacent to Lechmere, Hammock Road – Partial demolition of the existing buildings and erection of a single dwelling house on land to the south of Lechmere off Hammock Road.

Applications Discussed:

W/16/02462/PP 2 Hollowcombe Cottage, Hollands Road – Removal of existing 1970's and 2000 rear & side extensions (single storey) and then alterations associated with the erection of a new rear and side extension (two storey). Removal of existing workshop, garage and kennels and replacement with ancillary living accommodation – Comments sent.

W/16/0233/PP 7 Russell Drive – Single storey rear extension and render finish to exterior – Comments sent.

Other Planning Matters:

Following the update received from Cllr Hardman relating to planning application 15/01013 (Field SO9239, Eckington Road), it was agreed that no action can be taken until a date for the Hearing has been received.

Complaint received from resident on Nafford Road regarding possible enforcement issue – Cllr Ransted to forward details to the Clerk.

190/16 **Finance** – Cllr Ransted proposed and was seconded by Cllr Palmer that the following payments should be approved:

Payments to be made:

Clerk's salary	£414.37
L. Gerber Admin expenses & mileage	£33.16
Foot Anstey (NP legal costs)	£1236.00
P. Higgins (Lengthsman salary)	£155.20
New Farm Grounds Maintenance – Rec. cut	£418.80
New Farm Grounds Maintenance - PC	£187.20
British Legion Poppy Appeal (wreath)	£25.00
PAYE	£60.00
R. Hartland (hedge trimming)	£144.00

191/16 **Neighbourhood Plan** –

It was reported that policy writing is ongoing and progress continues.

The Meeting discussed correspondence received from a resident who had expressed concern regarding the PC decision to award the additional funds towards the project (requested by the Steering Group).

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that due consideration had been given to the matter and that the decision had been arrived at after following correct Parish Council procedure. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the resident re-assuring him of the above.

192/16 **Highway Matters** –

The Meeting discussed and agreed the proposal relating to costs (regarding village planters), received from the WI.

193/16 New Homes Bonus –

The following was reported:

- Cricket Club – Nets currently being installed.
- Eckington Under Fives – Request for £20,000 to build the foundations of a new build at the First School. It was reported that WDC had confirmed that this proposal (as it currently stands) would not be accepted. It has yet to be decided whether an alternative proposal should be made.

194/16 Raising the On-line Profile of the Parish Council

Following the addition of further details regarding Parish Councillors, it was agreed that the site should go live.

195/16 Flooding Issues

It was reported that a meeting has been arranged (14/11) between the depth gauge company, WDC and the Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllrs Wood, Wilkes and Glaze would attend.

Cllr Wilkes confirmed that he continues to keep a record of bridge closures.

196/16 Village Bins

The Meeting considered the map provided, which detailed all waste and dog waste bins within the village. After due consideration a proposal was made by Cllr Wilkes that the PC would purchase two dog waste bins – one to be situated on Nafford Road, the other on the junction of Hammock Road, this was seconded by Cllr Bainbridge.

197/16 Burial Fees

The Meeting considered the proposed 5% increase relating to burial fees. A proposal was made by Cllr Bogaard to accept the figures, this was seconded by Cllr Palmer.

198/16 Correspondence for Information –

Correspondence circulated.

199/16 Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –

- Speedwatch – It was reported that 2 sessions have recently taken place, further sessions are planned. Additional volunteers are still required.

181/16 Date of next meeting –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 13th December.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm