

WEOBLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Weobley Parish Council Meeting held at the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN on Tuesday 27th June 2017 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors L Anderson (Chair), M Ware (Vice Chair), C Breen, B Havard, P Lloyd, H Quinlan, C Saunders, J Simons and M West.

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Cllr Cooper, PCSO Boden and one member of the public.

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

One member of the public was present. Proposals were presented regarding the potential application for a Change of Use for part of the Abattoir in Kington Road for a Nursery. The Nursery had been transient for some time and was seeking a permanent home. It operated 51 weeks of the year from 7am to 6pm and was subject to both Ofsted and Environmental Health inspections.

The Parish Council confirmed its general support for the proposal and wished the Nursery good luck.

21/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from the Cllr Mackie.

22/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest made.

23/17 MINUTES

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

24/17 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arising were noted:

- Pump House – a response was still awaited from Welsh Water;
- Glebeland Wall Repair – A response was still awaited from Mr Tidy, Savills;
- Bowling Green – Interest had been expressed by the local Croquet Club to hire this space. A request would be submitted. It was also noted that the hedge required cutting again;
- Signage Working Group – A further meeting was to be arranged;
- Advertising of Village Events – An article would be included in the next newsletter requesting event organisers to be more sensitive when erection publicity near highway warning signs;
- Victorian Lamppost – This was currently being undertaken;
- Highway Update – Concern was expressed at the poor quality of the resurfacing undertaken around the Corn Mills junction and Back Lane. It was agreed to report this to the Locality Steward.

25/17 POLICE REPORT

The following report was noted:

- There had been three arson attacks over the previous month including the bench that was burnt behind Hopelands. Six individuals had been recorded entering the Play Area site and three recorded leaving;
- A suspect related to the football club fire had been interviewed and the case was now with the Crown Prosecution Service;
- An Antisocial Behaviour letter had been sent out following the incident with the oil tank;
- Concern was expressed that the arson attacks and fires were getting bigger. Residents were urged to remain vigilant;
- There was a Traveller encampment at Weobley Marsh. A court order would be required to evict them as it was on common land. Herefordshire Council was the responsible authority.

26/17 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

The following report was received from Ward Cllr Cooper:

- Following on from the Grenfell Tower tragedy it had been confirmed that Herefordshire Council had no problematic towers;

- The issue with the business rates for the village shop had not yet been resolved. 100 other businesses in Herefordshire were similarly affected. Central Government guidance was still awaited;
- It was confirmed that the future of the Post Office in the village was under threat again. It was agreed to write to the current owner asking for an update. It was further agreed to write a letter of thanks to John Sharpe.

27/17 FINANCES & POLICY

- (a) **Accounts Outstanding and Financial Statement** – Council approved the payment of outstanding accounts relating to June 2017 amounting to £1,497.37 inclusive of VAT. Council also approved the additional payments to Kington Building Supplies (P3 supplies) for £79.94, P Lloyd (NDP expenses) for £14.50 and L Anderson (NDP expenses) for £125.60.

28/17 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Planning** – It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations Herefordshire Council regarding the following planning applications:

APPLICATION: P171730
SITE: Land at Meadow Street, Weobley, Herefordshire
DESCRIPTION: Erection of three detached dwellings with associated shared private drive access from Meadow Street
COMMENT: Council **RESOLVED** to object to this application for the following reasons:

- The proposal is outside the Settlement Boundary as contained in the Weobley Neighbourhood Development Plan and the adopted Herefordshire Core Strategy;
- The design of the dwellings is not of a high enough standard and not in keeping with the predominant design theme within the village of Weobley. Of particular concern are the proposed aluminium window frames and cladding;
- The proposed pedestrian access on to the highway would create an unacceptable traffic and highway safety hazard;
- The site is recorded as a Traditional Orchard on Natural England's Traditional Orchard Inventory, Ref: HERE3276 and is considered to be a priority habitat. Any loss would be contrary to national guidance and Herefordshire Council's adopted Core Strategy Policies LD2 and LD3;
- The Parish Council wishes to support the Ecological objections submitted;
- The proposal does not meet with the requirements for development contained within the emerging Weobley Neighbourhood Development Plan.

