

Knightwick and Doddenham PC Minutes

For Monday 15th January 2024 at 19:00 hrs. at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick.

Present;

Cllr M Bellamy (Chair), Cllr F Budden, Cllr M Horton, Cllr S. Mifsud

R Timney (Clerk), Cllr Barbara Jones Williams, Adrian Sunter (footpaths wardens),
Rob Wilkes (Lengthsman). Mr Rob Bonham (visitor). Apologies: County Councillor Hanks.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

Cllr Williams submitted a report about district council matters including potential for funding for community orchards and traffic management measures.

Formal meeting commenced at 19:06 hrs

1. Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

No new declarations. Apologies from Cllr G Evans

2. Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Monday 13th November 2023

(circulated in advance)

Approved

3. Financial Matters

a. Noted the following **payments** made under the delegated actions procedure;

Clerk	28/11/2023	Salary SO	£209.36
HMRC	11/12/2023	PAYE	£52.20
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Noted the following **income**.

MHDC	20/12/2023	Cllr Barbara Jones Williams – contribution to notice board costs.	£500
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Current balance at bank £15,544.36

Approved

b. Budget set for 2024 / 25 financial year @ £4487 to be the precept request.

Approved

c. Clerk to investigate an interest yielding account for some of the council reserves and the potential of raising further funding by events in the parish.

4. Planning Matters

M/23/01752/AGR. Location: **Knightswick Manor**, Suckley Road, Knightwick, Worcester,

WR6 5QE Description of Proposal: Agricultural Barn for machinery and straw storage.

Questions were asked about the height of the building, lighting at the site and the access route to the site.

Clerk to clarify.

5. Clerk's Report.

Lengthsman works. Discussion with Lengthsman, Mr Wilkes about issues around the parish and reporting routes for highways matters. Councillors and members of the public are reminded to use the site. at <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/tell-us-about-road-highway-or-travel-route-issue>

Councillors are asked to prepare a list of regular work for the lengthsman to be discussed at next meeting.

Website matters. The requirements and scope of grants may be available for website development and needs to be established. The chair offered to investigate. Cllrs to check other similar websites and see what information and format would be helpful to and welcoming for residents and incomers.

6. Footpaths. Cllrs welcomed Adrian Sunter, the Parsh Footpath Warden. Adrian reported on his work to make minor repairs, replace signage and on reporting issues to the County Council. He is working on creating a "permissive" path along the Teme as an alternative to Footpath 541 (C).

The Footpath Warden will also work with the PC to investigate circular walk routes around the parish.

7. Highways and Flooding. After another period of wet weather councillors noted several issues, including large puddles and streams flooding onto highways.

In relation to the County Council's strategic flooding review; Councillors wish to highlight that any flooding of The Talbot is a risk to this vital village asset. They are also concerned about flooding at the doctors' surgery.

No further progress made on controlling speeds across the new Teme bridge on the A44 but clerk to ask about visibility action at the A44 junction with the Martley Road.

Cllrs to look at muddy verge near the doctors' surgery.

8. New parish council notice boards. Cllrs decided to progress replacing the Talbot notice board with the welcome support of County Cllr Hanks and District Councillor Jones – Williams.

9. Items for the next meeting

- Parish walk with footpath warden in April.
- List of regular works for Lengthsman.
- The design and upkeep of a PC website.

10. Next meeting: Monday 18th March 2024

Agreed.