

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2020 in Westbury Parish Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors - P Ensor
J Henry
D Hill
A Hyett
D Landon - Vice
S Phelps – Chairman
P Radley
M Townsend
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
CC B Robinson (partial attendance)

Members of the Public: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Woodman. The Chairman went through the Emergency Procedure

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 20 January 2020 were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5 PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Applications:

P0138/20/FUL Glencairn, Wintles Hill, WOS: Erection of a two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension. Demolition of conservatory

Comments to the Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

P0145/20/FUL Severn & Wye Smokery: Erection of a dwelling to provide staff accommodation in association with Severn & Wye Smokery (Revised scheme)

Comments to the Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council supports this application with the following provisos:

1. Property remains as a staff house and is tied to the business
2. The property must not be sold off at any time

b) Decisions:

P1900/19/FUL Barn at Bury Court Farm, Rodley: Extension to yard - Granted

Appeal Decisions: None

c) Site Inspection: None

d) Proposed Eco Village: The Councillors were very pleased with the number that had attended the Public Meeting. It was agreed that the next step would be to invite Ridge Planning along to a Public Meeting to explain to the those in attendance more about the proposed scheme to locals.

CC Robinson reported as follows:

- Budget has been agreed at 3.9% - £12.9M to be spent on Children's Services
- He has been appointed Chair of the Scrutiny of Health and Wellbeing looking into hospitals and the GP network
- Ofsted to carry out a mini update and hopefully there will be an improvement in Children's Services
- Local Transport Plan to 2042 is open for consultation – there is funding available from the government to provide bus and cycles lanes on major roads

Councillors reported that the traffic into Gloucester was getting worse and worse – CC Robinson said that

there had been an increase in the flow traffic after the tolls on the Severn Bridge had been axed. He is waiting for some additional date on the flow rate.

6 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Internal Audit Councillor Ensor agreed to carry out the internal audit.

b) Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank:

Salary – 1- 29 February ‘20	752.72		
Less NIC	4.05		
Less Tax	<u>4.80</u>	743.87	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue (paid by Clerk)

Tax FJW	4.80		
NIC FJW	4.05		
NIC PC	<u>4.65</u>	13.50	Via Bank Transfer

GPFA Annual subscription due 1.2.20	50.00		Via Bank Transfer
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Accounts for Payment: **£807.37**

Receipts:

Total: **£0.00**

7 MATTERS ARISING:

a) Play Area – Report: Nothing to report

b) Highways Matters: The Chairman and Councillor Townsend would be meeting with Andrew Middlecote on Thursday, 20 February and tour the Parish looking at the Highways problems.

Councillor Townsend reported that he had met with Severn Trent who were looking into the problem of sewage at Acres Corner. They reported that the ground water was seeping into the drains.

c) Footpaths: Email from Jeff Wheeler with a comprehensive update on the footpaths was circulated to Councillors and taken as read. Councillors thanks Councillor Townsend for all this hard work reporting and getting repaired the faulty footpaths in the Parish.

Councillor Henry reported that he had contacted Geoff Wheeler about some stiles which were too high, and parishioners were having difficulty in getting across the stiles. Mr Wheeler was out the next day and lowered the stiles, but walkers still cannot get their dogs over.

d) Burial Ground: Proposed extension: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had emailed David Crofts and was waiting to hear back. The Chairman suggested the PC contacted their solicitor before contacting Hayley Fearnside.

e) Road Milestones markers: The Clerk reported she had emailed the Milestones Society who said that most groups taking on the challenge of revamping milestones contact their Parish Council for funding. It was agreed that the Chairman would take photographs of the milestones and bring to the next meeting to discuss this further.

8 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Climate Action Day for Town and Parish Councils|: To be held at the FODDC on 30 March – Councillors Phelps and Radley said they would attend.

9 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Bell Ringing: The Councillors were fully supportive for the bells to be rung on VE day.

Autograss: Clerk to put the dates on the website and contact the Secretary to ensure that they have or will be notifying residents of the dates.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 16 March 2020 commencing at 7pm.

Meeting closed 8.50pm