

**Great Witley & Hillhampton Parish Council**

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Great Witley & Hillhampton Parish Council held at 7.30pm  
on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Great Witley Village Hall

**Present** : Chairman- Roger Perkins

Rachel Wilson, Sam Sebesta, Oliver Marshall, Clare Dermietzel, David Pangbourne, Nigel Drew

District Councillor: Paul Cumming

9 members of the public in attendance

**1.Apologies for Absence** : Charles Shaw, Geoff Goodman, County Councillor: Ken Pollock.

Jo Evans, Clerk to Great Witley & Hillhampton Parish Council was not in attendance due to a sudden illness.

The minutes were taken by Ruth Goodman .

**2.Declarations of Interest**

2.a-2.d

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the Agenda & any other Disclosable interests & to consider written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

Due to the proposed planning development ( 16/00013/FUL) for 175 new houses, Oliver Marshall & Roger Perkins have declared an interest & written to the clerk for a dispensation to be granted & to remain on the Parish Council .

Sam Sebesta has already made a declaration.

Nigel Drew commented that he had been asked to make a dispensation in the past.

Oliver Marshall clarified that his property at 30 The Glebe, does not adjoin the proposed development land & the development would be of no financial benefit to him.

Mr Marshall & Mr Perkins who resides at 27, The Glebe, had received legal advice from 'CALC'.

Nigel Drew was concerned that the Chairman of the Parish Council was biased against the proposed development & noted that he felt that this must be taken into consideration before the vote was taken.

Members of the Parish Council were asked to vote to grant a dispensation to Oliver Marshall & Roger Perkins. 5 members present voted YES, 1 member (Nigel Drew) voted NO.

The vote was carried to grant the dispensation to Oliver Marshall & Roger Perkins & for them to remain on the Parish Council and to vote and discuss 16/00013/FUL.

Rachel Wilson asked how the solicitors for the planning developers had become aware that Roger Perkins & Oliver Marshall may have declared interests and requested that it be noted that she had received verbal complaints from parishioners about Nigel Drew's conduct over the matter of the proposed planning application. Nigel Drew responded that he felt he must represent the views of all parishioners and all aspects of the planning proposal must be considered. Mr Drew confirmed that he had NO declared interest in the development. Roger Perkins produced an email from Nigel Drew dated the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 where Nigel Drew had stated "Having had the opportunity of speaking to the developers" and "Over the last two days I have studied the proposals with interest and listened to what is on offer" and Roger Perkins pointed out that this information was not in the public domain on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Mr Drew repeated that he had NO declared interest in the development.

### **3. Approve Minutes of the Meeting on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 held at Great Witley Village Hall**

The Minutes were approved.

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Amy Tabberer asked if the proposal to commission a new logo for the Parish Council had moved forward. Roger Perkins confirmed a new logo was required and Rachel Wilson agreed to approach Great Witley School to organise a competition to find a new design.

Angela Taylor, representing the Pain Family, responded to the proposed planning meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January at Great Witley Village Hall. She felt that this meeting had not given the developers chance to outline the development plans in detail. Parishioners were not given a chance to consider the benefits the development may have for villagers in the future. Monies from Section 106 could be used within the village of Great Witley to improve facilities. Over the years the doctors had approached the Pain Family for land to extend the doctors' surgery. Angela Taylor noted that there was considerable hostility from people attending the meeting towards the landowners of the land in question for the development site and that correspondence she had sent to the parish council had been made public. The Parish Council were made aware that the Pain Family would no longer help to maintain the drive down to Witley Church. Clare Dermietzel noted that any Section 106 money could not be spent on the drive to the church as this was a private road to be maintained by its users.

Paul Cummings said that any Section 106 money that had been raised over the past 18 years had been spent on improvements with the village of Great Witley.

Oliver Marshall noted that the parish council have a duty to make public all correspondence sent to the parish council clerk.

