

Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00hrs on Monday 20th January 2020 at the Talbot Hotel, Knightswick.

Present;

Chair, Cllr B Munt,

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Ms M Horton, Ms L Pearson, D Steel,

Visitors: none

Public Time prior to the formal meeting; None

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors,

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

Dist Cllrs Ms S Rouse and P Whatley reported on progress on Ecology and Bio-diversity within the District Council's area, the impact of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) updating and possible revisions to administrative boundaries subsequent to a visit by the Boundaries Commission.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:25

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

The apologies for absence from Cllrs Ms M Horton, Ms L Pearson and D Steel, were accepted.

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of the Council - 11th November 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;

a) Agree a Budget and Precept for the year 2020-21.

It was agreed to set the Precept for 2020-21 at £5.200 The clerk to advise MHDC accordingly.

b) Note payment - Lengthsman, November - £172.80 - Noted.

c) Approve payment; Lengthsman, December - £144.00 - Agreed.

4.

Planning Matters;

None

5.

Distribution of charitable funds ex Village Hall sale.

Note current situation:

a) Broadwas School Play Area, £9,000 offered subject to complete project proposal

b) Broadwas Croquet Club, £8,000 offered subject to complete project proposal

Cllrs Evans and Budden to comment. This was still being discussed with the Club Management.

c) Nora Parsons - Outdoor sitting area - £1,000 paid.

The clerk was asked to contact the Nora parsons Day Centre and enquire if there were any further projects that could be helped.

All noted

On-going proposals;

d) Defibrillator at outside site. (24 hr availability) Formalise planning appln with Talbot Hotel.

it was agreed that the clerk should discuss this formally with the management of the Talbot Hotel and MHDC Planning Officers and proceed with a planning application if required

e) Consider proposal - Distribute half (£20,000) to the parish, in the form of a lump sum to each household or via a reduction in the precept - the mechanism to be considered.

This was rejected unanimously as having little financial impact and being difficult to manage over a necessary extended period.

- f) Forest School project at Martley, Reconsider council decision?
This was discussed at length. It was agreed to reverse the previous decision and make a grant of £4.000 to this project subject to the applicant providing a relevant bank account for the project.
- h) Consider proposal, Car parking facilities at Knightwick Chapel.
This was rejected as being an ongoing highways matter but it was agreed that the Lengthsman be instructed to remove the accumulation of mud which was causing problems.
Cllr F Budden would discuss and provide on-site guidance in this.

6.

Lengthsman

Clerk to report.

Hedge-cutting in Rectory Lane had been completed and the Lengthsman would be instructed to clear mud and debris from the lane in conjunction with the work set out at 5 (h above).

7.

Clerk's Report,

Correspondence, Actions from the previous meeting, etc

A request for financial support had been received from the Parish of the Lower Teme Valley towards the costs of maintaining the Churchyard at Knightwick Chapel.

It was agreed to meet half of these costs with a contribution of £215.

8.

Items for the next meeting

See Item 5 ongoing.

9.

Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 16th March 2020 – Agreed.

The meeting closed at 20:15 hrs.

Minutes confirmed 16/03/2020