

## Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00hrs on Monday 18th January 2021.

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 K L Parkinson, M J C Bellamy, F Budden, P Edwards, D Steel.

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

Apologies, Cllrs Ms G Evans, 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 apologies for absence from Cllrs Ms G Evans and Ms M Horton were accepted.

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

2.

a) **Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 21/9/20** (circulated in advance) - Agreed

b) **Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 16/11/20** (circulated in advance) - Agreed

3.

##### **Financial Matters**

a) Note the following payments made by the clerk under the 'Delegated Actions' procedure since the last meeting.

17/11/20 R Wilks Parish Lengthsman £96.00 + vat

17/11/20 Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council - £40.00 part subscription to ZOOM

11/12/20 R Wilks Parish Lengthsman £174.00 + vat

11/01/21 R Wilks Parish Lengthsman £156.00 + vat

All Noted

b) Agree a budget and precept for 2021-2

After a discussion Cllr P Edwards proposed that the Precept be reduced to £3500 as there was no need to build the council's reserve further. On a vote this was agreed with Cllr D Steel asking for his abstention to be noted. The clerk would notify MHDC accordingly.

c) Note the council's bank balance is £19,326.57 at 11/01/22 (Inc £13,575 Village Hall Charity) - Noted

4.

##### **Planning Matters;**

Note the clerk's delegated responses to:

a) Appl. 20/01611/LB, Ankerdine Farm, Construction of small stone wall and erection of two oak uprights to allow for flood defences to be used.

*This council supports this application*

b) Appl. 20/01986/HP, Ashbed Cottage, Darbys Green, Replacement Extension.

*This council supports this application*

Both noted.

5.

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

The Clerk reported on the lack of response to the notices of discontinuation and noted that WCALC advised that a single notice board would be sufficient to meet the council's obligations under LGA 1972 s232 revised. After a discussion it was agreed to remove the three existing notice boards and install a new one at the A44 Bus Shelter.

There was concern that the Memorial Plaque to Cllr J Foot on the board by the Talbot Hotel should be preserved if at all possible. Cllrs Munt and Budden would meet on-site and review how this can be done. Cllr F Budden offered to carry out the removal and replacement work and this was accepted.

**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.

These items remain as before.

**7.**

**Consider a response to a request for help in providing a footpath along the A44**

In discussing this councillors noted a lack of detailed proposals, map, etc and no comment from Whitbourne PC. The clerk was asked to reply noting that as the A44 was classified as a trunk road the matter would have to go to the Department of transport with WCC acting as their agent. It was also noted that C Cllr A Amos who holds the Transport Portfolio at WCC would be a useful contact.

**Clerk to report.**

Correspondence, Lengthsman, Any outstanding items.

No information was available on the renovation of the Teme Footbridge. There had been no response to the filing of a complaint ref. Footpath 500C where the erosion of the river bank makes access along this path dangerous. The clerk will raise the matter with WCC Rights-of-Way Office again.

**8.**

**Items for the next meeting**

Item 6 above, Footbridge, Footpath 500C

**9.**

**Confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Agreed.**

**The meeting closed at 20:35 hrs.**

**Minutes confirmed.....**