

Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 20th January 2014 in the Village Hall, Knightswick.

Present;

D Kirkbright – Chairman,
Cllrs: Ms G Evans, Ms M Horton,
Messrs; F Budden, P Edwards, G M Brewin (Clerk) P Tuthill (County Cllr.), A Warburton (District Cllr.)

Apologies:

Cllrs Ms J M Peters, S K Munday, B Munt, D Hughes (District Cllr.),

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

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

Cllr P Tuthill reported on matters to reduce expenditure by the County Council, staff reductions and reduced subsidies. He noted also the progress on the Bromsgrove Railway Station and Norton Parkway projects. Cllr A Warburton reported on the Development Control and five-year land supply problems at MHDC. There was no report for the Parish Paths Warden.

Agenda

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

The apologies for absence from Cllrs Ms J M Peters, S K Munday and B Munt were accepted. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

2. Confirm the minutes of the meeting on 18/11/2013, circulated in advance.

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

3. Financial Matters;

- a) To decide the Parish Precept 2014-15.
It was agreed to keep the precept at the same level as last year - £ 4725
- b) Pay Lengthsman's account - £966.00 inc vat. Agreed
- c) Agree a donation of £150 towards the cost of 'Footprints' community magazine. Agreed

4. Planning Matters;

None

5. Possible Sale of the Village Hall

- a) Cllr F Budden to report on consultation with MHDC Planners.
After a substantial discussion it was agreed to proceed with work to enable a Planning Application for Residential Use to be made. Cllr F Budden would use his contacts to identify possible agencies who could work on the council's behalf, Plans, Proposals, Design Statements etc and the clerk would contact these for estimates of the cost.
- b) Consider making a Pre-Application Advice Request to MHDC - Application form circulated in advance.
It was decided not to do this for the time being.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – Progress etc.

Cllrs D Kirkbright & B Munt to report
The Chairman reported on meetings with the Martley Group.
The Clerk noted that he had received only one request to be involved in the survey/questionnaire by email.
It was agreed that the 'Footprints' magazine could be used to circulate an initial announcement and with the questionnaire to follow in February. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements with the Footprints organisation.

7. Other Matters of Concern

- a) Discuss the state of maintenance of the Church in Rectory Lane and the notice board in the lych gate.
It was noted that the state and quality of the re-pointing of the Church was of a poor quality and the location of the Notice board was considered inappropriate. The clerk was asked to draw these matters to the attention of the Parochial Church Council.

b) Discuss the state of road and pavement up Ankerdine Hill

The height difference between the road surface and the pavement is too low so, when there is a lot of water flowing down the road it overflows onto the pavement. This has two effects - the pavement is being washed away and the water ends up flowing into the gardens, caused by surface dressing over the years slowly increasing the level of the road surface.

The clerk is pursuing this with WCC Highways Dept.

8. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Village Hall Maintenance,

This had been completed at a cost of £2664.00. It was agreed to pay this account as a delegated action by the clerk and formally note it at the next meeting.

Lengthsman/Drains etc.

With the work recorded in 3 (b above there were no further actions planned at present.

Grit bin on Doddenham Hill.

This was in hand, the site had been prepared and the installation of the bin expected shortly.

9. Items for the next meeting

Current agenda items above.

10. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Council - 17th March 2014 – Agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.44pm

Minutes Confirmed

.....Chairman 17/03/2014