

Minutes of the Witham Friary Parish Council Meeting held at Manor Barn on Tuesday 17th August 2021

Present: Hugo Brooke (Chairman)(HB), Will Sheppard (Vice Chairman) (WS), Colin Horstmann (CH), John Knowles (JK), Marcus Powell (MP), Fred Nicholls (FN),

08/21/01 Apologies: Cllr Michael Gay,

08/21/02 Disclosure of Interest: None

08/21/03 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting on 29th June 2021 were approved as an accurate record.

08/21/03.1 Matters referred to the Chair

HB said it had been reported to him that waste was being dumped on land adjacent to Dark Lane, 200 metres south of the junction with Bindon Lane. Mendip Council had been informed and promised investigate.

HB has yet to contact the Conker Club about possibly taking the lead on the Queen's Jubilee celebrations next year.

Meeting to be suspended for the Public to speak for 2 minutes on any relevant issue.

Mrs Howard (AH) said that the water pressure at her residence tended to fall off in the evenings and asked if anyone else was having the same trouble. WS said he had not had a similar problem. AH agreed to contact WW LLP.

District and County Councilors may give short verbal reports on matters affecting the Parish.

Councilor Gay's notes on the Government's plans to create a One Somerset approach to local government are on the parish website.

08/21/04 Covid 19

MG reminded everyone to be on guard regarding Covid 19 as numbers were rising in our area due to the new variant.

05/21/05 Planning:

Proposal: Erection of an outbuilding, alterations to an existing garage with a new car port

Location: The Great West Barn, Bindon Lane, Witham Friary, Somerset

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Standen McDougal

Application

Type: Householder Application

Application

Number: 2021/0944/HSE

HB reported that the building could not be seen from the road and that there was already a building on the sight.

Unanimous approval

08/21/06 Finance

08/21/06.1 To present current financial statement

In the absence of the Clerk, HB stated that the accounts were looking very healthy and that the Cash Book was up to date. The current account stands at £10,047.40 and the deposit account at £27,200.66

08/21/07 Actions of Previous Meeting

Nothing outstanding

08/21/08 Reports

08/21/08.1 Highways (FN)

FN reported that Private Drive has been resurfaced.

08/21/08.2 Communications (CH)

NTR

08/21/08.3 Recreation Ground (WS)

NTR

08/21/08.4 Play Patch (JK)

JK reported that some maintenance had been done but that we were still waiting for the installers to repair the equipment that had been identified in the ROSPA report.

08/21/08.5 Footpaths (MP)

NTR

08/21/09 Network Rail Update

MP reported he had received a complaint about noise caused by Network Rail throughout the night of 14th August. He had discussed this with NR, who had responded with an apology but not much else. It was agreed a more robust approach was required. MP and HB to pursue.

08/21/10 Witham Water Update

The WW Sub-committee reported that after a great deal of investigation into how we might organise a CIC to run WW LLP and an exchange of emails with representatives of the Duke of Somerset's Estate, it had become apparent that it was going to be difficult to pursue this further. As well as difficulties in finding finance it appeared that the Estate was reluctant to release further information about the company and had instead offered to find a new owner for WW LLP themselves. A motion was passed to agree that would be the best course for them to take.

08/21/11 Car Park Lights

JK stated that no solution had yet been agreed and suggested that the Playing Field Committee should come up with suggestions. WS agreed to pursue this.

08/21/12 Bus Back Better

HB to attend follow up Zoom meeting on Thursday 16th September 2021

08/21/13 Location of Next Meeting

It was agreed to return to the Village Hall for the next PCM.

08/21/14 Other Business referred to the Clerk

AH expressed concern at a very large lorry travelling through the village. It was stated that this was ok if the lorry needed to deliver within the village, such as to a farm, but that AH should keep the council updated, preferably with a photograph.

08/21/15 The next WFPC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 14 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall