

# Whittington Parish Council

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## **MINUTES of the Extra Ordinary meeting of Whittington Parish Council held on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 6.30pm at St Philip & St James Parish Church Whittington.**

### **Democratic Period/ Question Time:**

Michael Brown the agent for planning application 3a (planning application for Diglis Lane Gospel Hall Trust) addressed the council and explained the application drawings and how the building would be modified. Councillors were concerned about the additional traffic and noise the Hall would create, following questions by the Council a representative from the Diglis Lane Gospel Hall Trust confirmed that the building would be exclusively used as a gospel hall he explained there would be singing with no music and off road car parking spaces would be provided.

David Chestney spoke on behalf of St Philip & St James Parish Church Whittington with regards to the pre planning application 3b (for Trustees of the Berkeley Settlement), he explained that the plans showed that there would be an additional entrance which would reduce the size of the layby which was used by visitors to Whittington Church, following questions by the Council, Mr Chestney confirmed that visitors to Whittington Church were allowed to use the Village Hall car park but he was concerned that the reduction of off road parking in the layby which is opposite the church would be detrimental.

### **Agenda 07/15**

#### **1) Attendance and Apologies -**

##### **Those Present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr S Macleod

**Councillors:** Cllr M Baker, Cllr A Guy, Cllr SBrooker, Cllr F Richards

**Officers:** Mrs C Chambers (Parish Clerk)

**Attendees:** WCC & WDC Councillor Rob Adams, representatives for agenda item 3a (planning application Diglis Lane Gospel Hall Trust). Representative for agenda item 3b (planning application Trustees of the Berkely Estate) of St Philip & St James Parish Church Whittington.

**Apologies:** Angela Cornell MRTPI behalf of Fisher German LLP (agenda item 3b)

***The Chairman informed the Council that Mr Peter Wood had resigned as Whittington Parish Councillor.***

## 2) **Declarations of Interest and Ethical Matters.**

- a To receive declarations of Personal (non prejudicial) Interests in items on this Agenda and their nature. Cllr Richards declared an interest in agenda item 3D as he is a resident of Swinesherd Village. Cllr A Guy declared an interest in agenda item 3C as the applicant was his neighbour.
- b To receive declarations of Prejudicial Interests in items on this Agenda and their nature. **None.**
- c Ethical Matters. **None.**

## 3) **New Planning Applications / Consultation**

a) Application Number: 15/01485/CU - <http://bit.ly/1Lk5qhy> - Diglis Lane Gospel Hall trust Land and Buildings at Walkers Lane, Whittington. Proposal: Change of use to gospel hall. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** (by 4-1) to approve the application, as change of use was not considered to be a new development.

b) **Pre Planning Application Consultation** Numbers W/15/01208/LB and Associated Ref: W/15/01207/PN) <http://bit.ly/1BxsLdk>. Pre planning application and listed building consent application for the conversion of a curtilage listed barn and former oast house (adjacent to Church Farm, Whittington) to residential use including the conversion of a small roadside barn to a garage and ancillary parking areas. Angela Cornell MRTPI behalf of Fisher German LLP on behalf of the Trustees of the Berkeley Settlement had written to Whittington Parish Council to seek their comments on the above applications. The applications had been withdrawn until they had completed the final bat surveys. in the meantime Fisher German LLP had sought the Councils comments before resubmission of the plans. Full documents and associated plans and surveys for the applications were available on Wychavon District Council Web Site. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that WPC provisionally support the applications, but the Council requested that more information was needed as the plans currently state there would be an additional access, this would reduce the layby which was used as a passing point for vehicles and for off road parking. Further clarification on the access and egress of the conversion should be done before resubmission of the applications.

c) Application Number: 15/01326 - <http://bit.ly/1HjCt3B> - Mr P Price, Elms Farm, Walkers Lane, Whittington, Worcester, WR5 2RE. Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuilding for accommodation for family as supplementary accommodation in support of main dwelling. It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** and that the application be approved, but concern was expressed that the conversion of existing outbuilding would be divided and sold as a separated dwelling.

**d)** Application Number : W/15/01514/OU - <http://bit.ly/1eLuuSI> - Robert Hitchins Limited - Land Rear of Hill House, Swinesherd Lane, Spetchley - Proposal: Residential development (up to 300 dwellings), including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space, and landscaping. Access from the A4440 Swinesherd Way. All matters reserved. Following debate it was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the application be refused. Following further discussion it was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that due to the size of the development WPC would request an extension on the consultation date as there were many issues that needed to be addressed. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire if it was plausible to engage a Planning Consultant to assist with a detailed response to support the objection.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Councillor S Macleod  
Chairman