

LITTLE WITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 8 September 2014 at 7.30 pm pursuant to notice

In the Chair: Cllr Mr H Kenrick
Present: Cllr Mr D Buggins, Cllr Mrs B Martin, Cllr Mr P Hill,
Cllr Mrs P Cumming, Cllr Mr Bob Jose
Mr Paul Cumming (District Councillor)
Minutes: Sarah Jeffery (Clerk)
In Attendance: 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were recorded. Cllr Adam Drew was absent and County Councillor Ken Pollock had sent a message to say he may be arriving late.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings on 14 July 2014

- 3.1** It was agreed that point 7.5 of the previous minutes would be stricken out as incorrect. Subject to that change, adoption of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Buggins and passed unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1** Matters arising were dealt with in the Agenda.

5. Planning Matters

- 5.1** There were no planning matters for consideration.

- 6.1 Existing Applications** - No existing applications outstanding.

- 6.2 New Applications** - There were no new applications for consideration.

7 Standing Orders, Review & Consideration

An updated version dated 2013 is now available. It was agreed that this would be revisited and discussed at the meeting in November.

8. Delegation of Powers

To be carried forward to the meeting in November.

9. Local Issues

- 9.1** Turning area in Church Lane - The resurfacing work has now been carried out and the undertaking signed by the landowners. Funds of £1120 have been received and it is agreed that the parish council will recover the VAT element paid on the bill.

It was agreed that the undertaking and related documentation would be appended to the minutes of the meeting dated 9 June. The council recorded its thanks to Cllr Hill for managing the issue.

- 9.2** Broadband - No issues reported. Woodbury Hill site is now all working. Part of the system will be down for maintenance on Friday 12 September from 8am-11am.

- 9.3 Proposed campsite in Well Lane - The site will be going forward to the CCC committee this month (late September) and a decision will be made then. All who have contacted them will be notified.
- 9.4 Affordable housing - After discussion it was agreed that this issue will be carried forward to the meeting in March 2015 for review.
- 9.5 Speeding issues within the village - A coach is still being used to collect the children within the village; Cllr Hill agreed to liaise with the school and the bus firm. Council will continue to communicate concerns to the Safer Roads Partnership.
- 9.6 Bus shelters and telephone kiosk - No discussion took place on this item in the absence of Cllr Drew.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated on the forthcoming cycle Tour of Britain and the Festival of Churches.

11. Police & Neighbourhood Watch Matters

A metal theft from the roof of Great Witley Scout Hut has been reported. Parishioners are as ever urged to be vigilant.

12. County Council Matters

County Cllr Pollock reported the following:

The vehicle-activated sign can be sited in the village subject to a charge of approximately £80 for the batteries. The expenditure for this was debated, proposed by Cllr Pam Cumming, seconded by Cllr Jose and agreed by majority. Cllr Buggins noted his opposition to the motion.

The county Scrutiny Panel will shortly be discussing broadband contract and reviewing its performance. Cllr Pollock urged local businesses and anyone with a need for better broadband to contact him in support of provision.

13. District Council Matters

District Cllr Cumming reported as follows:

Following the implementation of Shared Services facilities between local district councils, MHDC and Wychavon DC are to share a Chief Executive. Recruitment for the shared post is ongoing.

The approval of extra new sites for the South Worcs Development Plan will be published next Tuesday (16 September). An application has been submitted by Bloor Homes for a development of 25 houses (10 affordable homes) in Abberley.

14. Finance

- 14. Accounts paid since last meeting:**
1 C Jones - Lengthsman services July 2014
 £150.00
 CJ Garden Services - Strimming July 2014
 £24.00
 LW Village Hall - Defibrillator Contribution
 £380.00

Accounts due for payment:

- C Jones - Lengthsman services August 2014
 £78.00
 CJ Garden Services - Strimming August 2014
 £24.00
 Donation to NPDC
 £150.00
 Clerk's Salary July & August 2014
 £371.62
Subtotal, accounts due:
 £623.62

14. Balances at bank per statements dated 29-08-2014

2	No. 1 main account	£3726.19
	(Assuming payment of the above: £3102.57)	
	No. 2 account	£ 50.00
	Deposit account	
	£159.79	
	Barclays Business (Formerly Standard Life Bank)	
	£5,274.80	
	TOTAL (after payments as above)	£8587.16

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Cllr Jose, seconded by Cllr Martin and passed unanimously.

15. Meetings Attended

- 15.** Cllr Hill reported that Defibrillator training was attended recently in the village hall by 45 people. There will be another training session in approximately six months' time. Cllr Jose will let the council know as soon as a date is arranged.
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16. Areas of Special Responsibility

16. Highways

- 1** Cllr Buggins is as ever chasing landowners regarding their responsibility for maintaining hedges and ditches. There has been a small road repair on Bank Road after reporting by the clerk to WCC. Unfortunately this work does not seem to have been completed entirely satisfactorily.

16. Footpaths etc.

- 2** Cllr Martin will contact Cllr Drew once again to pursue the work on the handrail at the end of the Butts.

16. Village Hall

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Cllr Jose reported the success of the defibrillator training and noted that people are being recruited by the village hall committee to act as local contact points for emergency services called to any emergency in the village. It was proposed that all parish councillors be added to that list.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

..... *H Kenrick*
(in the Chair) 10/11/2014

Date of next meeting: Monday 10 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Appendix I

Notes of the Public Question time held before the meeting of Little Witley Parish Council

A parishioner noted with some dismay that the road repair recently carried out in Bank Road does not appear to have been finished satisfactorily. The parish council will pursue this further.

It was noted that the Bank Road sign near Witley Heights is overgrown. Cllr Buggins will pursue this with the Lengthsman and Cllr Jose will speak to Cllr Drew to see if he can keep the bank tidy.