

KENSWICK AND WICHENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th October 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford.

Present

Cllr J Panton, Cllr H Rendall, Cllr J Faiers, Cllr J Roberts, Cllr P Belham, Cllr Britten-Long and Cllr H Chapman.

Councillor Britten-Long chaired the meeting.

Mrs S Sanders (Clerk to the Parish Council)

19/90 APOLOGIES and APPROVAL of absence

Councillor Harper (work commitments.)

19/91 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REGISTER OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded that any change in interest must be reported and updated. Nothing to declare.

Democratic half hour/public question time

Hucks Farm. Parishioners attended the meeting to report to the parish council that footpaths around the lakes have been altered. The parish council agreed to contact the owner of the fields and ponds to submit a planning application to the mapping officer at County Hall to create a public ROW for presumed dedication across the land.

Evidence shows that the paths were created for full use by fishermen and /or walkers and have been in use for more than 25 years by residents. The Permissive path signs are to be removed by the county council.

19/92 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kenswick and Wichenford parish council held on 20th August 2019 were approved (HR & JF) and signed by the chair as a true record.

19/93 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The County Councillor has a divisional fund for Parish councils. The parish council can apply for it but it must be beneficial to the whole of the parish. Ideas include new gates for the millennium green and various pollinator sites around the parish.

Councillor Grove has asked the county council to consider the idea of putting a pavement from the village to the memorial hall. Last time this was discussed it was estimated it would cost between £25-£30,000. We should know before Feb 2020 or possibly before Christmas if this can be done.

The council are supporting a campaign to promote Worcestershire as a place to work and to set up a business. For more information and to get involved go to

www.oneworcestershire.com.

Work is progressing on the 4th phase of the scheme to fully dual the Worcester Southern Link road. Foundation works are progressing with 3 of the 5 piers for the viaduct already constructed. There will be some overnight closures for the next phase.

For details visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/srlatestupdates.

Worcestershires children 1st is launching this week and with it a new way of delivering childrens services a new education and skills strategy for the county has been approved.

Libraries across the county will be partnering with Public Health during National Libraries week for a local campaign to encourage more people to talk and get support for their mental health.

The council's greenhouse gas submissions have reduced by over 35% in comparison to levels recorded 9 years ago. The council is working to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 across its estate and operations.

Councillor Grove emailed his report. The report can be seen in full on the Parish Council web site.

19/94 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The new burial ground at Martley has been officially opened. A lot of hard work has gone into the project by many people. Section 106 monies from local developments were sourced to help with the finances.

A proposal to consult on plans to build 3 major new settlements across south Worcestershire, to meet future demand for new housing is set to go before councillors. For more information on the plan visit www.swdevelopmentplan.org.

The government requirement to build another 14,000 new homes across Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon by 2041 will be met. This is on top of the need for 28,400 new homes by 2030, more than half of which have already been built, set out in the current plan.

Planners have assessed more than 900 sites put forward for potential development against a range of technical criteria and have made a series of recommendations about the most sustainable locations. An Environment Policy Development Panel has been formed to try and tackle climate change in our district.

Residents are being urged to ensure they put the correct things in the right bin to help reduce the amount of recycling which ends up being lost due to contamination. About 10% of the contents of the green bins must be sent for incineration instead of being turned into new products.

District Councillor Williams emailed her report, which can be seen in full on the parish council web site.

19/95 PROGRESS REPORT

- **Mud on Road at Cob House**

The clerk contacted Cob house country park about the mud on the B4204. They put the clerk in touch with the contractors who did write to the parish council regarding their policy regarding this issue. The letter was read out at the meeting but councillors agreed that they do not do what was asked

- **Hedge at Venn Lane Junction**

The clerk has written to the owners of the property but nothing has been done. The chairman said she would look and assess the issue.

19/96 COMMUNITY SHOP

The clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda.

Councillor Roberts is very keen to set up a community shop and has already done a lot of research into the possibility. A location needs to be found preferably near queens' estate so that parishioners can walk to the shop and space for parking.

A note is to be put in the Villager Magazine and a questionnaire sent to houses in the village. The memorial hall has been booked for 23rd November for some feedback and information to/from parishioners and to gauge support.

19/97 PLANNING

Applications pending since last meeting (for information)

19/00669/FUL. Erection of temporary workers dwelling, agricultural building, stables and poly tunnel. Crabtree Orchard.

