

VOWCHURCH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
Michaelchurch Escley, Newton, St Margarets, Turnastone, Vowchurch

**Minutes of the Vowchurch Group Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 18th October 2018 at 7.30pm in Newton Church Room**

PRESENT – Mr P Mason (Chairman), Mr H Franklin, Mr S Cole, Mr K Hortin, Mr A Picton, Mr T Williams and Mr R Lloyd.

IN ATTENDANCE – Mrs L Cowles (Clerk).

- 1. ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Ms E May, Mr E Williams and Ward Councillor Peter Jinman.
- 2. RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**
– There were no declarations of interest or written requests for dispensation.
- 3. ADOPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING** – 20th September 2018 – The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. OPEN DISCUSSION** – No members of the public attended the meeting therefore no specific points were raised.
- 5. REPORTS**
 - 5.1 Local Police** – The local police were unable to attend the meeting.
 - 5.2 Ward Councillor** – Ward Councillor Peter Jinman was unable to attend the meeting.
 - 5.3 Lengthsman report** – Mr T Griffiths was unable to attend the meeting. His latest reports had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting via email. The Clerk had contacted the Locality Steward regarding outstanding repairs. Some have been completed and the fallen barriers have been reinstated, this job will be completed shortly. A response from the Lengthsman has been forwarded to Councillors regarding work on the gullies near the Kings Arms, Michaelchurch Escley. A request was made for the Lengthsman to clean the Vowchurch road signs on the B4348. Clerk to contact the Waterboard reporting a leak on the C1206, Slough Hill.
- 6. CLERKS UPDATE** – The latest road closure schedules had been sent to Councillors and included a road closure on the B4348 at Vowchurch bend on 8th & 9th November and the C1206 at Michaelchurch Escley Bridge on 23rd October.
A notice of Confirmation of Modification Order has been received regarding the addition of restricted byways ME38, CZ46 and DO16, addition of bridleways ME40, ME41 and CZ47 and upgrading of footpath ME9 (part) to restricted byway ME39. A copy of the Notice of Confirmation will appear in the Hereford Times on 4th October 2018.
Herefordshire Council in partnership with Keep Herefordshire Warm are highlighting the problems with fuel poverty in Herefordshire and the help currently available. Herefordshire was defined as having the third worst percentage of people living in fuel poverty in the country. Keep Herefordshire Warm offers free home energy advice and support. The Clerk has put some information on the website and leaflets are available.
The Locality Steward is looking at having the bus stop sign replaced and possibly moving it to a safer place on the B4348 at the junction with the U75402 at Vowchurch Common, where people currently stand. After researching on google earth the Locality Steward queried whether a directional sign to Michaelchurch, Craswall etc. was ever in fact at this junction. It was agreed that Councillors do not remember seeing one.
Correspondence has been received regarding oversized vehicles continuing to use the U75402 to Vowchurch Common with a suggestion of writing to the Vowchurch Community to highlight the problem. It was agreed to look at this once the new sign has been erected. As previously advised the

Council are unable to help with any enforceable restrictions and would suggest that it is the owner's responsibility to protect their own property.

7. CONSIDER PLANNING

7.1 PLANNING CONSULTATION

Site: Blackpool Barn, Whitehouse Estate, Vowchurch, Herefordshire.
Proposal: Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural building to form 2 no. dwelling houses and the erection of a new hay barn.

Application No: 183065 **Grid Ref:** 334904:235449

NO OBJECTIONS to this application but would query why if the current barn is redundant and an application has been made for this to be converted into two dwellings is there a need for the erection of a new barn?

7.2 PLANNING CONSULTATION

Site: Poston Lodge Farm, Vowchurch, Herefordshire. HR2 ORJ
Description: Development of a replacement electronic communications transmitting station (approx. 40m high).

Application No. 183369 **Grid Ref:** 336039:238010

NO OBJECTIONS

7.3 PLANNING CONSULTATION

Site: Castle Ibo Farm, Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire. HR2 ORF
Description: Proposed new vehicular access track and detached garage.

Application No: 181810 **Grid Ref:** 333579:234111

NO OBJECTIONS

7.4 Confirmation of bank balance - £11,077.78 Statement Sheet No. 125 issued 17th September 2018.

7.5 Receipts – None.

7.6 Payment to Mrs Linda Cowles for September 2018 Clerk's hours, £35.16 plus VAT for ink cartridges and £19.39 plus VAT for paper – **Payment agreed.**

7.7 Payment to Mr T Griffiths, invoice no. TGC0544 for September 2018 (1) roads account of £364.00 plus VAT – **Payment agreed.**

7.8 Payment to Vowchurch & Turnastone Memorial Hall of £125.00 for hall hire 2018 – **Payment agreed.**

7.9 Payment to Newton Church room of £75.00 for hall hire 2018 – **Payment agreed.**

7.10 Finance Working Group – The quarterly report had been distributed to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The spreadsheets, invoices and PAYE payments had been checked at the quarterly meeting and were all in order.

7.11 Budget 2019/20- The 2019/2020 budget was **approved.**

8. FOOTPATH VO53 & VO57 – At the September Parish Council meeting it was agreed that the Chairman would draft a response to the Public Rights of Way Officer and circulate to Councillors for agreement. Since the last meeting another local resident has met with the landowner to try to reach a compromise with the proposed route and for some time it was felt that an agreement had been reached. The landowner has since advised the Parish Council that their comments are now out of date as the route has been changed after recommendations from the Open Spaces Society. The Parish Council had not been aware of the new proposed route. As such the agreed response has not been sent to the Public Rights of Way Officer.

It was suggested that the Public Rights of Way Officer now makes the order for a full consultation to take place when the Parish Council and local residents can make comment. **All agreed.**

9. NOVEMBER MEETING – The Clerk confirmed that there was no longer a need to change the meeting date which would remain as Thursday 15th November.

10. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – Parish Councillor vacancies, website address and fuel poverty.

11. NOTE THE CORRESPONDENCE SHEET – The correspondence sheet was noted.

12. RAISE MATTERS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday 15th November 2018 at 7.30pm in Vowchurch & Turnastone Memorial Hall – VO53 & VO57 footpath, road sign and Vowchurch Common road.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2000

Signed.....

Dated.....

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