

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 21st January 2013 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Ms G Evans, M Horton,

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

Apologies: S K Munday – Chairman, J Robbie, C Smith (County Cllr.) A Warburton (District Cllr.)

Visitors: Dr Stuart Cumella, Chair of Martley PC Neighbourhood Plan Committee

In the absence of the chairman the the vice-chairman Cllr Mrs G Evans took the chair.

Dr Stuart Cumella gave the meeting a detailed review of how Martley Parish Council had developed their approach to a neighbourhood plan. He set out particular areas of interest for the general locality including the possible extension of the area of outstanding natural beauty which currently terminates just outside the Knightwick and Doddenham boundary. Following from an attempt to control the amount of new houses being built in the parish the Council had progressed from a Parish Plan towards a more comprehensive plan for a wider area. The current situation is that the Council has established a committee to investigate ways in which a neighbourhood plan can be achieved. There is an interest in attracting other parishes in the area with similar interests and this would seem to be an appropriate point at which Knightwick and Doddenham parish Council could contribute.

The Chairman thanked Dr Cumella for his interesting presentation and said that the Council would discuss this formally as an agenda item later in the meeting. The clerk was asked to convey the results of this later discussion to Dr Cumella so that he could inform Martley Parish Council of the situation.

The formal meeting began at 8:30 pm

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

The apologies from councillors SK Munday and J Robie were accepted. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

2. Confirm the minutes of the meeting on 19/11/2012, circulated in advance.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2012 were agreed as a true record & by the chairman

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

District councillor D Hughes gave the meeting a review of the situation concerning the South Worcestershire development plan and its progress towards final acceptance which was expected to be towards the end of 2013. He also outlined the progress on the recycling of domestic waste and the change to a two-weekly arrangement for recyclable materials. This would be effected by having a black-bag collection each week for non-recyclable waste and a wheelie bin for recyclables including glass, which would be emptied fortnightly. Implementation was likely to be in April or May 2013 and further information would be provided as the schedule was developed.

4. Financial Matters;

- a) To consider and decide on the Precept and Budget for 2013-14. £4725 was agreed.
- b) To consider and decide on the Application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief from 'Mr Horsebox' at Doddenham – details circulated in advance. A payment of £57.86 was agreed.
- c) To approve the annual grant to support 'Footprints' local magazine - £150 Agreed

5. Planning Matters;

Formally consider proposals on Parish Clusters as discussed prior to the meeting.

Councillors discussed the presentation by the chair of Martley neighbourhood plan committee and agreed that there could be benefits in joining a wider group to achieve improvements to local services and the environment. The clerk was asked to convey this to Dr Cumella and request that this Council are kept informed of developments.

6. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

A44 Lay-by spoil heap, the clerk reported that WCC were still not providing any information or action to resolve this problem. The council asked him to take whatever action was needed including an approach to the county council chief executive and an investigation into the use of the Freedom of Information act to obtain information and action from the county council.

Bus Shelter, the supplier of the bus shelter Hillend Sawmills had still not repaired the damage caused by local vandals. Members of the council decided that they would carry out the repair themselves and the council would cover the cost of materials etc.

Lengthsman's Funds, no more funds would be available until the start of the next 10 and shall year in April. However in conditions of snow and ice the contractor who provides lengthsman's services was able to use his contract with WCC to provide grit for selected areas. The clerk could help to arrange this.

Village Hall maintenance, . The contractor for this work would delay starting until better weather conditions prevailed

Correspondence. The clerk noted that most items of correspondence now arrived via email and he would continue to circulate these immediately to members where it was considered appropriate. He drew members' attention to the publications by N ALC, and the Society of Council Clerks which contained useful information on the financial support for burial grounds.

The clerk was asked to advise the Footpaths Warden of the poor condition of footpaths in the Sunningdale estate.

7. Items for the next meeting

Neighbourhood plans, A 44 spoil heap, footpath situation.

8. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

18th March 2013 – Agreed..

Chairman.....

18/3/2013