

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 7:30pm on Monday 16th November 2015 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Chair Cllr B Munt,

Cllrs: Ms G Evans, Ms M Horton,

Messrs; F Budden, P Edwards, P Tuthill County Cllr. A Warburton Dist. Cllr.

G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Ms K L Parkinson, Dist Cllr S Rouse

Visitors - Cllr S Cumella - Martley, Knightwick and Doddenham Neighbourhood Plan committee.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

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

Cllr P Tuthill reported on WCC matters including expenditure reductions at WCC, on the development of Leigh and Bransford School and the work of the Fire and Rescue Services.

Cllr. A Warburton reported on the changes to the management structure at MHDC and the problems associated with the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

Cllr S Cumella - Martley Knightwick and Doddenham Neighbourhood Plan committee reported on forthcoming meetings and presentations on 2nd December 10am and 30th January at Martley Village Hall.

The formal meeting began at 8:10pm

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

All members were present. (There are two vacancies on the council)

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council - 7th September 2015, circulated in advance.

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

3.

Financial Matters;

a) Consider a donation to the Nora Parsons Day Centre

Following a request for financial support it was agreed to make a donation of £100.

b) Note Clerk's delegated payment, MHDC Election costs; £26.49

Noted

c) Pay Clerk's expenses July - October £118.61

Agreed

4.

Planning Matters;

Note Clerk's delegated response to 15/01367/LB - Renewal of roof coverings, repair of high level rainwater gutters and renewal of wet rot affected window frames to dormers Location The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Knightwick. 'No comment' returned

Noted

5.

Possible Sale of the Village Hall

a) Review the outcome of the Open Meeting earlier this evening and decide how to proceed.

At the Open Meeting called by the Council and the Trustees of the Village Hall Trust prior to this meeting, from an attendance of 26, 21 were in favour and 5 against the proposal the proposition that 'The Trustees of the Village Hall Charity may sell the the Village Hall, subject to the agreement of the Charity Commission.' This met the requirement of 'over three quarters of those attending were in favour of the proposition'

The council and trustees noted this decision and asked the clerk to prepare a proposal to be put to the Charity Commission.

b) Clerk to advise on discussions with estate agents re sale, document search, correspondence, etc.
The clerk advised that all the necessary legal documents had been located at Harrison, Clark, Rickerbys, solicitors at Worcester. He had held on-site discussions with three estate agents all of whom advised that the property could be sold with the current usage limitations. He would review the situation with each of them after the approval of the Charity Commission had been obtained.

**6.
Neighbourhood Plan – Progress etc.**

Refer to the report of Cllr S Cumella from Martley above.

**7.
Clerk's Report,**

Lengthsman; He was still waiting for the clearance of the footpath on the B4197; A44 to the Talbot Hotel. He would instruct the Lengthsman on a round of roadside gutter clearing in the next few days once the major leaf-fall of the Autumn had occurred.
He was asked to arrange the clearance of Rectory Lane and Highfields Lane where there were accumulations of mud in the centre of the road.

**8.
Items for the next meeting**

Sale of the Village Hall
Neighbourhood Plan
Budget and precept 2016-17

**9.
Confirm the date of the next meeting:**

Monday 18th January 2016 – confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

Minutes confirmed18/01/2016