



West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council

Monday 05 October 2020 commenced at **7:00pm** by **Video Conference**

Councillors present: Fiona Collier Chair (FC), Mick Goulding (MG), Lucia Homer (LH), James Strachan (JS), Tim Koetser (TK), and Nigel MacPherson (NM)

Plus: Melanie Camilleri (MC) – Clerk/RFO. Eight members of the public attended.

91/20 **Apologies for Absence:** None

92/20 **Open Forum**

93/20 **Declarations of interest:** None

94/20 **Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 14 September 2020** were approved and signed

95/20 **Cllr Ian Jeffrey TVBC report:** reported based upon Mid Test Matters no16 (circulated to all Councillors in advance of this meeting and published on the Parish Council's website)

96/20 **Planning: New Applications (Led by MG)**

i) New planning applications

20/02169/PDQS: Barn At Friars Orchard, West Dean, Salisbury

PROPOSAL: Application to determine if prior approval is required to change use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling house, and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion

The meeting was closed between 19:22 and 19:31 to allow members of the public to address the councillors.

MG proposed, seconded by FC and resolved unanimously to **OBJECT** and that a **FULL APPLICATION** is required for the following material planning considerations (which only a full application can provide):-

Validity of application

- Rights of access to the proposed dwelling/site: The landowner has not granted right of access, meaning the applicant doesn't have authority to commence works
- Waste Water: is not within the control of the applicant as it falls outside of the boundary of the plan

NDP (joint Plan for West Tytherley Parish Council and West Dean Parish)

- Location/siting: The proposed dwelling is set within open countryside next to a Grade II listed Country House; limiting overall opportunity to develop.

20/02285: Maple Cottage, 27 West Tytherley

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey extension with link to house (amended scheme)

MG proposed seconded by FC and resolved by a majority **NO OBJECTION**.

20/02224/TREES: Church Farm House, The Coach Road

For info only

- ii) **20/01695/RDQS Barns at Mornington, North Lane:** TVBC's final decision to grant planning permission without the need for a full application was contrary to both WTPC's resolution and TVBC's own guidance. FC and MG will be writing to the Head of TVBC Planning to justify and explain this decision.

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NDP

Reg 16 was delivered to councillors 21 Sept inviting comment. FC and JS indicated they had comments. The comments are not substantive.

Next steps:

- Councillors to send Alan Bannister comments before 21 Oct (when WDPC meet).
- Alan will subsequently incorporate these changes (along with those made by WDPC). He will be using Councillor Sarah Hurst to assist with formatting – payment out of NDP fund £200 max.
- WTPC will hold an EGM on 28 October for the purpose of approving the Reg 16 plan.
- WDPC will also need to approve before 30 Oct.

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Finance

i) FC proposed, seconded by TK and resolved unanimously that the Cash Flow Report and payments be approved.

Bank balances

Main Account (as at 28 Sept 2020): £8,655.58

Savings Account (as at 10 Sept 2020): £1,238.39

Rec Ground Capital Fund (as at 16 Aug 2020): £10,946.88

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Method
M Camilleri	Salary + office expenses	454.52	Standing Order
SSE	Elec Rec Grd	44.98	1004
Total debit		£621.62	

Income	Detail	Amount £	Method
HCC	Use of Rec Grd	86.00	
Total debit		£86.00	

i) MC presented draft 2021/22 budget for consideration. It was unanimously agreed that the budget (with no increase in Precept to £14,175.00) be approved in principal, with formal consideration taking place at the November meeting when consideration can be made to any changes in circumstances.

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Telephone Kiosk

Members of the public attending expressed concern over loss of the kiosk, particularly the capability to make calls in the event of a power cut.

FC took the opportunity to provide a full update:-

- Historically BT first moved to decommission the kiosk in 2015 as it was not being used. Following a public consultation, it was agreed to defer its removal on the grounds that there were a disproportionately high number of power cuts and there were no alternative telecommunication systems available i.e. no mobile phone coverage.
- This process was repeated in 2017. Again, there was a poor response from the community and the number of calls had further dropped (less than 1% p.a). However following representation, it was agreed to retain the telephone kiosk primarily because of the lack of mobile phone coverage.
- The PC's decision to decommission the kiosk in Sept 2019 was made following a 42-day public consultation process. The response to the consultation was extremely poor. The decision was made on the basis that:
 1. power cuts had reduced dramatically
 2. there was no increase in calls or usage from that kiosk

3. mobile phone coverage now existed in the village
 4. an alternative kiosk (secured status) is available within 3 miles
 5. lack of public response and requests for retention
- The kiosk is still available at the moment because of the ongoing negotiations for purchase by the Parish Council. When that process is over, the kiosk will either be completely removed or retained as a heritage feature. Either way the facility for making calls will be lost.
 - The only outstanding issue is the decision for the PC to purchase the kiosk for heritage purposes.
 - Addressing the public's ability to make calls in the event of a power cut:-
 1. BT customers with the right type of telephone do not lose telephone contact during a power cut. FC is looking to create a register of volunteers who have this facility so that calls can be made in the event of an emergency
 2. FC is in ongoing dialogue to get battery back-up for the O2 mast - but is aware of the technical as well as financial issues.
 3. Virgin gave assurances that their pods would have battery back-up to cover in the event of a power cut - this is clearly not the case as not all the pods have battery back-up and additional battery back-up would be necessary within each home. Whilst this is a matter for individual virgin customers, as Virgin is present in the village because of the initiative driven by the Parish Council FC has raised the problems with Virgin.

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Village Maintenance Jobs

- i) Lengthsman: JS delivered update on current jobs and new jobs identified.
- ii) FC reported that definitive ownership of the Rec Grd fence has not been established, however, as a gesture of goodwill, the Parish Council has requested the Lengthsman carry out the repair deducting cost time and materials from the Parish Council's Lengthsman budget.
- iii) New 'no parking' sign ordered for Reg Grd gated entrance. Arrived with spelling mistake so FC has returned. Replacement will be done free of charge.
- iv) TK will check with SSE if their SMART metre will work if no mobile signal plus if supplier changed, and report back Nov meeting
- v) Landowner (viewpoint pond/lake at the Old Rectory) has reported evidence of drug usage (needles and other drug paraphernalia). Also, empty spirit bottles. This presents a public health risk to people and animals. Individuals may be in need of support with their drug use. FC is meeting the Drug Action Team and the Police to discuss and report back Nov meeting

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Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters

- i) Thank you received from Victim Support for £25 grant
- ii) HCC has apologised for postponing the Dean Road carriageway repair as a result of the meteorological storm and significant redeployment of Highways staff to tackle flooding in the region.

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It was resolved unanimously that Agenda 103/20 be closed to members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

103/20

Consideration to applicants for councillor vacancies

One applicant received – Deborah Hook, who meets eligibility criteria. The Councillors took the opportunity to ask Ms Hook questions on her reasons for applying and for Ms Hook to ask questions about the role.

It was resolved unanimously that Ms Deborah Hook be co-opted as a councillor. MC to send Ms Hook the necessary paperwork and co-option be ratified at the EGM on 28 October.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next **West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council**

- **Extraordinary General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 28 October 7pm** by Video Conference
- **Ordinary Meeting** will be held on **Monday 09 November 2020 7pm** by Video Conference

Being no further business, FC closed the meeting at 9:07pm

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

Minutes published on the Parish Council's website wtparishcouncil.org