19/00636/AGR. Steel framed portal building for general purpose storage use. Cobblers Farm

19/01069/LB – 10/01053/HP. Rear extension to existing dwelling. The Tallet, Cockshoot Farm

19/01139/FUL. Proposed agricultural slurry management facility (retrospective) Ridgend Farm.

19/01278/GPDQ. Notification of prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house. Woodend Farm.

19/01326/HP proposed 2 storey side extension. St Lawrences Cottage.

19/01102/HP. Garden room. Stridings Edge, Wichenford.

Applications Approved, Refused, Withdrawn

19/00077/FUL:- APP/J1860/W/19/3231183. Allsetts Farm. **{Appeal Dismissed}**

18/01202/FUL – APP/J1860/W/18/3218127. Two dormer Bungalows. Land at Myrtle Cottage. **{Appeal Dismissed}**

19/00954/CLE. Application of a lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for land used for domestic use for a period in excess of 10 years. **(Refused)**

18/00183/AGR- APP/J1860/W/18/3202122. Cobblers Corner. **(Appeal Dismissed)**

Applications to be considered.

19/01390/AGR. Steel frame agricultural building, for grain and forage/straw. Woodhall Farm, Wichenford.

The parish councils' comments need to be in the next day. It was decided to speak to the planning officer with the concerns they had.

Appeals.

19/00444LB - 18/01043/FUL :- J1860/Y/19/3229054 – J1860/19/3229053. The Dray Barn Woodhall Farm

18/01033/AGR-APP/J1860/W/19/3223681. Proposed Agricultural Building at Cobblers Corner.

19/98 FINANCE

The balance at the end of September stands at £24,214.

Payments were made to Lengthsman, clerks' salary and expenses, Worc Calc-training.

The parish council were appalled at the cost of the elections.

Finances were approved and cheques signed accordingly.

The handyman has completed all the work given; the clerk has issued him with 2 personal cheques which she will claim for with her expenses.

19/99. INTERNET BANKING

The clerk has enquired about internet banking. Although it is possible councillors preferred the current method of payment with cheques. All agreed.

19/100. PENCROFT

The clerk was asked to put this on the agenda as several complaints have been received regarding lorries using Horne lane, Venn Lane and through the village. The chairman agreed to speak to the company as it was verbally agreed along time ago that they wouldn't use these roads.

19/101. SPEEDING TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS/ VILLAGE GATES.

It was agreed that we are not going ahead with the white gates as other parishes found the effect minimal on speeding traffic but would consider a mobile flashing 30 that could be moved around the village. The clerk was asked to speak to the lengths man as to what has happened to the mobile one as it has not been seen around for a while.

19/102 WIRELESS PA SYSTEM IN HALL.

This will be discussed at the next parish council meeting. Although the church erected an aerial on the spire, the diocese made them remove it. It seems that a lengthy process must be gone through to get planning, so its just a waiting game.

19/103 LENGTHSMAN

Jobs for October & November to clear the leaves on a regular basis from the village green, clear the gully below Colketts, check the salt bins. Clear the gully on Barbers Lane and look at the flooding water on the T junction between Hobcroft and St Anthony's Cottage to see what can be done. He has dug out the culverts and ditches at Kings Green.

19/104 TRAINING

Councillors Panton, Rendall and Belham will be attending the Parish and Town Council Forum on 21st October.

Councillor Belham reported that the Neighbourhood watch meeting was cancelled.

19/105 TO REPORT ANY URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

The cutting of Kings green was again discussed as a letter was received regarding how it looks. The parish council did a survey of the 10 properties as to how they wanted it maintained though agreed that 4 of the 10 houses now had new occupants and their opinion should be considered. Although not everyone agrees with how it looks the parish council would like to keep it as a wildflower meadow. The status of the green is a village green and is under the care of the parish council and it was agreed that it should be cut once a year after flowering in late August or September and the cuttings removed. It does contain various wildflowers and according to Worcestershire Wildlife has the largest area of knapweed in the county.

19/106 CORRESPONDENCE

For decision by the parish council (Information only)

All Correspondence is now emailed to councillors.

19/107 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS and ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councillors were reminded that meetings will now be held on Mondays.

The clerk was asked to put flashing speed cameras, wireless PA system for the village hall, community shop on the next agenda.

19/108. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th December 2019.

All will be in the memorial hall at 7.30pm

PLEASE CHECK DATES and BRING YOUR DIARIES.