

WELLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre
at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd November 2011**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Action</u>
	<p>Present</p> <p>Parish Cllr's: Mr B Prince (Chairman); Mrs J Gowan (Vice); Mrs L Langford; Mr JR Makin; Mrs K Mayne; Mr G Porter and Mr D Wood.</p> <p>Also in attendance: Ward Cllr A Blackshaw; Mr C Hall (Head of the Highways Dept, Hfds Council); Mr MJ Hopkins (Parish Clerk) and 15 members of the public.</p>	
1.0	<p>To Accept Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from PC P Epton and CSO D Wall</p>	
2.0	<p>To Receive Declaration of Member's Interest</p> <p>Cllr JR Makin prejudicial re item 9 (DMS/112588/S)</p>	
3.0	<p>To Adopt Minutes of Thursday 6th October 2011</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4.0	<p>To Consider Highway Matters:</p> <p>A49 Issues</p> <p>Members of the Parish Council outlined some of the main issue with the A49:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus shelter has been replaced/repared three times after being demolished or damaged by motor vehicles (luckily with no waiting passengers involved). • No one is sure who has priority at the junction of the village road with the A49. • Along the short piece of dual carriageway, travelling south, there are four junctions with vehicles pulling off or joining the A49. Three of these junctions are 'right turns' which alone cause two immediate problems: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) they require <u>slow moving</u> vehicles to be in the right or overtaking lane in order to make the right turn to cross the opposite dual carriageway and b) the vehicles slowing down to make the right turn immediately block the path of following vehicles, whose speed is increasing up to 70mph, in order to overtake lorries etc before the dual carriageway ends. <p>A discussion took place between the Parish Council, Cllr Blackshaw and Mr Hall on other issues and possible solutions.</p> <p>Cllr A Blackshaw and Mr Clive Hall pointed out that the A49 was under the jurisdiction of the Highways Agency (HA). However they would discuss the problems and will try and influence a meeting between the HA, Cllr Blackshaw, Richard Ball and Clive Hall.</p> <p>Clive Hall stated that he would condense the requirements and proposed solutions to present to the HA. He considered that 'low costs' requirements are more likely to be accepted and implemented. One such solution could be the use of the Camera Partnership van on both the north and southbound side of the A49.</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council to send a letter to Clive Hall listing problems with suggested solutions especially low costs solutions. A further meeting, if required, to be held in early 2012</p>	All

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4.0	<p>To Consider Highway Matters cont.. Request received from Wellington School to support a 20mph speed limit during school time</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Bob Haynes, Traffic Management Adviser with the West Mercia Police Force, re implementing a 20mph speed limit. Mr Haynes suggested that all requests of this nature should be forwarded, by the school, to Herefordshire Council under the school travel plan programme. As a statutory consultee the Police will be asked by the Council to comment on any future proposals should the 20mph speed limit be considered.</p> <p>A letter containing this information has already been sent to the school.</p> <p>Resolved: The school will inform the Parish Council when a letter has been sent to Herefordshire Council and it was agreed that the Parish Council will likewise send a letter of support.</p>	CB
5.0	<p>To Receive Brief Reports:</p> <p>5.1 Herefordshire Council - Cllr Blackshaw:</p> <p>A reminder that the Wormsley Ridge LDF-Core Strategy meeting is to be held at Canon Pyon Village on Tuesday 8th November at 7pm.</p> <p>A business plan on the future of the Buttermarket is to be presented by Hereford Futures to Herefordshire Council in March 2012 with the aim of starting the works in January 2013 with completion by the October.</p> <p>A full size bronze statue of a bull is to be sited in High Town by the summer of 2012. The cost, met by a benefactor, is estimated to be £80/100k.</p> <p>Car parking charges at Queenswood are definitely not going to be introduced.</p> <p>An estimated budget of £2.5/3m has been set for the redesign of Broad Street. It will be similar to Widemarsh Street and will connect Widemarsh Street to the newly refurbished Cathedral Close. Funding is from a Central Government grant.</p> <p>5.2 Local Police Officers:</p> <p>Report provided by CSO Dean Wall:</p> <p>On the night of 23rd October 2011 several ferrets were stolen from a rear garden of a property in the Wellington area.</p> <p>Several scrap metal items were stolen from a company based in Wellington during the night of 12th October 2011.</p> <p>Resolved: Reports noted</p>	
6.0	<p>Open Time</p> <p>Member of the public asked questions on the A49 under Agenda item 4 and of the items raised by Cllr Blackshaw under Agenda item 5.1</p>	
7.0	<p>To Consider the Appointment of a New Parish Clerk</p> <p>The Recruitment Working Group presented their recommendations to the Parish Council from the interview held.</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council agreed the appointment of Mrs C Bucknell as Parish Clerk</p>	MJH
8.0	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>8.1 To Receive a Report from the RFO</p> <p>Bank balances: Treasurer's Account £155.77 (20/10/11) and Business Instant</p>	

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11.0	<p>The Village Shop cont..</p> <p>11.2 To Set a Provisional Date for a Parish Open Meeting</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed to hold the meeting on Monday 21st November 2011. Clerk had already provisionally booked the large hall with the WCA. Notices announcing the meeting to be distributed and place around the village.</p>	<p>MJH</p> <p>All</p>
12.0	<p>To Consider the Recharge for Cemetery Grass Cutting:</p> <p>Mr P Andrew, Wellington PCC, had raised the issue that whilst the cost of grass cutting has increased annually the exclusion of the costs for cutting the grass on the triangle between the church and cemetery had remained constant. It was requested to review the cost of maintaining the triangle before allocating the cost to the PCC</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed to increase the deduction of cutting the triangle in line with inflation. To be confirmed at the December meeting</p>	<p>MJH</p>
13.0	<p>To Note the Information Sheet</p> <p>Resolved: The Information sheet, which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting, was noted.</p>	
14.0	<p>To Raise Matters for Next Scheduled Meeting (No Discussion)</p> <p>Resolved: Agenda items referred from this meeting plus Electronic Planning and the Football Pavilion.</p>	
15.0	<p>To Note the Date and Time of next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>Resolved: The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1st December 2011 at 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 8.55pm</p> <p>Signed Date 1st December 2011 Chairman of Wellington Parish Council</p> <p><i>The Council passed a Resolution to exclude Members of the Public for Agenda Items 16 due to the Confidential Nature</i></p>	<p>All</p>
16.0	<p>To Discuss Financial Matters and Receive Update from Village Shopkeeper</p> <p>Resolved: Confidential minutes of this item are to be issued separately</p> <p>See separate 'Confidential Minutes'</p>	