Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 17th January 2011 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Mr S K Munday - Chairman

Mrs G Evans

Messrs; P Edwards, F Budden, B Munt, D Kirkbright, P Walker, G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor).

Visitors: None.

Questions from members of the public: None

The formal meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

1. Members' apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

None

2. Confirm Minutes of the meeting on 15th November 2010

These had been circulated in advance. They were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

3. Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Path's Warden.

<u>District Councillor A Warburton in sending his apology for absence reported:</u>

The Parish Council meeting conflicts, sadly, with a meeting of MHD Council that both David (Hughes) and I should attend, as a priority. That meeting is about the medium term financial plan. This is our first shot at coming to terms with the significant cut in funding *(redirected taxation rather than council tax)* that MHDC will suffer. It is our clear intention that the services that impact on taxpayers will not suffer. Reductions will be made in the Council's spending and, particularly, in its management costs.

4. Financial Matters;

- a) Approve the Council's Budget and confirm the Precept for 2011-12 £4500 Agreed
- b) Approve payment R Thomas; Lengthsman's Account Dec 2009 £3692.61 Agreed
- c) Approve payment Clerk; Expenses July-Dec 2010 £35.31 Agreed
- d) Approve payment gottfire protection, Annual Service V/hall fire extinguishers £33.00 Agreed

5. Planning Matters;

- a) Respond to application no. 10/01586/HOU Conservatory 5 Darbys Green, WR6 5PX It was noted that the current application was not substantially different from the previous one which had been refused by MHDC and on appeal. The clerk would respond accordingly.
- b) Note clerk's delegated response to application 10/01430/HOU, Demolition & Rebuild The Lenches 'Since other properties in this area have been extended there is little to object to. Also this is a family contributing to the local village and economy which is to be encouraged in rural areas'.
 Noted.

6. 30mph speed limit on the B4197 through the parish.

The clerk advised that this is under consideration by WCC Highways. He was asked to press Martley Parish Council for a response to the request for support in this as part of the proposed limit was in that parish.

7. Correspondence - (Details circulated in advance)

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items:

Macmillan Support Request for support WHDC View from the Hills

WCC Response to Winter Services

MHDC Estimated costs of May 2011 elections

WCC Budget Meetings 19 Jan 2011

Royal British Legion Request for support

8. Clerk's Report

Highways etc

- a) Spoil Heap on A44 Lay-by Still in discussion with WCC Highways!! Quotations recd at WCC some action expected!!
- b) Location of Roadside Grit Bins around the parish. These are on order.
- c) Footpath on north side of A44 Teme Bridge; WCC Highways and Bridge Engineering want to put a crash-barrier along this footpath to protect the bridge parapet. I am still waiting for a definitive response.
- d) Possible Park-and-Ride hard standing by the Bus Shelter on the A44 Lengthsman's Budget spent! Possibly in 2011-?
- d) Planning Application 10/00455/FUL, Hawksnest Barn, Reconstruction of Earth Dam (Retrospective) waiting for MHDC to review

Village Hall

A new electricity supplier will reduce costs by about £25 /qtr

The clerk was asked to check with MHDC regarding work being done on a local listed property.

He asked members to note that the next meeting on 21/03/2011would be the last ordinary meeting of the current council. The election of a new council would take place on 5th May 2011.

9. Items for the next meeting

- a) Highway repairs at Brickhall Farm.
- b) Highway repairs after the recent bad weather.

10. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 21/03/2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Note – the following meeting, 16/5/2011 will be the Annual Meeting and First Meeting of the New Council.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Chairman SMday

21/3/2011