

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00 on Monday 19th March 2018 at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick.

Present;

Chair: Cllr B Munt

Cllrs: Ms G Evans, Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, Ms Linda Pearson, F Budden, P Edwards, County Cllr P Tuthill, G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies: D Steel, Dist Cllr A Warburton.

Two parishioners and Mr M Hutchings of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

Public Time prior to the formal meeting;

The two parishioners raised in the possibility of having an organised roadside litter collection similar to the initiative of the Suckley Parish Council. There was a general discussion and it was agreed that this would be a useful project for the council to support. They were asked to correspond with the Suckley organisers and keep the clerk informed so that insurance for the participants could be arranged should the collection go forward.

Mr M Hutchings of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) briefed the council on a Housing Needs Survey which his organisation would be running in Lulsley, Broadwas, Knightwick and Doddenham as a result of a commission given to GRCC by a developer considering building houses in Broadwas. He was asked to keep the clerk informed of the details of the survey and the outcome when it is published.

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

Cllr P Tuthill briefed the council on new developments within the Fire Service and also the progress on the Worcester Southern Bypass and associated new railway bridge.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:58

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

The apology from Cllr D Steel was accepted.

There were no declarations of interest in the agenda items.

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of the Council - 15th January 2018,

These had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that they were a true record and were signed by the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting, 20/11/2018, had been corrected - ref minute 2 - 15/01/2018, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3.

Financial Matters;

a) Consider making a donation to the Nora Parsons Day Centre.

It was agreed to make a donation of £150 to this organisation.

b) Note; Clerk's delegated payment - Lengthsman, Jan 2018, £230.40 inc vat Noted

c) Approve payment - Lengthsman, Feb 2018, £144.00 inc vat Agreed

d) Consider making a donation to Longside Radio. (*Application circulated in advance*)

After a discussion it was agreed that this was not particularly relevant and could not be supported.

e) Approve payment - Lengthsman, March 2018, £100.80 inc vat Agreed

f) Approve payment - Clerk's Expenses April 17 - March 18 - £60.75 Agreed

4.

Planning Matters;

None

5.

SmartWater Project

Clerk to report. (*12 positive responses from the notice circulated in 'Footprints' to 145 properties*)

After a discussion it was agreed that a further effort should be made to engage with parishioners and the clerk was asked to repeat the offer in the next edition of 'Footprints'.

6.

Lengthsman

The clerk reported that some items could not be completed by the lengthsman and required the attention of Worcestershire county council highways. In particular the east side of the B4197 f towards the A 44 needed to be cleared of encroaching vegetation and debris. With the recent bad weather it will however take some time for the highways department to complete these works.

7.

Clerk's Report,

Correspondence, Actions from the previous meeting, Items brought to the council's attention, etc
He had held a site visit with the engineer from the highways department on what could be done to improve this area which could include boundary fence and hard parking area. The highways department engineer had proposed putting a reinforcing mesh around the exposed tree roots to avoid further damage, the location of boundary posts and the installation of hard-core over the rest of the area. He was awaiting an indication of costs so that it can be considered how to proceed.

The new regulations on the personal data protection come into force on 25 May 2018. He would advise members on how the council should proceed and include this as an item for consideration at the next meeting of the council.

He advised members and that it would be possible to close in the Village Hall charity and allocate its funds to the council to be used for similar purposes to those of the charity. A resolution on winding up the charity and allocating its funds would be put to the trustees of the charity at their annual meeting prior to the annual meeting of the parish council.

8.

Items for the next meeting

See agenda items 5 and 7 above.

9.

Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 21st May 2018 – agreed. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 19:55.

Minutes confirmed 121/05/2018