

Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00hrs on Monday 16th November 2020 under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020
The meeting was held electronically using ZOOM software.
Councillors and members of the public were advised of access arrangements in advance.

Present:

Chair, Cllr B Munt

Cllrs, Ms G Evans, Ms K L Parkinson, F Budden, P Edwards, D Steel.

County Cllr, P Tuthill, District Cllrs, Ms S Rouse, P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies, Cllr Ms M Horton.

Visitors: None

Public Time prior to the formal meeting; None

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors,
County Cllr, P Tuthill reported on the activities of the Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS, the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, the Ambulance Service and the on-going work on the Worcester Southern Bypass - and answered questions on WCC activities.
District Cllrs Ms S Rouse and P Whatley reported on the activities of the MHDC and actions during the epidemic emergency.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:35

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

The apology for absence from Cllr Ms M Horton was accepted.

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items

- a) Formal co-option to fill the vacancy on the council declared at the last meeting on 21/09/2020
The only applicant for co-option Mr M J C Bellamy joined the meeting at 19:20 made a brief personal introduction and answered member's questions. He then withdrew to the waiting room.
A proposal by the Chair that he be co-opted to the council was agreed unanimously.
Mr Bellamy rejoined the meeting, accepted to offer of co-option and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Last Meeting of the Council – 21/9/20 (circulated in advance)

Cllr F Budden objected to minute 5 (a stating that he wanted his objection set out in full in the minutes of the meeting. The clerk was asked to revise the appropriate minute and submit the revised minutes to the next meeting of the council.

3.

Financial Matters

- a) Note the following payments made by the clerk under the 'Delegated Actions' procedure since the last meeting.
29/09/20 Broadwas School Donation, Village Hall Charity Funds - £9000.00 Noted
12/10/20 R Wilks Lengthsman, Parish Lengthsman £48.00 + vat Noted
- b) Review the council's accounts for the year to end October with a view to agree a budget and precept for 2021-2 at the January meeting. (circulated in advance.)
The clerk answered questions on individual items.
- c) Consider making a contribution to Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council of £40.00 as part of the annual subscription to ZOOM (£143.88) - Agreed
The council's bank balance is £20,339.28 at 31/10/20 (Includes £13,575 Village Hall Charity)

4.

Planning Matters; None

5.

Review the state and future status of the Council's Notice Boards

The clerk had previously drawn members' attention to the state of the council's three notice boards. After a discussion it was agreed that before making any changes each board would carry a notice advising readers that it was proposed to remove the board and rely on one central board (probably at the A44 Bus Shelter) together with the council's website for conveying public information and asking for responses to this to be sent to the clerk.

6.

Distribution of charitable funds ex Village Hall sale.

a) Defibrillator at an outside site. In abeyance pending the reopening of the Talbot Hotel.

b) Further proposals for the distribution of charitable funds.

There were no proposals on these matters.

7.

Clerk to report.

Correspondence, He would continue to circulate WCC information on the state of Covid infections in the county as they become available.

Lengthsman, Clearance of the A44 Footpath as previously noted. Re-cutting of roadside drain near the Junction of rectory Lane with the Suckley Road.

Footprints future, Transition to an internet based distribution was noted. He would liaise the editor regarding council information.

He was in discussion with MHDC, Cllr S Rouse and WCC Highways on the maintenance of the roadway at Redlands Doddenham.

He would continue to press for information on the maintenance of the footbridge over the Teme.

The problem of an inaccessible stile on Footpath 500 (C) Martley to Knightsford Bridge would be raised with WCC – members offered to provide photographs of this.

8.

Items for the next meeting

Notice Boards – ref item 5 above

Precept and Budget 2021-2 3 – ref item (b) above.

9.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 18th January 2021 – Agreed.

The meeting closed at 20:20 hrs.

Minutes confirmed.....