

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 21st March 2011 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Mr S K Munday - Chairman

Mrs G Evans

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

Apologies: P Walker, 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 meetings on 17th January 2011 and 17 February 2011

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

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

There were no reports to the meeting.

4. Financial Matters;

a) Consider supporting the Nora Parsons Day Centre – details circulated in advance.

The council agreed to make a donation of £75 towards the cost of a new dishwasher, following a rather direct request by email from Georgina Britten-Long of Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council.

Councillors considered it was inappropriate to make the payment direct to Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council having some concern as to what the VAT situation might be and instructed the clerk to make the payment directly to the NPDC.

The clerk was asked to point out that whilst the Council is always happy to consider requests for support for organisations such as the Day Centre councillors were unhappy at the rather brisk tone of Ms Long's email and the fact that they were faced with a *'fait accompli'* in this matter.

b) Approve payment - R Thomas; Lengthsman's Account - £241 – As the council's budget at WCC

Highways had been spent, A&L PC would pay for this work from the A&L budget which was underspent and would refund the amount to K&D to balance the accounts

c) Clerk to advise on HMR&C requirements for PAYE applied to council clerks.

The clerk advised that as the clerk's salary was below the PAYE threshold and as he was already paying tax under PAYE on other income there was no need for the council to register for PAYE with HMC&R.

d) Consider mailing all houses re - becoming a Parish Councillor – probable cost - £75

After a discussion it was considered that the cost/benefit of this was small and it was agreed not to go ahead with the mailing.

5. Planning Matters;

The council noted the clerk's correspondence with the owner of the Old Rectory and his rather brusque response. It was agreed no further action was necessary.

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

At the November meeting of the Council members agreed formally to request that a 30 mph speed limit be instated on the B4197 from 100m from 100m from the A44 junction through the settlement of Knightsford Bridge (often called Knightwick Village) - in the Parish of Doddenham for the full length of the road to the

parish boundary and then beyond to join the existing limit at Berrow Green in Martley Parish. The council has been pressed by a substantial number of parishioners for this action and agreed unanimously to request this.

To define this the grid references are; At the southern end of the limit- SO735559 estimated, At the northern end of the limit - SO745581 estimated

The justification for this is based on the fact that road conditions, roadway width, visibility, severity of bends and dwellings adjacent to the roadway are substantially similar to the stretch of road from Berrow Green to Martley Village which has a series of contiguous limits. The council was well aware that having a speed limit in place will not necessarily stop traffic speeding but considers that the fact a limit is there will be some deterrent.

The clerk reported that WCC Highways had reviewed the various limits along the B4197 and had agreed to impose a 40mph limit along this stretch of road.

7. Tree Cutting on Ankerdine Hill

The clerk was asked to write to WCC Highways deploring the quality of the work done, the reported un-cooperativeness of the contractors and the fact that with the removal of the hedgerow and trees below the junction to the Sunningdale Estate there was nothing to prevent vehicles from plunging over the edge of a very steep bank. It was thought that a 'crash barrier' should be installed here. There was also a need to tidy up the area.

8. Work on the A44 Teme River Bridge.

The clerk was asked to check that the 'Risk Analysis' for children using this stretch of footpath was completed and also obtain confirmation that the dimensions of the vehicle restraint system conformed to the dimensions noted by the council.

9. Correspondence

All items of correspondence requiring a response from the council had been covered by the preceding items of the agenda.

10. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on the arrangements for the various elections on May 5th and the details of the first meeting of the new council. (see below)

11. Items for the next meeting

The May Meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Council – a major part of the agenda is prescribed.

12. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

23/5/2011 - the Annual Meeting and First Meeting of the New Council.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman



23/5/2011