

Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00hrs on Monday 18th November 2019 at the Talbot Hotel, Knightswick.

Present;

Chair, Cllr B Munt,

Cllrs: Ms G Evans, Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, Ms L Pearson, F Budden, P Edwards.

County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist Cllrs Ms S Rouse, P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. D Steel,

Visitors: Mr P Smith, Headteacher, Ms K Leach. Governor, Broadwas Primary School

Public Time prior to the formal meeting; Mr Smith, Headteacher, Broadwas Primary School answered councillors' questions on the Broadwas School Play Area. (See agenda 5)

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors,

County Cllr P Tuthill reported on the West Midlands ambulance Service, Improvements at the Worcestershire Hospital Trust and the restructuring of the Fire Service.

Dist Cllrs Ms S Rouse and P Whatley reported on the renovation of MHDC Council House, progress on Ecology and Bio-diversity within the District Council's area, improving the Neighbourhood Watch system and the impact of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) updating.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:50

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

The apology for absence from Cllr. D Steel, was accepted. There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of the Council - 16th September 2019,

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

3.

Financial Matters;

Approve payment - Lengthsman, October - £187.20 - agreed

4.

Planning Matters;

There were no items requiring planning responses.

Concern was expressed as to whether the building work at Knightswick Cottage conformed to the outstanding planning approvals. The clerk was asked to raise this with the MHDC Development Control office

5.

Distribution of charitable funds ex Village Hall sale.

Clerk's note circulated in advance.

a) Consider supporting the Broadwas School Play Area.

It was agreed that a sum of £9.000 would be made available to cover the groundwork cost once funds for the equipment were available.

b) Consider the proposal from Broadwas Croquet Club.

Following further proposals from the club it was agreed that it was preferable to support a permanent feature such as a new lawn and £8.000 would be allocated for this subject to a further assessment by Cllrs G Evans and F Budden.

c) Consider proposal from L Wilkes - Forest Play Area for Martley Primary School

It was agreed not to support this proposal

d) Consider proposal from L Wilkes - Extended footpath on Ankerdine Hill (B4197)

It was agreed not to support this proposal

e) Consider proposal - Defibrillator at outside site. (24 hr availability)

Further discussion would be required.

f) Welcoming lay-by at the road junction by the bridge (E Robertson)

It was agreed not to support this proposal

g) Broadwas & Cotheridge Village Hall - Extension

It was agreed not to support this proposal but a suggestion that improved kitchen facilities might be supported would be put to the Broadwas Hall Committee.

h) Future projects.

Installation of Publicly available Defibrillators. Cllr Ms K Parkinson and the clerk to investigate.

6.

Lengthsman

Clerk to report. The lengthsman had been out of action but was now catching up particularly on flood-alleviation work.

7.

Clerk's Report,

Correspondence, Actions from the previous meeting, etc

With the new proposals for the future SWDP Martley Parish Council were considering revising the Neighbourhood Plan. It was considered that there need not be a input from Knightwick and Doddenham as the SWDP proposals did not impinge on these parishes. The clerk would to advise Martley Parish Council accordingly.

A review the condition of the council's three notice boards would done at the next meeting.

8.

Items for the next meeting

See 5, 7, above.

Precept for 2020-21.

Distribution of Village Hall Charity Funds:

Proposal - consider holding half the fund for future projects and proceed to distribute the remaining half via a reduction in the precept each year.

9.

Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 20th January 2020 – Agreed.

The meeting closed at 20:55 hrs.

Minutes confirmed 20/01/2020