Roger Perkins confirmed that a clear Neighbourhood Plan must be agreed ASAP in order to establish capital project requirements to use any Section 106 money and confirmed that under the chairmanship of Frank Chapman this working party was moving this item forward.

#### **4. Progress Report**

Notice Board refurbishments at the Glebe, Hillhampton & The Post Office- Oliver Marshall agreed to erect the notice board on the Glebe ASAP & work was needed on the board at the Post Office before the next parish council meeting.

#### **5. Quartergreen Report**

David Pangbourne reported that the work was going ahead to replace the children's play area behind the Village Hall, the new exercise equipment order had been placed & work was going ahead to replace the Tennis Court. Once the order had been placed contractors could start work in 1 week.

David Pangbourne asked Jackie Quarterman and Mrs Taylor for access to the fields adjoining the Quartergreen to enable the contractors to supply materials for the exercise equipment. Jackie Quarterman and Mrs Taylor responded that in light of the hostility from the villagers towards the proposed housing development access to the fields was not available. A further discussion was held between parishioners and members of the Parish Council about the planning meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, in which the landowners commented on the negative stance of villagers towards them during the meeting. Claire Dermietzel said that this was to be expected in view of the large development the landowners were proposing in the centre of the village. Roger Perkins bought the meeting to order.

David Pangbourne outlined proposed future events for the Quartergreen  
Auction of Promises- 16.7.2016

Country Fayre to be held on the School Playing Field(Date TBC)  
Hallowe'en Party 29.10.2016  
Village Bonfire 5.11.16  
Christmas Party 10.12.16

#### **6.Village Hall**

Due to the absence of Charles Shaw there was no report.

#### **7.District Councillors Report**

Paul Cummings reported that the Government Grant for the next 4 years had been issued & this was lower than expected. Further budget cuts would be made by the district council.

#### **8 County Councillors Report**

Ken Pollock's report was distributed to councillors.

#### **9. Planning**

- Further to the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 a working party of members from the Parish Council had been formed to collate & tally responses from Parishioners to the proposed development. Volunteers : Oliver Marshall, David Pangbourne, Geoff Goodman, Clare Dermietzel, Rachel Wilson . Next meeting to be held 26.1.16 at Great Witley Village Hall at 7pm
- Mill Orchards –awaiting committee stage approval.
- Land adjacent to the Hundred House car park- Applicant held a public consultation & is considering this in the plans.

#### **10.Finance**

The Precept amount agreed for the budget was proposed by David Pangbourne as a 1.86% increase, Seconded by Oliver Marshall.

#### **11. Footpaths & Lengthsman**

Proposed \_footpath Stanford Road –Decided this was not necessary at present  
Rachel Wilson to contact Ken Pollock Re : Bloor Homes Footpath  
Footways clearance has started towards Abberley

**12. Speed Limits** A discussion was held about the dangerous drop off point for school children at the Witley Lodge Bus Stop. It was agreed that Yarrantons be contacted to try to find a safer stop.

**13. Logo** Rachel Wilson to liaise with Great Witley School

#### **14. Correspondence for Information**

- Letter from Hallmark Hulme Re : Dispensation of Council members -already discussed
- E-mail from the Badger Trust advising on the obligations to the developers when considering any planning proposal. Badgers are present in Bowens Field. The Parish Clerk to e-mail the Planning Officer
- E-mail from Peter Davis Re: application made to Malvern Hills for grain store extension: Happy with Parish Council's response
- CALC Updates to be e-mailed by Clare Shinner to Parish Council members
- Planning letter from MHDC Re : Section 106 monies: Councillors to consider capital projects
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- E-mail 'Clean-up for the Queen'. it was agreed that a sponsored litter picking event was not necessary in Great Witley
- Oliver Marshall had received correspondence from Bill Dallow Re: Campaign for Rural England Hedge preservation : Parish Council will study 16/00013/FUL in the light of this information.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 8pm at Great Witley Village Hall.

Training to take place beforehand- 6.45pm – 7.45 pm