

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7:15pm.

Chairman Cllr Whiting.

**Present:** Cllrs Brown, Forrester, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Turner, Whiting and 10, later 12 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Frost (who is away). Also from the Clerk, who was ill, PCSO Wooster and C Cllr Knight.

Meeting was then adjourned for the open forum.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the November 2012 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Brown).

3. **Matters arising:** none.

4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No declarations or requests for dispensation were received. Councillors were already covered by a blanket dispensation to both speak and vote on the budget and setting of the precept.

5. **Planning:**

**Applications dealt with at meeting:**

- a) **20 Barnes Meadow T1 - Oak - fell,** retaining stump and young growth. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council objects to this application in accordance with the Tree Warden's opinion that the tree is sound and safe'* (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Brown).

**Applications approved or rejected by EDDC:**

- **Coachmans Cottage Woodhouse Fields** Amendments to application 10/1940/FUL for construction of front extension with dormers and alterations *Approved with conditions*
- **Hideaway Spring Head Road** Replacement two storey and single storey extension *Approved*
- **Land North West Of Yawl Hill Lane** Retention of access track for agricultural purposes *Refused*

**Other planning:** the track at Yawl Hill Lane had been refused, and the drains had been repaired.

6. **Finance:** The Chairman submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Brown). The Chairman read out the draft budget to be used to set the precept in January once the tax base figures and grant were available. This was approved, including cemetery works, with the recommendation that the precept be kept the same as this year. Locality funding submission must be made soon.

7. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** The playground will be closed because of concerns over sewage pollution. Cllr Garland to purchase padlocks and chains. Cllr Garland is to investigate the cost of fitting handrails to FP 61.

8. **Flooding WP:** a report of progress since the last meeting was made by Cllr Whiting. He read out a draft letter to Neil Parish MP, which was approved. Clerk to send off with copy correspondence. No reply had been received from KGV to the most recent letter from the WP.

9. **Reports to note.**

- i. **Finance.**

- ii. **Highway matters.** The waste tankers had made a mess of the Coach Road and a letter should be written. Yawl Hill Lane hedge overhanging haunches not trimmed.

- iii. **Playground:** Cllr Forrester to set a location for the slide ASAP so it can be installed once silt cleared. Working party on 13<sup>th</sup> to clear – 2 volunteers so far (T Sweeney, C Wiscombe).

- iv. **Affordable Housing:** Cllrs Whiting and Mason had met the contractor about colour of affordable housing but further consultation with Guinness to ensure white or cream finish was essential.

- v. **D Cllrs report.**

10. **Any other business:** Clerk on holiday from 19<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Only available for real emergencies (& cemetery)

11. The meeting was resumed *in camera* after the open forum, and Mr Gary Wellman was co-opted unanimously to fill the casual vacancy.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....

*(minutes compiled from contemporaneous notes made by Cllrs Whiting and Garland in Clerk's absence)*