

## **Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00hrs on Monday 21st January 2019 at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick.

### **Present;**

Cllrs: Cllr Ms G Evans, Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, Ms L Pearson, F Budden, P Edwards, D Steel, County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist Cllr Ms S Rouse, G M Brewin (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Chair, Cllr B Munt , Dist Cllr A Warburton.

**Visitors:** None

Public Time prior to the formal meeting; none

In the absence of Cllr B Munt, Cllr Ms G Evans vice - chair presided.

**Reports;** County Councillor, District Councillors,  
Cllr P Tuthill briefed the council on new developments at Worcester Royal Hospital Trust, the progress on the Worcester Southern Bypass and the plans for the widening of the Carrington Bridge..  
Cllr S Rouse reported on the MHDC plans to improve homelessness with the appointment of an officer for this, the approval of the Newlands site for 800 houses, reviews of community transport and support for local food banks.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:29

### **Agenda**

1.

#### **Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.**

The apology for absence from Cllr B Munt was accepted.

2.

#### **Confirm the minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of the Council - 19 November 2018,**

These had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that they were a true record and were signed by the chair.

3.

#### **Financial Matters;**

a) Agree a Budget and Precept for the year 2019-20.

After a discussion on the possibility of disbursing some of the proceeds of the sale of the village hall via a reduced precept it was agreed to keep the precept at the current level - £5,200 and investigate other ways of using the additional funds at the next meeting.

The clerk was asked to discuss this with WCALC Exec Officer Richard Levett.

b) Approve payment - Lengthsman, Nov - Dec 2018 - £216.00 inc vat - Approved

c) Consider a request from The Lower Teme Valley Parochial Church Council for a contribution to maintaining Knightwick Chapel Churchyard. (copy circulated in advance)

After a discussion during which it was noted that a major part of the work this year was long-term it was agreed to make a donation of £300.

d) The new bank account is open. There remains the sum of £4515.27 in the HSBC account.

It is proposed that this is now transferred and the HSBC account closed. This was agreed and a cheque for the closure amount signed.

4.

#### **Planning Matters;**

Note clerk's delegated response to:

Application Number : 18/01672/FUL

Location: Knightwick And Doddenham Village Hall, Knightsford Bridge, Knightwick

Proposal: Conversion and change of use of redundant church hall to dwelling

'No Comment' returned.

This was noted.

5.

#### **Lengthsman**

The Clerk suggested that the verges on the approaches to the Teme River Footbridge be cleared and this was agreed.

**6.**

**Clerk's Report,**

The clerk reported on the outstanding matter of recovering the council's uninsured costs following the destruction of the A44 Bus Shelter from the car driver concerned.

The council has received £1392.57 from the insurers but the final cost of replacement including clearing the site of the dangerous debris left in the wake of the vehicle's trajectory is £2410.00.

The council's insurer was pursuing this on the council's behalf but members asked the clerk to obtain reasons why this was taking so long.

**7.**

**Items for the next meeting**

a) Ref item 3 (a above)

b) This will be the last meeting of the existing council. The election of the new council will be on Thursday 2nd May with the first meeting on May 20th. Nomination papers to stand for election to the new council will be available at this meeting

**8.**

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

Monday 18th March 2019 – Agreed.

The meeting closed at 20:05 hrs.

*Minutes confirmed* ..... 18/03/2019