APPLICATION: P171778
SITE: Land at Garbetts Orchard, Hereford Road, Weobley, Herefordshire
DESCRIPTION: Erection of 5 no. dwellings - (change of house type plots 1, 3 and 4, and altered plot boundaries for 1, 2 and 3 and addition of cycle/sheds for plots 1 and 3 to previous approved application)
COMMENT: No objection.

Council noted that planning approval had been granted regarding applications P171379, P171362, P171805 and P171418.

- (b) **Gadbridge Road** – Council **RESOLVED** to ratify the response submitted regarding this application.
- (c) **Neighbourhood Plan Update** – Council noted that a further meeting had been held to develop initial policies. The grant of £3,695 had been granted and receipt would be confirmed in due course. A prize draw had taken place at the Village Fete and the winners would be announced in the next issue of the Magpie.

29/17 WEBSITE WORKING GROUP

Council noted and agreed the initial proposal developed for the website. This would now be finalised and populated.

30/17 PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Defibrillator** – It was agreed to investigate the relocation of the defibrillator due to the issues regarding electrical connection. A second defibrillator that met BT specifications would try to be secured. The existing one could then be relocated at the Village Hall. Decoration to the telephone kiosk was still being pursued. The light required repair.
- (b) Signage** – A further meeting was to be organized.
- (c) CCTV** – The new system had now been installed and was operational. A list of those having access to the system needed to be agreed and a third camera in the village would also be considered. These matters would be considered at the next meeting.
- (d) Electrical Power, Rose Garden** – It was agreed to carry out a consultation in the next Newsletter to establish whether the village supported the provision of an electrical supply. If the response was positive then grant funding would be sought towards the cost of installation and the provision of a bollard.
- (e) Summer Newsletter** – A number of articles had been identified for inclusion and a newsletter would be collated prior to the next meeting for agreement.
- (f) Play Area/Skate Park** – Council noted that the annual inspection had been delayed but would take place in the next month. A meeting to discuss development and funding for the proposed skate park would be taking place on 3rd July 2017. An update would be provided at the next meeting.
- (g) Revised Code of Conduct** – Following consideration Council agreed to defer this matter until its next meeting to be held on Tuesday 25th July 2017.

31/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following Highway Matters were considered:

- School Crossing Point Request – Information had been passed on to the School and Herefordshire Council had agreed to carry out a Risk Assessment for a school crossing patrol. A volunteer needed to be identified. A request for a volunteer would be included in the next Newsletter;
- Community Speedwatch – Training would be held for the volunteers in July & August 2017;
- Highway Repairs/Potholes – Council noted that the defects had now been highlighted by Balfour Beatty;
- Speeding Issues – It was agreed to see what effect the Speedwatch scheme had on speeding in the village. It was agreed to liaise with Ian Connolly of the Safer Roads Partnership regarding 20mph signage and zones and electronic warning signs;
- Bell Square Car Park – The purchase of a new notice board for this location would be considered by the Working Group. It was noted that two of the fingerboards needed to be better secured at Corn Mills Corner. This would be investigated;
- Western Power – Works had now been completed to a satisfactory standard;
- Cobbles – It was agreed to carry out a consultation in the newsletter regarding the future of the cobbles. Once responses had been received proposals would be drawn up;
- Footpath update – Council noted that footpaths had been strimmed three times to date. Concern was expressed that dogs had been seen in the corn fields that ran along the permissive paths. It was agreed to investigate improving access to the full width of the footpath that ran from Bearcroft to the Church to ensure pedestrian safety.

32/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- Community First E-Bulletin June 2017;
- Rural Hub Newsletter – June 2017;

- HALC Information Corner – June 2017;
- HALC Training Events;
- Rural Site Allocations consultation which runs from 12th June to 28th July 2017

33/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 25th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Hopelands Village Hall, Weobley HR4 8SN.

There being no other business the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10:27pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: