

WALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING 2010 – 2010/01/20 - 17

MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING held at Bishopswood Village Hall, Walford on 20 January 2010 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr F Myers (Chairman), Cllrs B Vine, H Evans, M Thomas, Simeon & Sandra Cole, G Symonds, M Whitlock, L Freeman, M Downey, E Drummond, P Heath. Mrs J Smailes - Clerk in attendance. Mrs R Ward - Minute Taker.

Also Present: CCllr J Jarvis – Ward Member, Mr A Nixon- AONB Representative, PCSOs - Paul Leighton and Lisa Austin

There were two members of the public present.

Cllr B Vine queried the attendance of Mrs R Ward - Minute Taker. Cllr F Myers who had explained the position to Cllr Vine prior to the meeting commencing, explained to council that the discussion relating to council employees etc was to be later discussed within 'closed session' as shown on the Agenda and therefore asked that Cllr Vine address any point she may wish to make at the appropriate time.

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr D Allen.

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- Planning Application in respect of Oak Lodge, Walford.

Declaration of Interest; Cllrs Simeon and Sandra Cole.

- Planning Application Great Howle Farm.

Declaration of Interest; Cllr M Whitlock

Cllr F Myers sought to change the Agenda running order so to allow PCSO - Paul Leighton to present the following Police Report, followed by a Presentation by Mr A Nixon AONB Representative. All in Favour:

9. POLICE MATTERS

- a. To receive a report from Herefordshire Constabulary representative.
- b. To consider any issues raised which relate to crime, disorder and community safety.

Police Report by WEST MERCIA POLICE

Currently Herefordshire Police we are monitoring the following issues in the rural areas:

Distraction burglaries mainly targeting the elderly.

- ❖ Official looking persons call saying they are from one of the utilities requesting entry to the property to check installation.
- ❖ These individuals look smart in appearance, produce a type of I.D. and frequently drive fairly new cars (registration numbers obtained are useful but on occasions the plates are cloned).
- ❖ **Residents are asked to be on their guard and to report any such approach**

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Thefts from outbuildings i.e. sheds and garages.

- ❖ High value items left in fairly insecure units are currently being targeted, please ensure all such items are placed out of sight.

Poaching

- ❖ There have been numerous reports of poaching from various rural areas around Herefordshire, please ensure all livestock are monitored daily.

Rogue Traders

- ❖ 'Cold Calling' continues to be an issue in certain areas with various services or commodities offered.
- ❖ If you experience any issues that need to be reported that are of a non urgent nature please use the following number: 0300 333 3000

PCSO P Leighton concluded by saying that anyone experiencing any issues that are of a non urgent nature are requested to use the following number: Tel: 0300 333 3000

The ROSS Police Station is manned between the following hours:

MON – FRIDAY 16:00 TO 20:00HRS

Various questions were asked.

Cllr F Myers thanked the Police for their attendance.

Cllr F Myers (Chairman) introduced Mr A Nixon of AONB who had attended to give a presentation for upgrading the access to the River Wye. The points included:-

- Upgrade and enhance the facilities at Kerne Bridge car park and canoe launch, including better disability access
- Upgrade and enhance the Herefordshire Council owned canoe launch at Ross-on-Wye, including improved disability access
- Create a new 'low key' access point at Backney Bridge
- Produce interpretive boards at canoe access points and leaflets for river users that include features of interest in the Wye Valley
- Produce in-boat code of conduct information

The AONB were also investigating the possibility of visitor management and river access at Symond's Yat rapids to help limit erosion problems and improve site safety.

AONB's aim is to ensure visitor experience is enhanced so that river users have a greater appreciation and respect for the Wye Valley AONB, and a desire to care for and conserve it. Thus they will be able to ensure that the economic benefits and opportunities associated with river recreation can be retained in a sustainable manner.

Mr Nixon advised that the AONB have presented the proposal to the River Wye Navigation Advisory Committee and the Wye Management Advisory Group and it has also received endorsement by the Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

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As the Kerne Bridge site falls within Walford Parish the AONB are also keen to gain the support of Walford Parish Council and, if at all possible, would therefore ask that Walford Parish Council consider providing a letter endorsing this initiative.

After general questions

Cllr M Thomas and **Cllr M Downey** were in full support of the idea.

It was proposed that a letter be written in support.

ACTION: **Clerk** to write letter on behalf of the Council in full support of AONB Project initiative.

Proposed: **Cllr M Thomas** – seconded: **Cllr Simeon Cole**. **All in favour.**

Cllr F Myers thanked **Mr A Nixon** for his Presentation.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 1st & 2nd December 2009

A lengthy debate ensued regarding the content of Minutes relating to the Meeting held on 1st December 2009.

Cllr M Thomas presented Council with his suggested amendments that he felt better represented certain aspects of the meeting. Copies of this paper by **Cllr M Thomas** were circulated to all Councillors, who then proceeded to debate the content of said paper.

Cllr F Myers read from Charles Arnold Baker the definition relating to that of Minutes. “**LGA 1972 Schedule 12 para)**” which shows that Minutes are required to record acts and decisions and should not be that of a report and should not be verbatim reports of speeches made by Councillors.

The Clerk explained that the Minutes were sent in a draft format to the relevant Chairman, in this instance **Cllr F Myers** within days of the original Meeting date, and as such believed that the content of Minutes gave a true reflection of decisions taken.

Cllr M Thomas Proposed, Seconded by Cllr Simeon Cole that the Minutes be altered to reflect the amendments as suggested by **Cllr M Thomas (No vote taken as debate continued).**

Cllr P Heath and **Cllr M Downey** queried whether adopting the suggested amendments would in any way alter any decisions taken.

Cllr L Freeman suggested that if the aforementioned amendments did not in any way alter decisions then there seemed little point in wasting time addressing the amendments, however, in order to move the Meeting on he felt that a vote should be taken. This was seconded by **Cllr E Drummond (no vote taken, debate continued).**

The Clerk advised that firstly she had not had time to read the tabled amendments, and therefore could not confirm whether the content in any way altered the content significantly enough to bring any previous decisions into question. As Clerk however, she was reluctant to add such additions to the Minutes that would then resemble that of a verbatim report from any councillor.

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It was once again Proposed by Cllr M Thomas, Seconded by Cllr Simeon Cole that the draft Minutes of 1st December 2009 be revised to include Cllr Thomas's amendments.

6 In Favour – 3 Against – 3 Abstentions (Abstentions – Cllrs Freeman Vine and Heath).

Note: The 'revised' DRAFT Minutes with are to include Cllr Thomas's amendments would therefore be re-considered for adoption at the February Meeting.

Proposed: Cllr M Downey – Seconded: Cllr E Drummond that the Minutes be cut back to record decisions only so to avert such issues in the future. **Motion defeated.**

Prior to considering the second set of Minutes which related to 2nd December 2009 Cllr F Myers asked to take the following item from the Agenda out of order.

8. WARD MEMBERS REPORT

- **Cllr J Jarvis** advised Council that due to the change in planning regulations he would now be able to discuss and represent at Parish level.
- **Cllr J Jarvis** was considering hosting a public meeting on 10th February 2010 '**Shaping the future of Herefordshire**' however as this meeting date was to clash with February Parish Council Meeting asked whether Council would consider deferring the date of the next Parish Council Meeting in favour of the public meeting.

It was unanimously agreed postpone that February Parish Council Meeting to that of 17th February 2010, thereby allowing Councillors to attend the Public Meeting.

Cllr M Downey advised that he still had not received a wheelie bin.

Action: Cllr J Jarvis to address.

Cllr F Myers thanked Cllr Jarvis for attending the monthly Parish Council Meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Continued)

Cllr F Myers addressed Council, advising that he was uncomfortable with the previous exchange of dialogue, a number of comments made and the incessant 'in-house' bickering, as the advice of the Clerk had also been heavily questioned and Standing Orders suggested meetings finish at 9.30pm he felt it prudent to therefore adjourn the Meeting to seek further advice.

Meeting adjourned 9.30pm

Chairman:

Date: