

## **Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 15th March 2010 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

### **Present;**

Mr S K Munday - Chairman

Mrs G Evans,

Messrs; F Budden, D Kirkbright, B Munt, D Hughes (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk), B Lee (Parish Paths Warden),

**Apologies:** P Edwards, P Walker, A Warburton (District Councillor), C Smith (County Councillor), ,

**Visitors:** None

**Questions from members of the public:** None

The formal meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

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

The apologies for absence from P Edwards and P Walker were accepted.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items from members.

### **2. Confirm Minutes of the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

These had been circulated in advance. They were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

### **3. Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Path's Warden.**

C Smith - County Councillor

In sending his apology Cllr C Smith asked members to note that the financing of the Parish Lengthsman Scheme was being changed. If this caused problems within the parish he would appreciate details.

Cllr D Hughes (District Councillor) reported;

1. South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy – swjcs – the consultation period is drawing to an end and he urged those who could to visit the remaining event at Martley Village Hall on Friday 19th March. He had given evidence recently to a House of Commons Select Committee regarding the problems that are being caused by the current government-directed approach which does not take into account local situations or the need for an appropriate infrastructure to support such developments.
2. MHDC Planning website – recently revised has not been successful and is undergoing revisions. It should be back running correctly within two weeks.
3. Advice on matters relating to Listed Properties will be available on Wednesday afternoons at the MHDC – Customer Centre.
4. The new refuse collection system would commence on 5<sup>th</sup> April as planned.

Mr B Lee (Parish Paths Warden), reported that most footpaths were in reasonable condition and asked for help to identify problems. The footpath at the rear of the Old Rectory at Knightwick was raised as fence-posts have been installed on what might be the footpath surface. He would investigate together with Cllr F Budden whose property also borders this path.

### **4. Financial Matters;**

a) Approve payment - R Thomas; Lengthsman's Account Jan 2010 £72 + vat - £84.60 Agreed

b) Approve payment – npower – V-Hall Electricity £65.08 + vat - £68.33 - Agreed

c) Consider a donation to the Lower Teme Parishes to support the maintenance of Knightwick Chapel Churchyard –

After a discussion the council agreed that it would meet invoices specifically pertaining to the maintenance of the Chapel Churchyard up to a sum of £100.

### **5.Planning Matters;**

a) Respond to; 10/00158/LBC, Further Repairs etc – The Old Rectory Knightwick  
Although there was no objection to the works proposed there was some doubt that additional work was being carried out within the curtilage that was not approved.

Cllr F Budden would correspond with the clerk on this.

b) Note clerk's Delegated response to; 10/00083/LBC, Internal Works – Knightwick Church  
'No comment' returned. Noted (This application has subsequently withdrawn)

### **6. Correspondence - (Details circulated in advance)**

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items

swjcs  
Community First  
WCC  
Local Councils Direct

Programme update & consultations  
Autumn Newsletter  
Waste Core Strategy Summary  
January Newsletter

**7.Clerk's Report (Circulated in advance)**

see appendix-

He was asked to investigate the following and report at the next meeting;

Possible Park-and-Ride hard standing by the Bus Shelter on the A44

Improve the surface of the footbridge over the Teme.

Crash Barriers on the A44 River Teme Bridge

Resolution of the A44 Layby spoil heap.

**8. As trustees of the Village Hall Charity review the hall maintenance, safety etc**

The clerk advised that the necessary electrical safety work had been completed that day. There remained only the safety checks on the portable appliances – Kettle and Heaters.

**9. Items for the next meeting**

The next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May would be the Annual Meeting of the Council for which the agenda is prescribed.

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

The Annual Meeting of the Council at 20.00 approx, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting - 19.30, and the Annual Meeting - Village Hall Trustees.).

The clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting closed at 21:30hrs

Chairman.....