

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 15th July 2013 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

D Kirkbright – Chairman,
Cllrs: Ms G Evans, Messrs; F Budden, S K Munday, P Tuthill (County Cllr.), D Hughes (District Cllr.)
A Warburton (District Cllr.) G M Brewin (Clerk). Mrs J M Peters – candidate for co-option to the council.

Apologies:

Ms M Horton, P Edwards, B Munt, B Lee Footpaths Warden.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

Agenda

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

The apologies from Cllrs Ms M Horton, P Edwards, B Munt, were accepted
There were no Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

2. To Co opt a councillor to fill a Casual Vacancy previously declared (15/7/2013)

Mrs J M Peters was co-opted, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and welcomed to the council.

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

P Tuthill (County Cllr.), briefed the council on the current situation at Worcs. County Council particularly the programme of expenditure reduction and also on the discretionary funds he had at his disposal for local projects.

D Hughes (District Cllr.) reported on the progress of the South Worcs. Development Plan and changes to responsibilities for roadside parking enforcement at Malvern Hills District Council.

A Warburton (District Cllr.) gave an overview of the current ambiguities in the planning system as a result of gaps in the regulatory framework.

There was no report from the Parish Paths Warden.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting on 15/07/2013,

These were confirmed as a true record signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters;

Note Delegated Payment by clerk; British Gas (Electricity – V/Hall) £232.30. - Noted

The report of the external auditor had been received. There were no outstanding matters. The report was noted and Completion Notices would be posted on the council's Notice Boards.

6. Planning Matters;

a) Note delegated response to the following application:

Application No 13/00979/HOU Gold Hill, Doddenham, Broadwas, Worcestershire, WR6 5NZ Two storey side extension.

'This council has no objection to this application'. - Noted

b) Consider responding to the following application:

Application No 13/00713/HOU

The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Knightwick, WR6 5QF Refurbishment of pig pens for use as store rooms. Revised application. Information circulated in advance.

The council noted the revised plans included the proposals to retain the pig-pen walls but queried the lack of material specifications which it considered should be set out in detail when considering structures within the curtilage of a listed building. - The clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk had circulated his report on the MHDC Seminar 6th September. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next joint meeting with Martley Parish Council together with the details of the proposed questionnaire to be circulated throughout the two parishes.

8. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Village Hall; Commercial prospects, maintenance etc..

The Clerk had circulated his report on the possible sale of the Village Hall and its 'Change of Use'

He was asked to: Set out the council's intentions on the Council's three notice boards, contact the developer of the Old Church adjacent to the hall with a view to a possible sale and prepare an application to MHDC for a 'Change of Use' to office/light industrial use.

The builder working on external repairs/re-decoration would complete this by mid October.

Now that herbage had been cleared from the surrounds he would ensure the contractors treated the area with growth inhibiting chemicals.

In view of the high cost of electricity he was asked to investigate the installation of a private pre-pay electricity meter.

The clerk reported on the correspondence with the owner of the Old Rectory Knightwick on the matter of the Right of Way at the rear of the property.

WCC Highways had sent information regarding Highway Legislation and Winter preparations. Members were asked to consider the installation of additional Grit Bins at the council's cost and report as soon as possible.

9. Items for the next meeting The clerk was asked to investigate

- a) Possibility of speed restrictions on heavy lorries on the Suckley Road and report.
- b) Possible use of Cllr Tuthill's discretionary funds - a car park for the bus stop or improvements to the area in front of Doctors Surgery.
- c) Grit bin on Doddenham Hill. numerous requests for this from residents in the lane.

10. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Bimonthly Meeting of the Council - 18th November 2013 – agreed.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

Chairman18/11/2013