

MINUTES of the MEETING of the OVERBURY AND CONDERTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 19 October 2020 at 6.00 pm in Overbury Village Hall

Due to Covid19 restrictions, members of the public were asked to book in advance if they wished to attend so that social distancing arrangements could be made but no such requests were received

PRESENT: Mrs G Milway Chairman
 Mrs Ruth Darling
 Mrs Steff LeMarechal Miss R Long/Parish Clerk & RFO

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Southby sent his apologies for absence due to a short notice medical appointment, which was accepted by the councillors

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to keep up to date their Register of Interests, and to declare any Personal Interest or Prejudicial Interest relating to any items on the Agenda.

There were no Declarations of Interest for the Meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 June, 2020, which had been circulated with the Agenda papers, were approved and signed as correct by the Chairman.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(1) Overbury Footpath Surface Repair The Chairman will ask Councillor Hardman for confirmation that these repairs remain on the list for completion this year.

(2) The Yew Tree, Conderton The problem with inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking has improved to some extent since the Yew Tree opened again after lockdown but the situation will continue to be monitored.

(3) New Website Accessibility Regulations It is agreed that the Parish Council's page on the Overbury Community website conforms with the new regulations.

(4) Review of New Model Code of Conduct Further information and updates are awaited.

(5) Possible Purchase of Defibrillator for Conderton The Parish Council does not have sufficient funds for this project at the present time, but further research will be carried in the hope of finding a solution.

(6) Vacancy for Parish Councillor to represent Overbury The search continues for a candidate for co-option as a parish councillor but is limited by the current Covid19 meeting and personal communication restrictions. In the meantime, the Parish Council remains quorate with four councillors.

5. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following items of information were noted:

Cllr Robert Raphael has been elected as the new Chairman of Wychavon District Council; The Council's "Intelligently Green Plan" to cut carbon emissions has been accepted; Nominations for the Chairman's "Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award" to be submitted by 24 December; Proposed changes to the Council's Rural Lettings Policy circulated to councillors; a new Housing Strategy and Enabling team has been established to focus on affordable housing in rural areas.

Planning Matters

(i) Change of use of agricultural building at Beckford Poultry Farm, Ashton Road, Beckford, to form 5 dwellings – approval recommended.

(ii) Old Vicarage, Overbury – Single story extension to existing pool house outbuilding approved.

6. **WORCESTERSHIRE CALC**

Details of training courses for councillors and clerks have been circulated, together with updated Covid19 advice with regard to remote meetings, managing playgrounds, public buildings etc.

7. **SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW**

1. The Update to the SWDP Review Timetable has been circulated, all stages of which have been delayed by Covid19.

2. There is a further call for Traveller and Travelling Show People Sites, including new sites and extension or intensification of existing sites for permanent residential or transit sites/temporary stopping places.

3. Government Proposed Changes to the Current Planning System, including the Standard Method for Calculating Housing Need. The documents had been circulated to councillors before the meeting, together with copy correspondence and the responses from Kemerton Parish Council, Bredon Parish Council and the South Worcestershire Councils joint response, all of which raise several concerns that our Parish Council supports.

8. **SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE POLICE**

The Autumn 2020 edition of the newsletter entitled "The Rural Beat" has been published by the SW Police Rural and Business Crime Team. The newsletter contains useful reports, information and website details for further help and information. The Clerk has circulated the newsletter widely in the parish.

9. **FINANCE**

<u>Balance brought forward</u> from June meeting		£	6606.53
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Payments made since June meeting:

RS Long-printer cartridges	39.99		
Jess Hutt – bus shelter cleaning	100.00		
RS Long – Clerk’s 3 month salary	149.90		
HMRC – Clerk’s salary tax	<u>37.60</u>	-	327.49

Receipts since June meeting:

WDC 2 nd Half Precept (£1602 + £147)	1749.00	+	1749.00
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<u>Balance brought forward</u> to October meeting			8028.04
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Payments agreed at this meeting

Donation to Cricket Club for winter mowing	150.00		
Purchase of Remembrance Day wreath	20.00		170.00

<u>Balance carried forward</u> to the next meeting		£	7858.04 =====
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10. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION** The following correspondence from Wychavon District Council had already been circulated to councillors before the meeting:

Regular e-mail Newsletters; Cash Boost to Support Rough Sleepers; New Cycle Track (named The Pump Track) opened to replace the previous track at Charity Brook Park – the new track is also suitable for skate boards, mini wheels etc.; Wychavon flew the rainbow Pride Flag on 18 September; The Council has supported 8 local community projects in response to Covid 19, including the Evesham & Pershore Volunteer Centres, and the Caring Hands in the Vale Foodbank.

11. **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**
No decisions to report.
12. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**
No items for future agenda raised apart from those arising from the Minutes of the current meeting.
13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will take place in January 2021 but the date is yet to be finalised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed.