

Extra Ordinary Meeting of Orcop Parish Council - Minutes Wednesday 25th June 2014

Present: Cllr D Sayce, Cllr B Thomas, Cllr I Garlick, Cllr K Jones, Cllr R Watkins

In attendance: Acting Clerk - Mrs Kath Greenow, 30 Parishioners. C.SO Kevin Powell and Sargent Gareth King of West Mercia Police

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr B Davies

2. Declerations of interest and dispensation requests

Cllr K Jones declared and Disclosed Pecuniary interest on agenda item 7.2 Planning application P141559/0.

No dispensation requests received

3. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 28/05/2014

It was **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 28/05/2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Public forum

Friends of the Fountain spokesperson spoke about their desire to move forward with Community purchase of The fountain Inn, The Friends of The fountain felt that it was a great opportunity and would be an asset to the community. A member of the village all committee spoke about the long term sustainability of the village hall, at present the village hall were struggling financially, some events had been put on by the village hall committee, but these were not well attended .It was suggested that rather than borrowing a large amount of money to purchasing The Fountain Inn it would be more beneficial to the community to support the village hall events and ensure the village hall remained open as a community building .

At this point in the meeting the Chairman brought forward agenda item 7. Planning

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7.1 Planning application

Site: Malden, Garway Hill Hereford .Herefordshire HR2 8EZ

Description: Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new conservatory

Application No: P141167/FH

It was **RESOLVED:** to SUPPORT the application

7.2 Planning application

Site Land at Etna, Orcop Hill Much Dewchurch Hereford Herefordshire

Description: Outline application for 8 affordable dwellings, use of and amendment to access and provision of treatment plant

At this point in the meeting Cllr K Jones left the room

Discussion took place with regard to parishioners concerns raised in relation to the application which consisted of concerns relating to increased traffic along Lyston lane which

was narrow. The design of the housing was also of concern to parishioners and if was felt that the dwellings should be of low carbon construction.

Cllrs also raised concerns relating to road traffic issues, the number of affordable dwellings.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the application was **UNSUPPORTED** for the following reasons.

The Parish Council would like to see a mix of 4 affordable and 4 open market dwellings, concerns with regard to increase in traffic along Lyston lane Orcop.

The Parish Council requested that if the application is approved that a condition is placed on the application to provide passing places at narrow sections of the road leading up to and beyond the application site .It is considered that the housing design should be of low carbon construction and should complement the surrounding rural area and not be a carbuncle that would not complement the local characteristics of the area.

At this point in the meeting Cllr K Jones re-entered the room and re-joined the meeting.

4.1 West Mercia police report

C.S.O Kevin Powell gave a local police report on crime figures in the area. There had been one theft of a trailer in the parish, He introduced the new sergeant for the area Gareth King.

4.2 Ward Cllrs report

No ward Cllr present at the meeting

5. Fountain Inn

5.1 To consider applying to Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) for community purchase of The Fountain Inn

The Parish Council heard the views of parishioners and Friends of The Fountain regarding the possible purchase of the Fountain Inn as a community building.

Parish Councillors expressed their concerns about the future sustainability of the pub and it was therefore **RESOLVED** not to apply for permission to borrow £250,000.00 from the Public Works Loan Board to purchase the Fountain Inn as a community building.

5.2 To consider Parish Council consultation.

As the Parish Council would not be applying for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board to purchase the Fountain Inn, it was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with a parish consultation.

6. Copy Well

6.1 & 6.2 To consider setting up a working group to look into copy well issues

The clerk informed the Parish Council that she had spoken a Herefordshire Council Environmental health officer concerning the recent inspection by them on copy well .The officer had informed the clerk that the inspection had found evidence of "grey blooming effluent" in approx. 3ft of pooling water at the well head of copy well ,After dye testing the small sewage system serving 1-4 Wiles row the officer found that" it is discharging into the well head area" The officer has advised the Parish Council that it would be prudent to wait until a report has been received relating to the remedial works to the small sewage treatment plant serving 1-4 Wilkes row " .The officer advised the Clerk that as soon as she had further information on the matter she would contact the clerk.

It was **RESOLVED**: to set up a working group consisting of Cllrs Thomas, Garlick Watkins and Jones to investigate current the issues at copy and to take advice from Herefordshire Council Environmental Health and the Environment Agency on the current effluent present at Copy

well as this may be considered as contaminated waste and would possibly require a contractor to remove the waste.

6.2b The clerk reported that the oak tree at Copy Well had been inspected by a Adrian Hope tree arborist Services .The inspection report found that there were no safety issues with the tree and it was recommended that the tree should be inspected every 2 years.

8. Orcop Neighbourhood Plan

8.1 To consider seeking independent planning support from Kirkwells to progress Orcop Neighbourhood Plan

It was **RESOLVED**: to request a quote from Kirkwells to progress the neighbourhood plan

8.2 Date for Next Orcop Neighbourhood plan meeting **DEFERRED** to next Parish Council meeting

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Balance noted as £5874.33

9.2 it was **RESOLVED** to pay

D.C Gardening Services £120.00

Acting clerk re imbursement for postage £11.29

10. Training

10.1 To consider HALC training dates and book as appropriate

Halc training dates noted

11. Correspondence

11.1 Correspondence received since last meeting noted

12. To agree to amend the date of next schedule Parish Council meeting from 23/07/2014 to 16/07/2014

It was **RESOLVED**: that the next Parish council meeting will take place on 16/7/2014 at Orcop Village Hall 7.30pm

Signed.....

B Thomas Chairman Orcop Parish Council

Date.....