

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council Meeting on Monday 11th July 2016.

1. PRESENT.

Councillor: S. Austin (Chairman), M. Jones, Mrs. J.Harrigan, Lady Judge, Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs.J. Campbell, P. Povey.

District Councillor H.Hamilton.

2. APOLOGIES.

Councillor J. Ward, Mrs. A. Keane.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

1. Concerns were raised about alleged drug use in the vicinity of McDonalds restaurant.
2. Chequers Lane Development – Ressurrect appeal. Resident registered strong opposition to the proposal.
3. Barrier – There was concern that travellers may gain access to the playing fields. Additional bollards to be considered at boundary of field.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Councillor Mrs Harrigan declared an interest in the item M5 Smart Motorway.

5. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th June 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. NO MATTERS ARISING.

7. POLICE REPORT.

Theft of hanging baskets from Wychbold dwelling. Garden equipment stolen from property in Upton Warren.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Land off Saxon Way, Wychbold – Proposed extension to car park.

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A resident warned conversion of grass land to hard standing would add to the accumulation of surface water and cause flooding.

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It was accepted that additional parking spaces were necessary, the potential flooding problem be brought to the attention of Wychavon.

2. 1, De Wyche Close, Wychbold – Outlined application for the construction of a detached two storey dwelling with the erection of off road parking – Objection on the grounds of over development of site and poor access.
3. 33, Impney Green, Droitwich – Single storey side extension and re-siting of boundary fence. Decision at the discretion of the planners.
4. Rectory Farm, Hanbury. Permitted development rights – Conversion of dwelling. Observation only.
5. Chequers Lane development. Land at rear of Sunnyhill House. Appeal.

PUBLIC SESSION OPENED.

Resident urged the Council to lodge their objections. The Chairman informed residents that at the previous appeal the Inspector had failed to consider Parish Council or District Council sound misgivings to the application.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED.

The Council's opposition to the application had not changed, a letter confirming previous concerns and objections be sent to the Inspectorate.

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Neighbourhood Plan may go forward. Proposed disabled parking space – School Road. Unsuitable location. District Councillor to make enquiries with Highways.

10. PROJECTS.

1. YOUTH CLUB. Investigate funding.
2. FIONA'S ORCHARD. Obtain advice on planting.
3. AMENITIES – PLAYING FIELDS – BELINGER VISION. In depth consultation planned with members of the community, questionnaire to be circulated. Football Club uneasy with proposed location of MUGA.
4. M5 SMART MOTORWAY. Noise and pollution levels were of great concern, Councillor Lady Judge was of the opinion that a meeting should be called with MP Nigel Huddleston, the Parish Council and members of the Public. Urge Highways England to provide acoustic fencing along vulnerable locations of M5.

Councillor Lady Judge tabled the following motion:-

“Dodderhill Parish Council are very concerned about the level of noise pollution in all Dodderhill and wishes actively to support parishioners in their effort to control noise pollution by ensuring Highways England install acoustic fencing and mature tree planting.”

A vote was taken – two in favour. One against, four abstentions, one personal interest.

Motion rejected.

Following the vote District Councillor Hamilton agreed to approach MP Nigel Huddleston with a view to meeting the Council.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION.

At this point a resident wished to draw attention to building work taking place at Saxon Way at unsociable hours, the developer was in breach of planning laws. District Councillor Hamilton to report to Enforcement Officer.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION.

5. BARRIER – CAR PARK COMMUNITY HALL. It was reported that on two occasions the caretaker had been called out to release unauthorised vehicles from the car park. An additional information notice to be installed. There was concern that unauthorised vehicles would gain access to the playing fields, it was therefore agreed to install a removable bollard.

11. MATTERS FOR ACTION.

1. SMART WATER PROPOSAL. Wychavon NHB had relaxed their ruling on funding, and were now prepared to support 50% of the costs.
2. WCC REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO COMMUNITY HALL CAR PARK DURING PROPOSED SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT. A Meeting arranged with WCC.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION.

3. Moles had invaded the school playing field, therefore the Parish Council gave their consent for Sports Day to be held on the public open space with access to the Community Hall toilets.

4. DEFIBRILLATOR – NHB – PROGRESS. Fund raising to continue for two remaining cases, £450 was required. A request to the Parish Council to advance the £450 with an undertaking to repay the loan. It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown to agree to the request. Carried.
All monies raised to be held by the Parish Council until required, Surplus Commemorative coins to be sold.
5. ALLOTMENT FENCING. A quotation of £2,000.00 plus VAT was accepted to fence the allotments and remove all waste.
BOUNDARY FENCE, STOKE ROAD. Arrangements to be made for the hedge to be cut back on both sides, a stock fence to be installed at a cost of £1,500 plus VAT. Proposed by Councillor Povey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown.
6. TREE PLANTING. After further research it was agreed the scheme was not feasible and did not meet the criteria.
7. COMMUNITY EVENTS – FUTURE FUNDING. It was unanimously agreed that in future requested funding for community events should be limited and detailed estimated expenditure be submitted.
8. COUNCIL VACANCIES. Three vacancies remained unfilled. The Council felt it important that all regions of the Parish were represented, therefore it was agreed to keep one seat in the hope that an appropriate candidate could be encouraged to join.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION.

It was suggested from the floor that social media could be useful to target specific areas.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION .

At present there were two applicants for consideration, agenda August meeting. With a view to co-optation at September Meeting.

9. SEPTEMBER MEETING – CHANGE DATE. Due to holiday arrangements the September Meeting will now take place on 5th September 2016.

10. FINANCE.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. Invoice to 1st Asphalt - surfacing work carried out at areas surrounding the Community Hall. Following inquiries it appeared that the company 1st Asphalt was not VAT registered therefore a cheque was raised for the net amount of £9,375. 00.

Cheques were drawn in favour of:-

Mr Croton £50.00 (Handyman). David Miles £180.00 (Lengthsman) £40.00 (Playground Inspection). Stoulton Groundcare Ltd £325.08 (Grass Cutting 5th to 21st May) £325.08. 6th to 22nd June). Tower Mint £247. 80 (Commemorative coins). BT plc £115. 80 (Internet Services). Iain Selkirk £195. 00 (Internal Audit). WDC £87. 74 (Annual playground Inspection). Bellinger Design £2,328. 00 (Vision Design Plan). Wychbold Village Hall £48.00 (Room Hire). Greener Glazing £125.00 (Replacement window). Proposed by Councillor Lady Judge, seconded by Councillor Mrs Cooke.

11. NO CORRESPONDENCE.

12. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

Fortis Housing Association be reminded that the overgrown tree at the rear of a property in School Road awaits attention.

13. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS.

New patio sets in Hall store cupboard, for what purpose?

No Further Business for Discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.