**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT WOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM BY ZOOM**

**PRESENT**: Councillor Mrs. Lynn Mathias in the chair and Councillors Mrs. Jennifer Green, Mrs. Lynn Bryan, Mr. Keith Murphy and Mr. Christopher Wolverson. Also present were County Councillor Mrs Jo Barker and District Councillor Mrs Sarah Whalley-Hoggins. There were 3 members of the public present.

**MINUTES**: The Minutes of the meetings held on 8th September and 14th October 2020 were approved and signed.

**Matters arising**: (a) Footpaths: The Chairman agreed to contact WCC concerning repairs to the footpath going south from the crossroads.

(b) Litter pick: A litter pick on Saturday 26th September had been completed successfully.

**PLANNING**: On-going planning applications were reported as follows:

1. 20/02917/TREE: The tree work at Shepherds Close has been approved with conditions.
2. 20/02303/FUL: permission for the creation of a new dwelling at Close End, Brook Hill has been refused on grounds similar to those raised by the Parish Council.
3. 20/01740/FUL: Permission for the proposed extension at The Retreat, Todenham Road has been refused on the grounds that it would result in a harmful prominent feature within the streetscene.
4. 20/01843/FUL: The proposed first floor extension at Oakhill House, Moreton in Marsh Road has been approved.
5. 20/01491/FUL: The application for development of Wolford Woods for camping and educational purposes has been approved subject to many associated conditions.

**UPDATE ON PUB SITUATION**: Mr James van Helden gave an update on the pub situation. Meetings had been held with the District Council which had been positive and supportive of a compulsory purchase order. A further meeting is planned next month to address remaining issues to allow progress with this action.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to apply to renew the Asset of Community Value status of the pub which is due to expire on 22nd September 2021. The Chairman will respond to this effect to an enquiry she received.

**ONGOING FIRES AT FOUR SHIRES FARM:** Councillor Keith Murphy reported on his pursuit of authorities asking for action on the burning of excessive quantities of waste material at Four Shires Farm. No fires have been reported recently but given the quantity of material unburnt anyone noticing a fire in the future is asked to dial 999 and report it. This action was strongly suggested by our District Councillor SWH due to the possibility of smoke causing problems on the adjacent A44. KM raised the issue of the site being the border of the two counties (Oxford and Warwickshire) and was assured that a unit would come from wherever was the most suitable on the day.

**CORRESPONDENCE**:

(a) Funding is available for a Health and Wellbeing Centre at Shipston on Stour to complement the Doctors’ Surgery and the Hospital. Suggestions are sought for its possible functions and facilities. Further information will be available in December’s Link. A questionnaire will be distributed to the elderly in the village.

(b) Ubus. We are reminded that Ubus is still around and needs booking a week in advance.

(c) Given the difficulty of fund raising during the pandemic the church had a shortfall of funds in spite of a very profitable fish and chips night. The PCC Treasurer has requested that the Parish Council grant for churchyard maintenance be increase to £600 this year. This sum was agreed unanimously.

**FINANCE:** The balance was reported as £8109. It was noted that the precept would be discussed at the next meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Applications to a Green Shoots Community Fund have been invited.

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**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL** **MEETING:** It was noted that the date of the next meetings are Tuesday 19th January and Tuesday March 23rd.