

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16 November 2020 via Zoom

PRESENT: Councillors - P Ensor
J Henry
D Hill
A Hyett
D Landon - Vice
S Phelps – Chairman
P Radley
M Townsend
F Wallbank

Members of the Public joined the meeting: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Woodman and CC Robinson

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Monday, 19 October were agreed and signed by the Clerk

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5 PLANNING MATTERS:

a) P1739/20/FUL Brick House Farm, Northwood Green: Erection of a detached annexe accommodation for a dependent relative

Comments to the Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

1669/20/LBC Ninnage Lodge Cottage, Crowgate Lane, WOS: LBC for use of groom's cottage as independent dwelling (Class C3) with associated works inc external alterations, extensions & repairs, access improvements & provision of residential curtilage

Comments to the Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

P1762/20/TCA The Limes, The Village, WoS: Fell X 2 (T1 & T8) conifer trees and The Limes

Comments to the Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

b) Decisions:

P1444/20/FUL Sunnybank, Elton Lane, Newnham: Change of use of agricultural land to provide three glamping pods with associated parking and works for holiday use- Refused

P1296/20/LD1 Yew Tree Cottage, Flaxley: Application under Section 191 to establish whether the erection of a shed/workshop is lawful – Certificate Issued

P1399/20/FUL Lower Ryecroft, The Village, WOS: Erection of a single storey extension with associated works (Revised Scheme) - Granted

Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: None

c) Site Inspection: None

d) Proposed development at Churcham: The Chairman reported as follows:

- The Chairman has distributed to Councillors Hyett, Landon and Townsend a hard copy of the Strategic Options consultation and they will pass these on to the other Councillors for reading
- The consultation deadline has been extended to the end of January 2021 however other local authorities who have found themselves in similar circumstances have extended their deadlines until 31 July 2021. During a meeting of the 5 parishes and the FODDC, the FODDC they were not

following suit and they denied any knowledge of other local authorities doing this however would make enquiries and report back

- Very successful 5 parishes meeting – it has been decided to employ David Crofts to look into the viability and practicality of what is being proposed within this development document and has already noted numerous short comings in it and asked whether WoSPC are prepared to forward £400 towards costs Churcham, Highnam and Huntley have all agreed to donate and probably Minsterworth. Brief of David Crofts is to object and note the shortcomings of the FODDC and identify the relevant policies. FODDC claim to be working alongside TBC however TBC deny any knowledge of talks with the FODDC. Blaisdon PC may make a financial contribution, not sure about Newent TC and there may be other local Parish Councils who may donate towards David Crofts fees
- Parishes that are going to be affected by development are Highnam, Churcham and Westbury
- Eco Village has not gone off the table yet. Within the Churcham scheme there are two County Council farms that lay within the Westbury Parish which the County Council are offering as development sites and offering two farms in Churcham Parish. It is possible that the County Council's hand lies behind the Eco Village proposal. Hopefully, our public objection meeting in February has made the FODDC back off a little now from this scheme possible only subject to a little bit of development rather than the original plan
- Development area: Railway is the barrier as far as Highnam and Minsterworth is concerned but for Westbury Parish the development line jumps the railway line and includes Hooks Farm
- Any Development on the eastern boundary of the Forest certainly financially drain Lydney, Cinderford and Coleford and to a certain extent Newent.
- The plans to build leisure centre at Five Acres will not be supported by people living at the proposed Churcham development as they will gravitate towards Gloucester not the Forest
- The Government are stipulating that Developers will have bear the lions share to cover the costs of creating the necessary infrastructure that is required in the area so that will increase the costs of the proposed housing. If Developers use Brownfield sites there are going to be considerable increased costs to clearing the site prior to it being redeveloped

It was agreed that Westbury-on-Severn Parish Council would contribute £400 towards David Crofts proposed invoice.

6 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **Internal Audit** Councillors agreed the payments and Clerk signed financial sheets

b) **Accounts for payment and receipts:**

Mrs F J Wallbank:

Salary – 1- 30 November '20	764.01		
Less NIC	0.00		
Less Tax	3.60	760.41	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue

Tax FJW	4.42		
NIC FJW	0.00		
NIC PC	<u>3.60</u>	8.02	Via Bank Transfer

Complete Landscape Gardeners:

2 cuts in October (15 & 16 cut)	824.00		Via Bank Transfer
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PWLB payment due 7.12.20

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Total: **£2146.58**

Receipts:

F J Cambridge – Add an inscription	35.00		
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J S Hall: Fees for the burial of the late Margaret

Errington 1320.00
Total: £1355.00

c) Precept for 2021/22 – Consider draft budget: Very much a starter for 10 as we are awaiting grass cutting figures as gone to tender to 4 companies and the closing date is 1 December 2020. £15,000 is allocated for the proposed works at the Burial Ground, £1,000 and £6,000 for wetpour. The Chairman said we may incur costs on the Burial Ground this financial year and would hopefully have at least one quote for the potential drainage works. Also there are a couple of patches in the Churchyard wall that may need repairing.

7 MATTERS ARISING:

a) Highways Matters:

St John's Point: The road is in a terrible condition despite Glos Highways claiming they had repaired all the potholes.

Flooding outside Cleeve Farm, Rodley: During the last bout of heavy rain there was bad flooding outside Cleeve Farm. Councillor Landon reported the problem to Glos Highways but by the time they came to inspect the water had disappeared. It must be a blocked or collapsed drain as it never used to flood there, and it is only since various work was done on the yards either side of the road. Report to Glos Highways.

Corner of Boseley Lane still flooding the Chairman took numerous photographs sent a jetting team out within a week and jetted all the pipes out and flooding problems have been resolved completed. Road repairs required now due to waterlogging

Adsett Flooding: The Chairman reported on his meeting with Nathan Choke, Glos Highways, and some of the residents from Adsett:

- Looking at the flooding outside Woodland View and Adsett House following some serious flooding issues recently
- Walked up Church Lane halfway to the crossing to look at flooding issues up there. Mark Stephens and his son have offered to clean out the ditch down Church Lane to help the flow of water
- Highways will look at jetting the underground pipes from outside Woodland View and Adsett House with a view to getting the water to drain away better
- Then showed Nathan Choke The Glen and White House Farm and he will hopefully get the jetter up there to do some work however part of the problem is that the pipe that runs under the road is too small to enable the water to drain away and may look at putting in a bigger bore pipe
- The maintenance of Church Lane is listed for necessary works in the next 5 years however it is quite unlikely that the works will take place
- He had mentioned the problems at St Johns Points and Chapel Lane and Nathan Choke had agreed to go and reassess the situation – it was not just the potholes but the dangerous holes at the side of the road where cars pull over and cars could get stuck. He would consider getting road plainings to build up the road.

b) Burial Ground: Proposed extension: The Chairman reported as follows:

- Met with two representatives from Spencer's who have been working at Walmore Common. They looked at the lower field and are keen to take on the work. They need to see the conditions imposed by the FODDC as the frequency required of land drains being laid under the proposed extension to the playing field
- He and the Clerk had a look at the decisions however nothing was stipulated other than the ground should be made easier to drain after it had been flooded In that case Spencers would put underground drainage pipes in at about 10 metre intervals. A couple of obstacles are the high voltage underground lines and the main sewer running through which come from Colchester Close
- Bottom left-hand corner of ground there is a pond area. If the PC felt environmentally disposed, we would dig it out to make more of a wildlife feature
- When Spencers have more definite feedback they will be able to prepare a quote for doing the work.
- If conditions permitted, they may be able to start the work in the new year.
- He will get another 2 drainage experts to quote
- Then the ground needs to be levelled with the ridge and furrow levelled off and fencing works on top of that.

It was agreed that all the Parish Councillors were willing to take on tasks to help progress this matter now.

c) Play Area: The surfacing is covered in wet leaves and need clearing. Clerk to send out new rotas.

d) Milestones: Defer

e) Telephone Kiosks: Councillor Landon reported that no ideas had been received for the future use of the Stantway Kiosk however one of the residents in The Village was keen to have a book exchange however felt Stantway was too far for her to look after. Councillor Henry suggested that a defib is put in there if funding can be found for one. Councillor Henry said he would make some enquiries with the British Heart Foundation. Promote in the WoSP

f) Footpaths: Councillor Townsend reported as follows:

- He is having a look at the footpath runs on the Chairman's side of Boseley – new sign and pole and waymarkers put on the stiles – he will action.

The Chairman reported he had received concerns about old stone footbridge on the footpath to the rear of Adsett Court. This bridge crosses a deep drainage ditch into the National Trust field. Complaints are bridge falling into a state of disrepair and masonry falling into the ditch and causing a dam. The National Trust is interested in restoring this old bridge as an item of historic interest and have approached the County footpaths officer. Would there be any funds available to help in restoring this old stone bridge and probably the last remaining in the Parish. Perhaps speak to CC Robinson about this matter. Clerk to email him.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

New Community Hospital FOD: The Public Consultation will run for eight weeks from **Thursday 22 October to Thursday 17 December**. The consultation materials and survey will be available online at <http://www.fodhealth.nhs.uk>

9 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

WoSP: The Chairman asked Councillor Landon to promote the consultation on the preferred options.

Northwood Green Playing Field: Councillor Townsend reported that a tree was planted to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee however it has died. The NWG Hall Committee would like to replace the tree and Councillor Townsend has a silver birch seedling that he was happy to donate.

Memorial Trees Burial Ground: Unfortunately, both trees have died and need to be replaced. Councillor Townsend said he would think of some suggestions. Councillor Townsend would consult with Jerry Green.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 21 December 2020 commencing at 7pm.

Meeting closed 20.22pm