

Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00hrs on Monday 16th July 2018 at the Talbot Hotel, Knightswick.

Present;

Chair: Cllr B Munt

Cllrs: Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, Ms Linda Pearson, F Budden, P Edwards, D Steel, County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist Cllr A Warburton. G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Ms G Evans, Dist Cllr Ms S Rouse

Visitors: None

Public Time prior to the formal meeting; none

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Footpath's Warden et al.

Cllr P Tuthill briefed the council on new developments at Worcester Royal Hospital Trust, the Fire Service, the progress on the Worcester Southern Bypass and the plans for the widening of the Carrington Bridge..

Cllr A Warburton reviewed the status of local housing as set out in the SWDP and the failure of MHDC to adhere to the plans as set out in it. The clerk was asked to send members a copy of the response made by Alfrick and Lulsley Parish council to the Northern Area Planning Committee on this matter.

The formal meeting commenced at 20:00

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

The apology from Cllr Ms G Evans was accepted.

There were no declarations of interest in the agenda items.

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of the Council - 19th March 2018,

These had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that they were a true record and were signed by the chair.

3.

Financial Matters;

Note Auditor's report on the Council's Accounts 2017-8.

The clerk reported that Ms L Cotterill the council's internal auditor had confirmed the 2017-18 accounts. As the councils' income/expenditure was less than £25k he had signed the necessary exemption certificate under Section 9, Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the accounts would not be audited by an external auditor.

The clerk had published the Financial Return and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year to 31/3/2018 on the council's website.

Approve payment to LCCA Ltd - local audit - £60.00 inc vat

4.

Planning Matters;

None

5.

Highways and Footpaths

Clerk to report on

a) A44 situation -

Following a collision recently at the B4197/A44 junction the clerk was asked to find out how many incidents there had been on this stretch of road in the past three years.

The Bus Shelter would be rebuilt on 31st July.

Information on the costs of a Parking Area by the Bus Stop had been received and he was working with the Highways Engineer to complete a full proposal to put before the council.

b) Sunningdale footpath steps.

A member of WCC Footpaths and Rights-of-way office had visited the site and agreed that the steps would be repaired.

6.

Lengthsman

Clerk to report.

Summer work was in hand on keeping road signs clear and removing excessive hedgerow growth. He was asked to arrange for the lengthsman to clear the drains at the junction of Rectory Lane and the Suckley Road and remove undergrowth at the B4197/A44 junction to improve visibility along the A44.

7.

Clerk's Report,

Correspondence, Actions from the previous meeting, Items brought to the council's attention, etc
All correspondence had been circulated via email. Actions from the previous meeting had been completed. He drew members' attention to the decision of the trustees of the Village Hall Charity to dissolve the charity now that the sale of the hall had been completed. viz.

The trustees request the Parish Council to apply the proceeds of the sale to ... 'other charitable purposes or objects for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area'.

The residual funds would be kept in the council's bank account.

8.

Items for the next meeting

Ref to items 5 and 6 above.

9.

Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 17th September 2018 – confirmed.

The meeting closed at 21:00 hrs.

Minutes confirmed 17/09/2018