

## WHEATHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Cleobury North Village Hall Monday 27 July 2020 at 7.00pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Joe Watton Kerry Godfrey Stephen Howells Isabel Barnard Lucy Howells	Chair.
	Clerk to the Council	Derick Bromley	
	Unitary Councillor	None attended	
	Parishioners	None Attended	

### 1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Gwilym Butler and Madge Shineton.

### 2 **Pecuniary Interests**

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to declare a pecuniary interest they may have with regard to **any** item on the Agenda.

### 3 **Public Open Session**

No Parishioners attended the Meeting

### 4 **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the previous (internet) meeting 25 May 2020 were approved and sanctioned to post to our web site.

### 5 **Dispensation for Councillors re the 6 Month Rule.**

The Council gave dispensation to all Councillors not attending face to face meetings during the Covid 19 pandemic Lockdown from March 2020 to June 2020 Inclusive so they would not be in breach of the 6-month attendance rule.

### 6 **Local News**

Nothing of substance to report.

### 7 **Future Social Events**

It was suggested a sub committee be formed to plan and organise future social events

### 8 **Discussion and Vote on the control and use of the Millennium Fund**

Joe Watton has spoken to Jim Oakley former trustee of the Fund and he is agreeable the funds can be used to finance future social events.

9 **Report by Unitary Councillor(s)**

No Unitary Councillors attended the Meeting.  
Madge Shineton's Monthly Report had previously been circulated and posted to our Web Site.

10 **Discussion re the Problem with Road Closures on B4364**

The usual practice of issuing road closure notices had been suspended (by law) during the pandemic. This caused much confusion. Complaints made to Highways were not always responded to in a sympathetic or indeed polite manner.

11 **Update on Speeding Campaign**

Nothing to report and this Item will be removed from the Agenda until any issue emerges which warrants its future inclusion.

12 **Lengthsman Scheme**

Little work has been done during the current financial year. No invoices have been presented for payment. Not a very satisfactory state of affairs. Joe Watton has spoken to Anthony Harman and he is willing to carry out Lengthsman duties. Joe Watton himself will carry out minor Lengthsman tasks as and when required.

13 **Correspondence**

No correspondence was received this month.

14 **Planning**

The meeting discussed the problems of responding to Applications within the prescribed time limits given our normal bi-monthly meeting cycle. There really is no alternative to calling special meetings especially for disputed applications.

Planning Applications will, in future, be posted onto our web site as and when we are notified by the Planning Officers.

Planning application for Church Farm 20/01846/FUL, permission now granted, was discussed. Though we were out of time to respond we would have had no objection to this application.

The Following applications were considered this month

**Coveridge Field Farm-the following applications**

**Extension and alterations to Farmhouse 20/02386/FUL**

**Barn conversion for one Dwelling 20/02448/FUL**

**Proposed Barn Conversion for one dwelling and package treatment 20/02685/FUL**

**Erection of Part Single extension following demolition 20/02583/FUL**

The Meeting decided to consider all these applications collectively in one site visit to be arranged.

*Subsequently following the site visit no objections to any of these applications was raised and the Clerk instructed to notify the Planning Department accordingly.*

**Erection of building to store agricultural machinery etc The Knapp Bromdon 20/02278/FUL**

After due debate, the Meeting had no objection to this Application.

**15 Finance**

The Meeting discussed the following;

- 1) The latest Bank Statement shows a balance of £15,392.14
- 2) Accounts for y/e 31 March 2020 had been circulated,
- 3) The Exemption Certificate for Smaller Authorities 2019/20 was agreed and signed
- 4) The Governance Statement 2019/20 AGAR was agreed and signed
- 5) The Annual Accounts Statement 2019/20 AGAR was agreed and signed
- 6) The Clerks Salary/disbursements for 4 months to 31 July were agreed and authorised for payment in the sum of £284.34 net of tax.
- 7) Contribution to Farlow PC for internet etc agreed in sum of £29.14
- 8) The invoice for the Internal Audit from Marilyn Wood was agreed for Payment.

**16 Items to be put on Agenda for next Meeting**

No specific items were suggested to be added to the Agenda

**17 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting is on Monday 28 September 2020 commencing at 7.00pm in Cleobury North Village Hall.

At the conclusion of the Meeting Kerry Godfrey tendered her resignation as Councillor with immediate effect. The Clerk was instructed to inform The Electoral Officer accordingly.

She was thanked for her services rendered during her period in office.

The Meeting closed c.8.20pm