

Draft minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held virtually on Wednesday 9th September at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs. Dr. Davies (Chair), Ms. Smith, Mrs. Allison (arrived at minute no: 52), Mr. Colebrook, Mr. Dorrell, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Adkins and Mr. Langley.
In attendance: County Cllr. Mr. Hopkins, District Cllr. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. N. Holland, Clerk.

47. Apologies: Mr. Baugh (reason accepted by members).

48. Declaration of Interests: Nil.

49. Dispensations Nil.

50. Reports received from County, District Cllrs. and Police:
County Cllr Mr. Hopkins:
 a) Crossroads: Small socially distanced meeting to take place to discuss the traffic situation at the crossroads Wednesday 16th September. Cllrs Dr. Davies and Mr Colebrook to attend.
 b) Gullies: Thanked Cllr Mr. Langley for his assistance with the monitoring of the clearance of the gullies in the Village. Cllr. Mr. Langley offered to check all gullies again and report back.
 c) Businesses asking for information on types of grants etc following the COVID 19 pandemic.
 d) COVID -19 – outbreaks in Redditch and cases increasing.
District Cllr. Mr. Thomas:
 a) Time and resources spent following Public Health guidelines and supporting the economy continues.
 b) Local tourism and small businesses suffering. Hosted free open air cinema sessions in the three towns as a trial which was successful, to be repeated next year. Medieval Festival to still go ahead next weekend.
 c) Council in a strong financial position although facing many challenges.
 d) Urging Parish Councils to respond to the proposed planning reforms; concerned in the increase of housing numbers. District Councils will respond on technical issues.
Police: Historically we had a Community Messaging Service (CMS) and a regular police presence at your Council meetings. CMS is no longer in existence and with the ever present COVID guidelines preventing us gathering together we were conscious that there was a communication void. To tackle this we will be providing a weekly update directly to your Clerks for crimes relevant to the community you cover this will be broadly similar to the update that CMS gave. The team are still present and here for you and can be contacted directly if you have a specific issue that you wish to have addressed.

Public Question Time: Nil.

50. Minutes: **resolved** that the minutes of the Extra Parish Council meeting held 26.08.20 were an accurate record, to be signed by Chairman.

51. Clerk’s report:
 a) Virtual Training sessions for Councillors: Cllr. Ms. Allison to attend session on Money, Management and Meetings.
 b) Update on repairs to small multi-play unit: Bark replenished, further ordered; boarding repaired.
 c) Lighting bollard, bottom of Crest Hill - reported and reinstated in correct position.
 d) Planning No: 20/00501/OUT - Planning Officer has forwarded Council email to WDC Solicitor in regard to discussions on the S106 agreement and plans for the open space. The Solicitor is going to try to draft the agreement allowing for flexibility so that the Parish Council can take on the land if it wishes to once the development is underway. Planning Officer reminded that the Council wishes to be involved in the discussions.
 e) Leysfield Road sign replaced.

52. Cllrs reports:
 a) Orchard Signs: Cllr. Mr. Langley submitted a report on both of the information signs as you enter

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| | <p>the Orchard through the pedestrian entrance. Cllrs. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Langley to look at the site again and report back to Council at the October meeting.</p> <p>b) <u>Avon & Arrow Greenway Project</u> (August Newsletter distributed to all members). Group now has charitable status and are now meeting with stakeholders and raising the profile of the project by sending out information packages to the County Council. Meeting with Officers from Wychavon District Council in regard to informing them of the project and discussions on funding. Executive Group are walking the site and looking at the practicable situations of the route. In the process of contacting Parish Councils in the area between Bidford-on -Avon and the Bidford Surgery and onto Stratford-on-Avon to gauge interest in the scheme. Questions asked in regard to finances - funding is going well; support received from various parties. No further funding required at this stage. Accounts have been published and are available to view.</p> <p>c) <u>Update BT Kiosk, Leys Road</u> - no report available. Strimming around the Kiosk to be done in next week.</p> <p>d) <u>Condition of Orchard Ponds, gullies and drainage ditches</u>: report circulated to all members. No action required.</p> <p>e) <u>Wychavon Area CALC meeting: Lengthsman/handyman scheme</u>: One member has spoken to a company that maybe interested in carrying out electrical repairs, replacement tiles on council owned properties, PAT testing, grounds maintenance etc. At present cannot compare comparison rates that each Council are using. Further work and consultation with councils needs to be carried out. <u>CALC Office</u>: now moved to new premises. <u>Planning reform</u>: Concerns raised over the impact of this paper especially on Wychavon District which is mainly made up of rural villages. Group urging every Parish Council to comment on this consultation and will be asking Worcestershire CALC to submit as well. Only have until the end of September to respond to the consultation. <u>Devolution white paper consultation</u>: Idea is to make larger Councils.</p> <p>f) <u>Assets report</u> : All satisfactory. Some of the older planters to be monitored as showing signs of deteriorating.</p> |
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| 53. | Financial matters: |
| 53.1 | Resolved to approve schedule of payments and expenses and summary of accounts to 04.09.20. |
| 53.2 | Renewal of annual insurance policy and payment due of £1,009.18 considered and agreed. |

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| 54. | Planning matters. |
| 54.1 | <p><u>Applications dealt with by delegation duly noted:</u> <u>20/00813/LB</u> Langton House, 19 Village Street, Harvington. Proposal: External alterations and repairs to include replacement windows, repairs to roof, rainwater goods and repointing. Permission granted.</p> |
| 54.2 | <p><u>Government proposed changes to Planning System:</u> resolved to submit the following comments to NALC:</p> <p>Fundamental changes proposed are a major shift from localised decision making back to more centralised Governmental control.</p> <p>Changes would mean development management policies such as landscape, flooding, drainage, heritage assets and highways will sit in a revised NPPF rather than in the next generation of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) to the potential detriment of the level of local decision making.</p> <p>The proposals have the potential to greatly devalue the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which has brought ownership and input from the local residents into a vision for our village, in particular the ability to define areas of land suitable for development.</p> <p>With the current existing SWDP already allocating housing to two new towns and expanding boundaries of the existing towns to encompass surrounding villages, it is difficult to see how the number of houses Wychavon District Council would need to plan for could be accommodated without</p> |

