

Tuesday 11th April 2017 There was no attendance at the Open Public Forum.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2017

53/17 Present – Cllrs. Glaze, Bainbridge, Wood, Wilkes, and Ransted.

54/17 Apologies – Cllrs Cameron, Brown and District Cllr Davis.
The Apologies were unanimously accepted.

55/17 Declarations of Interest – No Declarations were received.

56/17 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017

The Meeting agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March were a true and accurate record. Therefore a proposal to accept the Minutes was made by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Ransted. All present were unanimous in their agreement and the Minutes were duly signed.

57/17 District & County Councillor Reports –
County Cllr Hardman reported the following:

- New Road footway re-surfacing is scheduled for 2017/18.
- Contrary to recent speculation, it was confirmed that Highways have no current plans for a new motorway junction (9).

A request was made for drainage issues to be remedied at the recently opened Hammock Lane footpath. Cllr Hardman agreed to pursue the matter.

58/17 Progress Reports – The following was reported:

Clerk's Report –

- Cllrs Palmer and Bogaard have resigned from the Parish Council. The Clerk has informed WDC and taken the appropriate action regarding seeking replacements.
- BJ Unwin Forestry Consultancy has agreed to carry out the Cemetery and Graveyard tree inspections.
- Police Report – damaged door to vehicle parked at The Anchor Inn car park on 23/03.

Footpaths – It was reported that the footpath at Piecing has changed slightly and is now on its correct route.

BHCG – It was reported that there is concern amongst the Group regarding speculation of a new motorway junction. The Meeting was reminded that County Cllr Hardman had clearly informed the PC that no such junction is currently planned by Highways England. It was agreed, therefore, that as there is no proposal, there is no action for the PC to consider.

Cotswold Conservation Group – The Meeting was informed that there is presently a petition to make the Cotswold Conservation Area a national park. Cllr Ransted agreed to forward the web link to all councillors.

59/17 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 14th March 2017:

Applications Considered:

W/17/00419/LB & 00418/HP Mollie Cottage, Boon Street – Replace existing conservatory and bedroom window; repair chimney; add support to roof beam; add upstairs bathroom and construct new garage – No objection.

Approvals:

W/16/03023/PP Two Shillings, Church Street – Proposed extension and internal alterations.

W/10/02450/PN Manor Farm, Manor Road – Application to modify planning obligations contained in Section 106 Legal Agreement associated with planning permission ref no 10/02450 to amend the extent of land tied to dwelling now known as Top Barn.

60/17 Finance – Cllr Ransted proposed and was seconded by Cllr Bainbridge that the following payments should be approved:

Payments to be made:

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| Clerk's salary | £414.37 |
| L. Gerber Admin expenses & mileage | £84.51 |
| P. Higgins (Lengthsman salary) | £150.60 |
| Eckington Village Hall (hire) | £12.00 |
| WDC (Burial Ground rates) | £119.22 |
| Worcestershire CALC (training) | £10.00 |
| Westcotec Ltd (VAS battery) | £96.00 |
| New Farm Grounds Maintenance (PC) | £187.20 |
| New Farm Grounds Maintenance (Rec) | £177.60 |

61/17 Neighbourhood Plan –

It was reported that plan writing continues to be ongoing.

Comments are now awaited (on the draft), from the Planning Consultant.

62/17 Highway Matters –

Maintenance issue to report – drop off from carriageway to verge (Nafford Road).

63/17 New Homes Bonus –

It was reported that the PC now have £25,000 of net funds available from the NHB funding allowance.

Current proposals:

- Request received from a local resident for under 5's play equipment (to be situated at the Recreation Ground). Clerk to inform the resident that a formal application to the PC would need to be made (preferably by the Recreation Committee) and to refer them to current information regarding applications, contained on the WDC website.
- Request for stage curtains – The Village Hall have now been informed that regardless of the fire retardant material, WDC remain unable to support this application.
- Request for lighting and sound – Cllr Bainbridge was asked to remind the Village Hall Committee that further information to support this request would be needed before the PC are able to comment on whether this application has the potential to meet WDC requirements.

It was confirmed that no further information has been received from Eckington Under 5's (relating to their request for funding to move to the School premises).

64/17 Eckington Bus Service

The Meeting was reminded that a village meeting, regarding the current proposals, will take place on Thursday 13/04. Items for discussion include; a community bus service to run at midday (initially to run for 4 months, cost to be covered by WCC).

65/17 Flooding Issues

Nothing to report. Cllr Glaze to pursue the matter.

66/17 Asset of Community Value

The Meeting agreed that discussion of this matter should be postponed until the May Meeting.

67/17 Correspondence for Information –

Correspondence circulated.

68/17 Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –

- It was reported that some speeding issues have been highlighted via the PC Facebook page. It was agreed that an update regarding Speedwatch activity would be posted on the page, alongside a request for additional local volunteers for the scheme.
- The annual Recreation Ground inspection has now been carried out – documentation will be forwarded to the Clerk.
- The planned WDC walkabout (relating to the Communities Program) will be completed shortly, following which a report will be made available to the PC.

The Meeting considered and agreed the offer from the WI to clean and maintain the telephone box situated on the corner of Drakesbridge Road. Cllr Glaze agreed to contact the WI to thank them and confirm that the PC have agreed to accept their offer.

69/17 Date of next meeting –

The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will be held on 09th May.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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