

At a Meeting of Whittington Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th February 2013, at Whittington Village Hall at 19:30 Hrs.

The Clerk apologised that due to an administrative error not all Members had received a copy of the Agenda with the summons to the meeting. Despite this Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Meeting

2013.31 Attendance.

Present: M. Baker, J.E. Chamberlain, S. MacLeod, C.A. Smith, P.J. Wood.

In Attendance: P.S. Roe, Clerk.

Apologies: S.L. Brooker.

2013.32 Declarations of Interest, Dispensations, and Ethical Matters.

- a. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on this Agenda.
- b. There were no declarations of Other Disclosable Interests in items on this Agenda.
- c. Dispensations: The Clerk reported that M. Baker had requested a dispensation in respect of matters pertaining to the setting of the Council's Annual Estimates, Budget, and Precept. The dispensation was granted by the Clerk under delegated powers and was to last for four years or for the life of the present Council whichever was the less. A letter from the Minister to all LA's had since made it clear that this was never intended to constitute an "interest".
No new dispensations were sought.
- d. Ethical Matters. None

2013.33 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th February 2013 having been previously distributed were taken as read, and adopted (MB/CS) without amendment.

2013.34 Planning.

- a. New and Unresolved Planning Applications:

Application Number: W/13/00046/CU

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden

Location: Land off Church Lane, Whittington

Applicant: D. Baker, The Great Redfield Trust, 28 Berkeley Close, Whittington, Worcs. WR5 2RF

Comments: The Clerk reported that following the WPC meeting on 12th February, the misinformation contained in the application re WPC involvement had been pointed out to the Planning Authority and the Applicant. The letter had been published on the WDC website.

The Applicant had apologised for the error and explained how it arose; Members received a copy of this information. S.L. Brooker had also commented by e-mail to all Members; it was not felt that landowners in the village could be asked to suspend their plans for the sake of the Neighbourhood Plan. There had been no public response to the Clerk.

Members considered the application and had no objection to the proposal per se. They were however concerned at the possible future use of the land and asked that permitted development rights be withdrawn by a suitable planning condition, so that any permanent development in future would require Planning Permission to be sought. It was agreed (PJW/MB) that the Clerk respond to this effect.

2013.35 Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Resolved.

The Clerk reported briefly on the Whittington Parish Neighbourhood Development Forum (WPNUF), a copy of the draft minutes of which had been sent to Councillors. He commented that in the draft application for Neighbourhood Planning Authority Status the Chairman seemed to have reduced the 2½ year to completion figure picked up by some in attendance at that meeting.

2013.36 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next Meeting of the Council will be Tuesday 12th March 2013. The Clerk would not be present; J. Chamberlain had agreed to take the minutes and pass notes to the Clerk for typing up.

The Meeting closed at 19:55 hrs.