

Witham Friary Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2020, 7.30pm

Present: Hugo Brooke (Chairman) (**HB**), Colin Horstmann (**CH**), John Knowles (**JK**), Marcus Powell (**MP**), Michael Gay (**MG**), Members of the Public

Clerk: Val Barton (**VB**)

20/91 Apologies

Will Sheppard,

20/92 Disclosure of Interest

None

20/93 Minutes of the last meeting

These were signed as an accurate record of the February 2020 meeting.

***Meeting to be suspended for the Public to speak for 2 minutes on any relevant issue.
District and County Councillors may give short verbal reports on matters affecting the Parish***

- Headmistress of Upton Noble school would like to meet with the WFPC to ask for a possible donation towards the replacement of extremely outdated IT equipment. He advised that Wanstrow PC has agreed to pay 1/3 towards the new kit required. (**MG**), The Council is willing to talk to the Headmistress. MG please advise her.

20/94 Roxanne Sedgbeer

CH advised that the current website has limitations. **RS** presented ideas to the PC for the layout of the new website, £72.00 PA to host on WIX, £500 maximum to build. **CH & VB** to attend a meeting with **RS** once website is built so they can be taught to update the site as required. **JK** requested a link to be added so that pot holes etc could be reported, **RS** confirmed that a click through to MCC reporting site could be added.

20/95 Planning

Strap Lane Application NO 2019/2498/FUL. Going to Planning Board of MCC 18th March no need for WFPC to comment.

20/96 Broadband for Village Hall

Deferred to Aprils Agenda as no representative from village hall present.

20/97 Finance

20/97.1 A current financial statement was presented.

20/97.2 Accounts for payment were:

- £560.00 Jim Rosser for VAT – **Approved**
- £30.00 SALC Chairmans Training – **Approved**
- £262.84 Jim Rosser Playpatch – **Approved**
- £308.73 Clerks wages and expenses for Jan to March 2020 - **Approved**

VB advised Network Rail still not paid their bill, they have a backlog and we will have to wait.

20/98 Actions

HB recapped previous actions and updates:

HB WFPC should be represented at the Rural Pact Meetings

Length limit sign – **MG** advised a length limit has never been issued ever, to his knowledge.

20/99 Reports

20/99.1 Highways Nothing to report

20/99.2 Communications, please refer to 20.94

20/99.3 Sustainable Witham – Nothing to report

20/99.4 Nothing to report

20/99.5 Playpatch **JK** reported finished but not inspected.

20/99.6 Footpaths – **JK** advised this is ongoing

20/00 Village History Board

The village history society have requested a contribution towards a history board to be erected in the village. The cost was estimated at £1500.00, the **PC** agreed to contribute 50% of the cost.

20/01 Annual Parish Meeting

PC to obtain further information if available regarding the status of Witham Water and if available has proposed that Witham Water be the subject of the annual parish meeting.

20/02 Emergency Plan for Covid 19

The Parish council to post useful information about services and gentle advice for the village.

20/03 Other Business Referred to Clerk

Quotes for the running track around the recreation field were e mailed to me by Deborah Gibson. **PC** only saw one quote so no decision was made at this meeting.

20/04

To confirm the date of the next WFPC meeting as Thursday 9th April2020

For the attention of: Hugo Brooke, Will Sheppard, Colin Horstmann, John Knowles, Fred Nicholls, Marcus Powell, Maddy Ferrari

Mendip District Councillor for Postlebury Ward: Michael Gay