

Ordinary Meeting of West Tytherley & Frenchmoor Parish Council

Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.00pm in King Edward's Hall

Present: Councillors: Cate Bell (CB) – Chair, James Little (JL), Mick Goulding (MG), Lucia Homer (LH), Fiona Collier (FC), Tim Koetser (TK) and 8 members of the public.

39/19 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Melanie Camilleri, Denise Long and Alan Bannister

40/19 Open Forum

41/19 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

42/19 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th February 2019 were agreed and signed by CB

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

43/19 HCC update - Cllr Perry

Did not attend, and so no update

44/19 TVBC update – Cllr Jeffrey

Did not attend, and so no update.

45/19 NDP Working Draft Update

There is nothing further to update from last month's report. Alan Bannister will attend the April meeting.

46/19 Planning Applications (MG)

1. 19/00279/AGNS Agricultural Development – Proposed Access Track

Proposal to create a new access path to allow access to continue and the existing path to be used for access to a barn conversion.

Application – withdrawn 6th March 2019.

2. 19/00347/FULLS 37 North Lane West Tytherley – Demolition of existing garage/shed and construction of new garage and store

The proposed building was on the footprint of an existing building and as such MG felt there were no reasons why the Parish council should not support this application. However other concerns were expressed about the increase in size from the original building and its impact on the character of the area.

Support 1

No Objection 0

No Comment 0

Objection 5

Action MG to submit response to TVBC

Trees – FC

1. 19/003322 Cumulus, Rectory Hill West Tytherley, T2 Fell Ash, T3 Remove branch from Ash and T1 and T3 remove dead branches. The removal of T2 would encourage healthier canopy growth of T1 and T2. No objections received.

2. 19/000377 Sweet Briar 36 North Lane, West Tytherley, T1 and T2 Fell unnamed species

Objections to this application had been received. Both are healthy specimens although probably inappropriate for the location. **Action FC to liaise with TVBC**

47/19 Sale of garages 1-6 (with vacant possession) at Dean Road

Concerns were expressed about Asters management of the process having given tenants only 3 weeks' notice, during the Christmas period to clear and quit the garages. The outcome of the auction was not known.

Correspondence had been received from Aster (Susan Cooper) apologising for the delay in responding to the Parish Council. Conditions had been attached to the sale of the garages

- not to use the property for any purpose other than for single private garages and parking spaces and not to carry on any trade or business at the property
- not to use the property for any noisy, offensive, illegal or immoral purpose;
- not to do anything at the property that would cause loss, damage, injury, nuisance, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to the Transferor or the owners or occupiers of any neighbouring property;
- not to obstruct or interfere with the flow of light or air to the windows, doors or other openings in the buildings currently situated on the Transferor's estate;
- not to erect any building or structure and not to alter or otherwise change in any way whatsoever the surface appearance of the property except with the prior written consent of the Transferor, paying a premium for any such consent (where relevant) and paying a reasonable fee to the Transferor for each such permission.

With these restrictions in place it is not envisaged that the sale would give any rise to any additional parking problems in the wider community. Aster expressed a willingness to work with the residents and the Parish Council and asked to be supplied dates of future meetings where they would be happy to address any local concerns regarding their property.

48/19 Broadband – CB

CB expressed thanks to HCC Highways for their close co-operation and co-ordination with Virgin to mitigate against as much disruption as possible. Work had commenced and the necessary closure of the centre of the village would be scheduled to take place during the school holiday to minimise disruption as much as possible. **Action:** CB to establish if this road closure would be active at night. Representatives from Virgin would be available on site throughout the construction period to deal with any queries or problems. The proposals for Chalk Pit Lane were still in discussion.

49/19 The Black Horse: Communication from WTACV Ltd.

A request had been made by WTACV Ltd who were unable to attend the meeting, for the Parish Council to meet the company's expenses of £915.99 (Registration process and a structural survey). CB expressed a personal view that the WTACV Ltd should not be personally liable for these expenses, but the Parish Council were not able to provide finance, although the use of monies from the Millennium Fund could be considered. JL suggested that the parish council could consider a loan rather than provide direct funding. It was generally felt that there had been a failure to communicate properly and this could not be addressed without a representative from WTAVC Ltd. Concerns were expressed about the use of "public funds" from members of the public. It was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting. **Action:** WTAVC Ltd to be invited to the next meeting. The proposed dwelling Horseshoe Cottage had been removed from the AVC. **Action:** MG to liaise with TVBC to obtain more information.

50/19 Highways - LH

Drains checked and to be cleared, Stoney Batter Lane – Coach Road

Norman Court had been written to by the Flood Water Management to resolve outstanding issues. Paul from Waste Water Management had attended to look at the area behind the village hall and highlighted an urgent problem with the school sewage pump which has been actioned.

The Environment Agency had, following complaint, attended to test the water quality in the ditch at Red Lane.

51/19 Recreation Ground and Bus Shelter - TK

The panels “abandoned” in the recreation ground have now been removed.

Plumbing issues in the pavilion have been fixed by Andy Page and thanks expressed for his work for which he made only a small charge of £65.00

Mike Eastwood has provided a quote for £1,022.00 for annual cutting (a 2% increase) this includes mowing X 18 and cutting the memorial garden grass – pruning and edging X 2.

Mr & Mrs Stanley had been written to regarding the unauthorised clearance of hedge and felling of a tree. Mr Stanley had apologised and offered to make good by planting a replacement tree and carrying out works to clear weeds and the ivy from trees. **Action:** FC to liaise with Mr Stanley over the type of tree to be planted and to advice not to remove any ivy.

A suggestion to replace the damaged fence panels by the corner flag with a hedge was rejected, the fence had originally been erected to reduce hedge maintenance costs and because it did not prevent unauthorised access. **Action:** TK to obtain estimates for fence repair.

Minor repairs were required for the bus-shelter.

52/19 Footpaths - JL

Paul Howland (Ramblers Association) has been busy mapping and identifying historical footpaths although he has not had any contact with JL about the recent proposed West Tytherley routes. Application for DMMO’s (Definitive Map Modification Orders) are required to be made by 2026. Concerns were expressed by Mr & Mrs Diamond regarding a supposed historic path on their land although they had received no communication or notice (other landowners affected had been contacted). **Action:** JL to contact Mr Howland.

53/19 Lengthsman – DL

DL had provided a spreadsheet outlining tasks for the Lengthsman. It was agreed that he should be tasked with litter clearance and sign cleaning and carrying out the minor repairs to the bus shelter.

54/19 War Memorial

Nothing to report

55/19 Donation of a Defibrillator from Cirencester Friendly Society – LH

Suggestions for locating the defibrillator were discussed. The church presented access and lighting difficulties; the telephone kiosk and the village hall. **Action:** LH to liaise with Village Hall Committee (Barry Whitlock)

56/19 Village Spring Clean – TK

Date arranged 10am Saturday 30th March 2019; equipment booked and event to be advertised.

57/19 Finance and Cheques

Deferred to next meeting

58/19 Councillor Elections 2nd May 2019

Nomination packs distributed. Parish councillors had received email circulation with information on implication of Purdah Period.

59/19 Correspondence

None.

60/19 Date and Venue of next meeting

7pm Monday 8th April 2019 at King Edward Hall, West Tytherley

Being no further business, CB closed the meeting at 8:05pm

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL