WILLERSLEY and WINFORTON PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 20th May 20134 at 7.30pm

In Whitney-on-Wye Village Hall

PRESENT: - 3 Whitney Councillors; 5 residents

In the Chair: Mr C Skelton in attendance: Mrs S Brown (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES** FOR ABSENCE: K Goodman

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013/2014**, including:-

i) TRAFFIC – still one of the most important issues with concerns over -

Volume and speed;

Lack of footpaths and pavements

Road maintenance

Safer School parking at drop off and pick up times.

Bus service

ACTION TAKEN BY PC

Set up a Highways Working Group – currently suspended

Use of SID – moves around the 3 villages

Gateway proposals investigated

Safer Roads partnership involvement

Meetings with Haulage Association; Tarmac Ltd.; Mervyn Thomas; Tech Trucks re. residents' concerns.

ii) HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Discussions with Highways engineers.

Bruce Evans (Highways) spoke at March PC meeting

iii) BYWAYS; GREEN LANES; RESTRICTED LANES

Working to ensure byways are kept open

Supporting upgrading footpaths to restricted byways e.g. Winforton Wood which is to be restablished by HC.

Restricted byway at Spond.

iv) LENGTHSMAN

Funding continues and maintenance works undertaken when PC informed

v) MILLENNIUM GREEN - Eardisley

PC continues to give financial support

vi) FLOOD ALLEVIATION

70K allocated for Eardisley but none in Whitney though self-help has achieved a lot.

vii) COMMUNICATIONS

Use of letters and emails to Clerk. Village notice boards including virtual one.

viii) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Started in 2012 and now heading towards completion in Autumn 2014.

Consultations in 3 villages

Steering Group meets regularly

Spending within budget

A lot of support from Whitney residents

Thanks to Nancy James and Derrick Rowland for all their hard work

ix) DOCTORS SURGERY

Purchased by a local businessman; negotiations regarding repairs and lease are low key.

x) COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Continues to thrive in Eardisley supported by PC.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Concerns over the size of animal lorries travelling through Winforton.

A resident has had meeting with Road Haulage Association and Tarmac.

Question the need for the village notice-board to be locked. A resident will remove the lock. Support and thanks expressed for the virtual notice board VNB.

Planning applications are always shown on the VNB

Speeding in Winforton – enforcement is essential

The Chairman – the Parish Council is made up of private individuals doing their best and trying to give good service. There will be elections for PCs in 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm