

WINFORTON and WILLERSLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 2nd May 2013 at 7.00pm
Winforton Community Hall

PRESENT:-4 Winforton councillors

In Attendance: Mrs S Brown (Clerk)

In the Chair: Mr C Skelton

Residents: - 26

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**- None
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – 15.5.12
Agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2012/2013:** -

Neighbourhood Plan well underway –Launch event to follow the meeting
Traffic Issues – as all 3 villages continue to have traffic/highway concerns it has been decided to set up a Working Group of Councillors and residents. Mrs S Prosser to organise.

P3 Scheme – Footpath maintenance carried out. EGPC has P3 funding for 2013/14

Footpath/Restricted Byway Upgrade – traffic free route from Winforton to Woodseaves. A local resident has applied to Hereford Council to upgrade the footpath to a restricted byway with gates instead of stiles.

Flooding – a grant (70K) has been obtained by Hereford Council to carry out flood alleviation work in Eardisley. Some issues raised by residents at Willersley; no plans available yet, the Chair is aware of their concerns, they need not worry - he will keep them informed. Whitney bid was unsuccessful.

Lengthsman Scheme – still some jobs in hand - Nicholas Common and Baker’s Lane. EGPC has lengthsman funding for 2013/14

Wind Turbine Transportation – may well have decided not to use Eardisley but wait to see the outcome of the public enquiry

Notice Boards – communications with local residents. EGPC uses the 2 existing notice-boards in Winforton. Further discussion in Open meeting

Libraries – Community one set up in Eardisley. One of the most successful ones in the county.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION

Parish Precept and costs of Parish Council – following a question about the increase in the precept being above the 2% imposed on Hereford Council, Police etc.

Discussion and Clerk outlined the fixed costs of the PC. A resident willing to suggest alternative insurance companies; Clerk will look at these for 2014/15

Availability of draft minutes – could they be available on the Village website. To be an agenda item at the next PC meeting – May 20th at Eardisley Village Hall.

Baker's Lane and Church Lane – Hereford Council to put down scalplings once the drainage issues have been sorted out.
Hereford Council has no time scale to carry out this work; no immediate plan.
Pavements in Winforton – to be cleaned shortly following complaint as resident fell.
KG presented information from the Speed Indicator Device showing the reduction in the average speed of the traffic through Winforton.
Discussion about the siting of the SID – has to be a fixed distance from the speed limit sign. 30mph signs too close to the Courtlands, coming from west.
Likelihood of 'special constables' using speed guns in the near future
A letter was received from Mrs. Susan Warne as she was unable to attend the meeting. The Chairman will visit her at home to discuss matters.
Mrs. S Prosser has 'no dog fouling' signs. She will put a replacement one at the Vineyards.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm