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GREAT WITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the extraordinary meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10 June at 8.00pm pursuant to notice

Chair: Cllr R Perkins (upon election and acceptance of position as at agenda point 2)

Present: Cllrs: Claire Dermietzel; Nigel Drew; Geoff Goodman; David Pangbourne; Oliver Marshall; and Sam Sebesta
District Cllr Paul Cumming

Apologies: Cllr Claire Dermietzel

Minutes: Laura Drew (Clerk)

In Attendance: 14 members of the public

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr. Claire Dermietzel.

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Raith Marshall declared an interest in agenda point 6b and it was **agreed** that he would leave the room as at this point in the agenda.

3. Standing Orders

Standing orders (SOs), previously circulated to members, were reviewed and insertion clauses **agreed**. Ongoing, the SOs, to be reviewed annually at or before the Annual Parish Council meeting.

4. Financial Regulations

As above, Financial Regulations (FRs) and relevant insert clauses were reviewed and **agreed**. Copies of both SOs and FRs to be added to the Parish Council website.

It was **agreed** that amending the signatories on the HSBC business account was an urgent priority, to be pursued immediately. New signatories to include: Cllr. Perkins; Cllr. Goodman (existing); Cllr Sebesta; and Cllr Pangbourne.

5. Complaints

Members reviewed and agreed adoption of a CALC model complaints procedure, for upload to the website.

6. Communication

a. Website

It was **agreed** there was a need to adopt a new website as soon as possible. Cllr Marshall willing to donate a website domain he owned (www.greatwitley.org) for twelve month period at no charge. This format includes approx. seven pages. Additional pages could be added for a further £8 a month if deemed necessary. After twelve months, the website would cost approx. £187 a year.

There was a strong consensus amongst members that the website address needed to encompass Hillhampton i.e. could it be www.greatwitleyandhillhampton.org? It was **agreed** that this was important and the option to purchase needed to be explored.

The current website subscription would expire in August 2015. It was **agreed** that current contract with Upper Bridge Enterprises should be terminated. Also, to reconvene a working party meeting to further discuss new website – format & content.

b. Noticeboards

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Members reviewed three quotations obtained to date, to replace 2x noticeboards, located at The Glebe and Hillhampton. It was **agreed** cost permitting, noticeboards to be attractive feature and design.

Cllr Drew suggested the Hillhampton noticeboard should be relocated further back from the road, than current location, so less exposed.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Perkins would negotiate best deal on quotation for double sided noticeboards with tiled roof and progress order as soon as possible.

7. Planning

Planning application consultation: 15/00312/FUL-

Change of use from Hotel to Public House and 18 residential units, Location: Hundred House Hotel, Worcester Road, Great Witley, Worcestershire, WR6. Including the construction of a single storey garage block and a refuse/ bike store facility. Re: position of vehicular access to high way. Relaying out of car park and creation of bus stops.

Cllr Cummings agreed he would request an extension with MHDC so members could fully review and conduct a neighbourhood consultation prior to submitting comments.

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8. Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)

It was **agreed** to seek a quote to repair the VAS, under shared responsibility of Pensax; Abberley; and Great Witley & Hillhampton Parish Councils.

It was **agreed** to bring forward all future meetings by one week, in order to meet deadline submissions for articles for the Parish magazine.

Dates: 15 July/ 9 Sept/ 11 Nov 2015; and 13 Jan/ 9 Mar/ 10 May 2016.

With no further business. The meeting was closed at 10.00pm.

Signed as a true record

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Chairman

Date:.....

**Dates of Next Statutory Meeting
15 July 2015**

**All meetings begin with public question time from 8.00pm to 8.15pm
Formal business opens at 8.15pm
Committee Room or main hall, Great Witley Village Hall**

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Notes of Public Question Time

Fourteen members of the public were in attendance and raised the following concerns during Public Question Time:

1. Concern about the Hundred House development. The pub & restaurant area does not seem big enough & viable.
2. Hundred House development – excessive density of residential units.
3. Hundred House – proposal does not fit and/or is not in keeping.
4. Proposals for the Hundred House have previously been rejected on grounds of historical and environmental merit. Uncertain as to why this is not a consideration.
5. Targets for additional housing have been met under the South Worcestershire Development Plan for Great Witley. Therefore wish to restrict any additional development

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ongoing, as excessive. Also places burden on current infrastructure & services which cannot support additional population.

6. Disappointment about lack of activity from Parish Council members & availability of minutes from previous meetings.
7. Cars being parked on footpath next to post office.