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| | <p>major expansions into local villages in this predominantly rural area.</p> <p>The proposals have the potential to exclude any chance to comment by the local Parish Council on the inclusion of rental properties in a development.</p> <p>In rural areas where smaller developments predominate, the proposals about affordable housing could have the potential consequence that only market price housing could be available, increasing the chances of local residents needing to move from their communities to find affordable or rentable housing.</p> <p>Developers who have had planning applications refused by Wychavon District Council on appeal may be encouraged to resubmit for Permission in Principle status. Landowners of land previously considered in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, could apply and obtain Permission in Principle approval, to the detriment of the amenities and environment of the village by over development related to local needs.</p> <p><u>Harvington Parish Council would ask NALC to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage the Government to increase housing stock by forcing developers to build on sites with long-standing permissions, still awaiting development to begin. 2. Take specific actions and financial incentives to assist Housing Associations and/or Local Authorities to significantly increase the rental stock to provide much-needed homes to reduce overall homelessness levels. 3. Support the idea that existing exemptions from the requirement for affordable home ownership products also apply to the First Homes requirement. |
| 54.3 | <p><u>Street Trader Consultation:</u> New application is for more days and extended times across the whole of the Wychavon District. Discussed and agreed to respond that the Council would support the extended time to 9 pm.</p> |

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| 55. | Finance & General Purpose Group July meeting notes approved and the following was considered: |
| 55.1 | <p><u>Village Newsletter:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Questionnaire</u> to gather information from parishioners on the present newsletter which will be circulated with the October Newsletter agreed. b) <u>Delivery of the Newsletter</u> will recommence in October; invite Editor to the next meeting. c) <u>Creation of articles of interest for the Newsletter:</u> to be sent to the Clerk. |
| 55.2 | <u>Complaints Policy:</u> reviewed and adopted; changes made regarding Code of Conduct. |
| 55.3 | <p><u>Inspections of Play Equipment:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Review of weekly inspections:</u> Continue nil to address. Clerk to order visibility vest for Cllr. Mr. Richardson. b) <u>Kompan</u> quotes on carrying out interim inspections on all the play equipment considered. Resolved to accept the 6 monthly inspections at a cost of £158.67 + VAT. |
| 55.4 | <u>Planting of further trees, Jubilee Orchard</u> following site visit with Harvington Trust and Contractor. Waiting to hear from contractor on the tree order; Council will purchase the Birch Trees. It was also suggested by the Harvington Trust to site a gorse bank on the Rooftop Housing Association border with the Orchard. Contractor has discussed with the Trust the types of trees to be planted out of their remaining funds. |
| 55.5 | <u>To reconsider the siting of a dog waste bin in the Ragley Road area.</u> Cllr. Ms. Smith asked if the site could be altered to site the bin on the footpath sign at the end of Ragley Road. Cllr. Ms. Smith to inform the resident closest to the proposed site and report back at the next meeting. |
| 55.6 | <u>Update Coach & Horses Public House:</u> Defibrillator and cabinet is now in the possession of the Chairman. The external cabinet is damaged. The new owner of the Public House will be supplying a defibrillator in due course for the site. Also tidying up the car park and grass verge around it. |

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| 56. | Council Matters. |
| 56.1 | Terms of Reference for the Planning Group agreed. |
| 56.2 | Quote received to mend broken fence, playing field at a cost of £25 agreed. |

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| 57. | Correspondence received considered: |
| 57.1 | Outdoor table tennis request considered. Clerk to obtain quotes. |
| 58. | Disposal of excess copies of the following: a) Harvington Parish Plan & Village Design Statement 2010 A4 booklet. b) Harvington Parish Plan & Village Design Statement 2010 DVD. Resolved that both be destroyed. Copy of each is available at The Hive and on the Parish Council website. |

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| Meeting closed at 8.35 pm. |
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Following closure items for information:

a) The' Playground Peddlers' has been awarded some funds through Cycling UK and the Department of Transport to deliver 'Dr. Bike' events between now and November. These pop up events are part of the Big Bike revival programme and will offer FREE health check on bikes and some free minor repairs to keep people cycling safely. A suitable space in Harvington is required to deliver the event , which initially will be on a Thursday between 10am and 2pm . **Cllr. Dr. Davies to contact the Coach & Horses to see if they would like to hold the event.**

b) Harvington Needs Survey: Currently, there is no up to date housing needs survey for the parish of Harvington. Wychavon District Council will be carrying out a housing needs survey of Harvington which will be posted to all residents in the parish during w/c 5th October 2020.

It is important that residents who are currently adequately housed also complete the survey. Responses can be returned by post in a pre-paid envelope that will be sent with the survey, online or over the telephone. After the survey is complete the data will be analysed and a report will be produced. The District Council will own the report and survey data but the report will be made publicly available on their website when approved.

c) SWDP briefing session to be held provisionally on the 30th September. Cllrs Mr. Colebrook and Mrs. Allison to attend the virtual meeting.

Correspondence received that has been circulated to members by email that does not require a decision unless requested as an agenda item.

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| CALC updates provided via email to all members. |
| South Worcestershire Development Plan Review - Newsletter August 2020. Emailed members 26.08.20. |

