

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 19th March 2012 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Mr S K Munday - Chairman

Ms G Evans M Horton J Robbie

Messrs; F Budden, P Edwards, D Kirkbright, B Munt, A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), B Lee (Parish Footpaths Warden)

Visitors:

None

Questions from members of the public:

None

Prior to the meeting the two new co-opted councillors, Mrs M Horton and Ms J Robbie signed their Acceptances of Office. The chairman welcomes them both to the council.

Agenda

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

All members were present; there were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

2. Confirm the minutes of the meeting on 16/1/2012, circulated in advance.

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 Footpath's Warden.

A Warburton (District Councillor) reported on the precept from MHDC for 2012-3, the work on the SW Development Plan, consultations on this would be held later in the year, and the continuing review by MHDC on how the council should develop.

The clerk reported that he had discussed footpath matters with the footpath warden and had agreed to arrange removal of the fallen notice board and shelter by the bus shelter and if possible install the board on the rear of the bus shelter.

4. Financial Matters;

a) Approve delegated payment; Repair of Notice Board - 'Harry Stebbings' - £120 inc vat

b) Approve delegated payment: Lengthsman - £1147.20 inc vat

Both approved

c) Consider a request for support from Broadwas Bumblebees Pre-school.

No response had been received to the council's questions so this matter was closed.

d) Consider financial support for Footprints Newsletter. (2011 - £150) £150 agreed

e) Consider financial support to restore Knightwick Charity Boards.

The clerk advised that it was outside the council's remit to make such a donation, this was accepted.

5. Planning Matters

a) Note delegated response to Application No 12/00240/LBC:

Internal alterations including arched doorway, lay of new flooring and replacing two fireplaces, The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Knightwick, Worcestershire, WR6 5QF

Following concern expressed by members, the clerk had applied for an extension to the time limit for this application so that the matter could be discussed at a full council meeting. Following a review of the proposals and details supplied by two members who had visited the Old Rectory, the following response was agreed; 'The council recommends approval of the application with the proviso that the tiles in the Front Hall are replaced like-for-like if the existing tiles cannot be restored.'

6. Ankerdine Common Picnic Place

Consider proposals by Worcs. County Council regarding management of this area. It was agreed that the council could not take on the management of this area without additional funding. The clerk was asked to advise WCC accordingly.

7. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Village Hall maintenance. It was noticed that the following items needed attention/repair; leaking overflow from the water heater, missing ridge tiles, broken surround to inspection cover at side of hall, distorted guttering, external woodwork, soffit and fascia required repainting, front fence and gate required repainting.

The clerk would obtain quotations for the work for review at the next meeting.

A44 Spoil heap in lay-by. The clerk was asked to continue to demand removal of this.

Broadband project, BT had indicated that some upgrading of the exchange was imminent which should improve download speeds. There was little interest in connecting to the Martley radio system.

40 mph speed limit. WCC Highways have indicated that this would be implemented early in the next financial year.

Lengthsman's Contract 2012-3; It was agreed to continue with the present arrangements with A R Thomas.

Litter; The clerk was asked to pursue litter clearing in the parish particularly along the A44.

8. Items for the next meeting

The next meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council for which the agenda is prescribed.

9. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 21st May Agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Chairman.....