

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the OVERBURY AND CONDERTON PARISH COUNCIL held on  
Tuesday 6 January 2015 at 7.00 pm in Overbury Village Hall**

PRESENT: Mrs Georgina Milway  
Mr Peter Horton  
Mr David Worley  
Mr Richard Southby  
Mrs Jane Carr  
Miss R Long/Parish Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

**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 previous meeting held on 3 November 2014, which had been circulated with the Agenda papers, were approved and signed as correct by the Chairman.

**4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

(1) New Homes Bonus Scheme

No further progress to report, but the Clerk reminded Councillors that expenditure on the village hall kitchen would be an acceptable project under the Scheme as long as the support of the community can be demonstrated.

(2) Kemerton – Overbury Traffic Calming Project

The Clerk reported that again there has been no further news since the previous meeting.

(3) Vacancy for Parish Councillor to represent Overbury

The vacancy for a Councillor to represent Overbury has still not been filled. As agreed, a newsletter will be circulated in the parish to encourage interest in serving as a Parish Councillor before the Parish and District Councillor elections in May this year.

(4) Bredon Hill Conservation Group

The Clerk reported that she had not received a response from Mr Hopkins following the letter of appointment sent to him in November 2014 last year. The Clerk will therefore contact Mr Hopkins to check that he has heard from the BHCG and is still willing to represent this Parish Council on the Committee.

(5) Cricket Club – problem of dog fouling

The Clerk explained that suitable signage for the playing field had not yet been found, but she hoped this would be done in the near future. In the meantime, it was agreed that another dog bin should be sited near the car park area of the playing field, which the Clerk was asked to organise.

(6) Worcestershire County Council Local Response Team

The Clerk reported that the Team had agreed to carry out the work of siding out the new footpath between Overbury and Conderton during February at no cost to the Parish Council, which was excellent news.

**5. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

(1) Re-instatement of Clearway on the road between the School and the Bus Stop

The Chairman reported that she had met with Adrian Hardman and representatives from Worcestershire Highways, as a result of which it had been agreed that the clearway would be re-instated, which would improve the visibility for traffic leaving School Lane and permit the bus to park at the official Bus Stop rather than in front of the Old Village Shop. Councillors were concerned that visitors to the school may be tempted to park on the other side of the main road instead, a possible road safety issue that will be monitored.

## 6. **WORCESTERSHIRE CALC**

The Clerk pointed out the various items of interest from the most recent Updates (Updates 44 and 45 had been circulated to Councillors with the agenda papers), as follows:

- (1) Parish Polls Consultation: The purpose of this consultation is to bring the process up to date and to ensure that they continue to provide a legitimate method for local communities to have a voice on issues that directly relate to parish matters.
- (2) Parish Media Policy: This draft policy deals with the public disclosure of information; public presence at parish council meetings, etc.
- (3) Guide to Becoming a Parish Councillor: This is a useful summary for distribution to anyone interested in standing at the May elections.

## 7. **SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

- (1) The Clerk referred to the letter sent jointly from the Leaders of Wychavon District Council, Worcester City Council and Malvern Hills District Council to Mr Brandon Lewis MP, Minister for Housing and Planning, which had been circulated to Councillors, with regard to their concern that not sufficient weight is being given to emerging Local Plans when planning application appeals are being considered.
- (2) Details has been circulated to Councillors with regard to the appeal by Bredon Parish Council against a planning application to build 33 houses over and above the 100 already planned in Bredon.

## 8. **JOINT CORE STRATEGY**

The Submission – Statement of Fact had been circulated to Councillors. This document lists the websites and telephone numbers etc. for further information.

## 9. **FINANCE**

### Current Financial Position

The Clerk reported that the sum carried forward from the November meeting was £5587.44 as no payments had been made or sums received since that meeting.

The following bills were then approved for payment:

	£	
S. Denson – internal audit fee	100.00	
Clerk's quarterly salary	140.10	
Tax payment to HMRC	47.40	Total £287.50

These payments will leave a balance in the bank account of £5299.94.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Precept for 2014/15 had been £3060.00, which had been paid as £2,720 Precept plus a Grant of £340. Consideration was then given to the Precept for 2015/16 and it was agreed that the Parish Council should take the opportunity to increase the sum requested by the permitted 2%, i.e. the sum of approximately £3121, the percentage allowed to be verified by the Clerk before the application is made.

## 10. **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

There were no urgent decisions to report.

## 11. **COUNCILLORS' ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

## 12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Overbury Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 9 March, 2015.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed.