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Minutes of the Meeting of 14 May 2013

Councillors Present	In attendance
Phil Cheeseman (PC)	9 members of the public, including 1 representative – Grant Elliot (GE) Neighbourhood Watch
Mike Fellows (MF)	
David Peckham (DP)	
Adeline Raine (AR)	
Caroline Saunders (CS)	

Minute No.	Item
196/0513	The Chair welcomed people to the meeting and opened the public session. There was some discussion about current planning applications. There was further discussion about the progress of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and the role of the Planning Policy Reference Panel (PPRP). Any actions agreed are noted against the agenda item below.
197/0513	As this meeting was the AGM of the Council, the election of the Chair was considered. DP proposed that AR continue in the role and CS seconded this proposal, which received unanimous approval.
198/0513	There were apologies for absence from MF and from representatives Jane Griffiths and Cllr Phil Awford. There were no Declarations of Interest.
199/0513	The Minutes of the meeting of the Council on 29 April 2013 were approved.
200/0513	TA number of actions carried forward from the previous Minutes and not on this agenda were reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Clerk had asked for advice re the Walnut Tree on the edge of the car park from TBC but had been advised that this service was no longer available. PC had asked a local expert to provide an opinion.The latest information about local ditches had been collated and the Clerk had sought the views of GCC which were still outstanding. Action: Clerk to chase.There was no further update on the potential breach of planning regulations which was still under investigation by TBC.The re-seeding of the Green had been partially completed.Woodpeckers – new sewer pipe installed Action: Clerk to contact the surveyor to get an opinion about any decrease in value and also to seek a map showing the route of the pipe.

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201/0513	<p>Reports from Representatives:</p> <p>GE reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a break-in along Longridge Lane • The membership drive at the APM had been successful <p>AR reported on behalf of Cllr Awford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC appeared to be cutting costs and it was expected that sandbags would no longer be freely available.
202/0513	<p>New Code of Conduct:</p> <p>The new Code of Conduct had been reviewed by Councillors and specific reference was made to Appendices A and B with regard to the declaration of financial interests. DP stated that this was about openness and transparency and that it indicated that the Councillor's spouse/partner did not need to separately declare his or her interests but that these should be included in the Councillor's own declaration.</p> <p>Action: The Clerk to chase the TBC solicitor, Sarah Freckleton, with regard a response from the DPA and to seek to understand how vulnerable the Council were in operating under the old Code of Conduct. It was agreed that a final decision would be made at the next meeting once the response from TBC had been received.</p>
203/0513	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 13/00133/FUL, 4 Sawyers Rise had been permitted by TBC. <p>There were no other planning matters.</p>
204/0513	<p>Other Planning issues:</p> <p>AR proposed that the Council adopt a set of guidelines previously circulated to Councillors, to aid future discussions and to standardise processes for future planning matters.</p> <p>Agreed: It was agreed to adopt these proposals and to review again at the APC meeting in 6 months' time, November 2013.</p> <p>CS requested that the Minutes reflect her disappointment that the actual vote on the planning application considered at April's meeting was not recorded in the letter of objection sent to TBC. For the record, the vote was recorded in the Minutes of the April meeting, together with details of the reasons why the majority of Councillors objected and the reasons why a minority supported the application, and a copy of these Minutes were sent with the letter of objection to TBC.</p>
205/0513	<p>Joint Core Strategy (JCS) proposals:</p> <p>In connection with the discussion held in the public session before the meeting, the following action was agreed.</p> <p>Action: AR to write to the Chair of the PPRP.</p>
206/0513	<p>The Planting of the Jubilee tree:</p> <p>Following the note being put in the West of Severn April edition asking for suggestions for the type of tree and proposed location, no comments had been received by APC. The following actions were agreed:</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Clerk to contact TBC to check if they had any objections ii. PC to contact Rupert Hyett for advice on the type of tree iii. Clerk to advise Chrissie Fellows, as the representative of the Jubilee Working group, of the outcome after hearing from TBC.
207/0513	<p>Play Area:</p> <p>Clerk had received and circulated the play area inspection carried out by RoSPA.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PC and DP volunteered to carry out the required maintenance. ii. CS agreed to get details regarding the baby swing.
208/0513	<p>Finance:</p>

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	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council approved the budget report for the year to date. ii. The Council agreed the financial reconciliation. iii. The Council approved the accounts for payment as submitted on the paper attached to the agenda; these included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web site domain names • Administration – Clerk • HMRC • Grass cutting • Expenses for APM • GRCC membership • Insurance • Play area inspection. <p>It was agreed that a detailed discussion of the expenditure against the 2013/2014 budget would be a main agenda item at the next meeting.</p>
209/0513	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>AR had received a request from the Memorial Hall Committee for use of The Green for a gazebo as part of a fund-raising open gardens event in June. This was approved.</p>
210/0513	<p>It was agreed that the main agenda items for the next meeting should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/2014 budget and proposed expenditure • Play area baby swing – costs and approval • Code of Conduct • JCS • Tree planting.
211/0513	<p>The date of the next meeting was to be decided after canvassing for convenient dates in view of Councillors' planned absences/holidays.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>

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