

Great Witley and Hillhampton Parish Council

The minutes of Great Witley and Hillhampton Parish Council

Held at the Great Witley village hall on Wednesday 13th January 2016

Present

Chairman – Cllr R Perkins

Councillors – Cllr G Goodman, Cllr D Pangbourne, Cllr O Marshall, Cllr N Drew, Cllr C Dermietzel, Cllr R Wilson, Cllr C Shaw, Cllr S Westacott.

In attendance – Clerks, District Cllr P Cumming, County Cllr K Pollock.

Agenda

1. **Apologies:** Cllr S Sebesta (accepted)
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - b) There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature received.
 - c) There were no Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature received.
 - d) There were no written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).

The Chairman noted that all members of the parish council were obliged to make declarations of interest in items on the agenda and noted that all the council were aware of their obligations.

The Chairman also noted that Great Witley and Hillhampton Parish Council had not engaged with the prospective developers of the application for 175 houses prior to this council meeting.
3. **Approve the minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of Great Witley and Hillhampton Parish Council that was held on Wednesday November at 8pm were approved.
4. **Parish Clerk vacancy:** It was noted that Mrs Joanne Evans had been appointed as Clerk and Responsible finance officer to the parish council and was currently being supported in her role by Clare Shinner.

The meeting was adjourned for **Public Question time**, notes of which are appended to these minutes

5. Planning:

- a. The Parish Council considered the proposed planning application as informed by Gregory Gray, although not yet notified by Malvern DC.

Land off Stourport Road and the B4197, Great Witley – erection of 44 affordable and 131 market dwellings, formation of new access, public open space, land for school and doctors surgery and associated new access, surface and foul water management system and landscaping.

The parish council agreed that they would return their comments for this application when the application was sent to the council from Malvern Hills District Council.

- b. 15/01728/FUL - The Highways – erection of detached dwelling with access.

Worcester Road

Great Witley

WR6 6HR

The parish council recommended approval of this application.

- c. 15/01760/FUL – Erection of grain store

Witley Park Farm

Worcester Road

Great Witley

Worcestershire

The parish council recommended approval of this application.

6. Finance:

- a. Council agreed the payments to be made as on the attached list.
b. Council agreed to defer the decision on next year's budget until the next meeting.

7. **Date of next meeting:** The date of forthcoming meeting was agreed as Monday 25th January 2016 at 7.30 to be held in the Great Witley Village Hall.

Signed

Roger Perkins – Chairman
25 January 2016

Public question time

Approximately 170 members of the public were present.

A photo was taken after permission from the public was sought and granted.

1 Antisocial behaviour

The Community Support officer noted the concern raised with regard to some antisocial behaviour in the area.

Stonewater Housing had been contacted re this behaviour from their tenants and they were working with the police to resolve the issue.

2 Proposed planning application for 175 houses.

3 representatives from Gregory Gray – planning consultants attended the meeting and gave a presentation with regard to the proposed application for 175 houses in land off the Stourport Road and the B4197, Great Witley and associated benefits.

District Councillor P Cummings noted that he would represent the parishioner's views on this matter, but was unable to give any comments at the present time.

County Councillor K Pollock also spoke on the issue.

A quick vote was taken to ascertain the feeling of the parishioners.

The overwhelming majority of attendees were against the application, 11 people attending the meeting voted in favour of the development.

Main comments from the public were as follows;

- SWDP house allocation had been met (35 properties) and any subsequent applications were deemed to be surplus to requirements. It was noted that this was deemed to be a speculative application.
- Doubling of the size of the village (currently 188 houses) was perceived to be overdevelopment.
- Land in the vicinity was already flooding prone. Owners of neighboring drainage pool had not been consulted. A sustainable drainage system should be planned for.
- Roads were at capacity.
- Infrastructure was deemed to be at capacity – school, nursery, Doctors surgery etc.
- Environmental impact on badgers, newts etc
- The proposed buildings were felt to not be in keeping with the area.

Finance payments:

<u>J W lane Ltd</u>	£34.20
<u>Chris Jones</u> – Lengthsman for November 2015	£186
<u>CALC</u> – Training for Cllr Lungley	£95.70
<u>Information Commissioners Office</u> – renewal of registration cost as data controller	£35
<u>Chris Jones</u> – Lengthsman for December 2015	£198
<u>Laura Drew</u> – Clerk salary to end of employment 2015	£265.81
<u>Roger Perkins</u> – Chairmans expenses	£321.75