

## WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21 February 2022 held in Westbury Parish Hall

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

Members of the Public: 2 (one partial attendance)

**1 APOLOGIES and Emergency Procedure:** Councillors Radley and Woodman and County Councillor Robinson

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING:** Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17 January 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None**

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** Drainage ditches Rodley Road near the Parish Hall – there is a problem where the two pipes that take the water under the road are too narrow to cope with the flow. Chairman to speak to Glos Highways

### **5 PLANNING MATTERS:**

#### **a) Applications:**

**P0067/22/LBC** Yew Tree Cottage, Flaxley: Listed building consent for the repairs to frame members and panels and replacement of living room floor.

Comments to Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council echoes the comments made by the David Haigh, Conservation Officer for the FOD

**P0066/22/FUL 8** The Crescent, Northwood Green: Erection of a first floor side extension and single storey rear extensions and porch extension and alterations.

Comments to Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

**P0082/22/FUL** Bojean, Grange Court Road, Adsett: Erection of a two-storey rear extension & single storey side & rear extension

Comments to Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

**P0026/22/LD1** Pound Farm, Elton: Application under section 191 to establish whether the residential use for Severn View Cottage & the adjoining Barn Cottage is lawful

Comments to Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

**P0163/22/LBC** Westbury Court Garden, WOS: LBC for rebuilding of stone gate pier and section of brick wall and kerb edging will be extended around the base of the pier to provide additional protection

Comments to Forest of Dean District Council:

The Parish Council supports this application

**b) Decisions:**

**P1523/21/FUL** Red Barn, Pound Farm, Elton: Application withdrawn

**P1023/21/FUL** The Old Fruit Stall, Hartland Hill: Temporary stationing of a retail pizza outlet - **Granted**

**Appeals: None**

**Appeal Decisions: None**

**c) Site Inspection: None**

**d) Proposed development Plans:** The Chairman reported that at a recent Forward Planning Meeting at the FODDC Westbury was on the agenda – we are required to provide 20% more houses based on a current figure of 670 houses so would have to look to provide 134 houses. Sites currently being considered are:

- Old Vicarage and Police Station
- Behind The Firs
- Stantway
- Northwood Green – behind the Old Station
- Top of Junction Hill

**FODDC – Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment:** FODDC is appealing to interested people, organisations, agents and/or landowners to suggest where land across the district could be potentially used for housing or employment, or for a combination of both, as it carries out its annual evaluation of possible sites. Closing dates for sites 31 March. **Clerk to promote on the Website and the Facebook page. Councillor Landon to promote in the WOSP.**

**e) Enforcement:** Nothing to report.

**6 FINANCIAL**

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

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

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Clerk's Salary – February Less Tax	770.12 <u>17.60</u> 752.52		Paid
2	Inland Revenue Tax FJW NIC PC	17.60 <u>4.57</u> 22.17		Paid
3	James Walkey Cox – February	378.33		Paid
4	GPFA Annual subscription	50.00		Paid
5	Certex: Repairs to rope climbing net 0.00 Via Bank Transfer	148.00 <u>VAT29.60</u> 177.60		Paid
6	Memorial for the late Humphrey & Pauline Phelps		100.00	
7	Fees for the internment of the late Stan Harris		300.00	
	<b>Totals:</b>	<b>£1380.62</b>	<b>£400.00</b>	

**7 MATTERS ARISING:**

**a) Highways Matters:** Several areas are badly in need of road repairs especially Rodley Road, Stantway Lane, Church Road and Hunt Hill. There had also been problems with flooding near Charlottes Farm, and at Adsett and Wintles Lane, Northwood Green. Most of these problems have already been reported but will be chased up. However, on a Sunday during the recent storms, a willow tree fell onto the road

between Boseley Court and Poulton Court and two men from Highways arrived to deal with it within an hour of The Chairman reporting it.

**b) Burial Ground: Proposed extension:** The Chairman was able to provide a list of the precepts set for 2022/23 by all the parish councils in the district. As we had received a few adverse comments about the increase that has been necessary for our parish, it was reassuring to see that eighteen councils in the area have set a higher figure than Westbury's £45.60 for a Band D property. Also the petition that 218 signatures =20% of parishioners and some who signed the petition did not actually live in the Parish and the 24 parishioners who objected to the planning application represented 1.72% of the parish population. A contractor has now been selected for the work on the school playing field and burial ground extension and will now be told to go ahead with the work. In view of the lack of burial spaces at Yew Tree Brake and the high cost of burial at Mile End cemetery (currently £1353 for a single plot) it was agreed that the charges for non-resident burials need to be set at a higher rate and this will be discussed further next month. **Clerk to put on the agenda for next month.**

**c) Play Area:** Councillors thanked Councillor Townsend for all his hard work in saving the Parish Council a considerable amount of money in getting the climbing net repaired.

**d) Footpaths:** Councillor Townsend had responded to a parishioner who wanted to know numbers of the footpaths in the Parish.

The Chairman said that the review of footpaths by 2026 had been lifted.

**e) Climate Change:** Councillor Landon promoted a Local Leaders for Climate Action at Lydney Town Hall on Saturday, 5 March 10am-15.45pm. She will be attending and asked if any other fellow Councillors would attend.

**f) Woodland Management:** Nothing to report

**g) Platinum Jubilee of the Queen:** Councillor Landon reported that the Parish Hall Committee were still keen to pursue their ideas regarding the celebrations as detailed in last month's minutes. Councillor Townsend said that a couple of young families in Northwood Green were keen to do something – maybe a street party. The consensus from Councillors that groups should liaise regarding any celebrations planned.

The Chairman said it would be a lovely idea to provide each child at the schools (Walmore Hill and Westbury) with a platinum jubilee mug as had been done for the silver jubilee. Approx 30 children at Walmore Hill and 90 children at Westbury. **Clerk to make enquiries on costings.**

**h) Provision of Dog Waste Bins in the Village:** A parishioner had asked whether a dedicated bin could be provided for dog waste in The Village. This matter had been discussed extensively in the past however it was agreed to put on the agenda for the March meeting. **Clerk to research companies who would empty bin.**

## **8 CORRESPONDENCE: None**

## **9 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Litter pick:** Saturday, 26 March is the date for the next litter pick that Councillor Landon is organising.

**Meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner** on Tuesday, 18 January was not very well attended. Unfortunately, at the last-minute Chris Nelson had to divert to another meeting. Parish Councils main concerns related to speeding. The Chairman asked if the 30mph in the village could be extended to commence at Wintles Hill and finish at Jordans Hill.

**10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 14 March 2022 commencing at 7pm.

Meeting closed 8.54pm