

## **Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

### **Present;**

Mr S K Munday - Chairman

Mrs G Evans,

Messrs; P Edwards, F Budden, D Kirkbright, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies:** B Munt, S Twinberrow, P Walker, C Smith (County Councillor).

**Visitors:** Mr G Laws – Treasurer – Lower Teme Valley Parochial Church Council.

### **Questions from members of the public:**

Mr Laws asked the council to reconsider its insistence on making a donation only towards specific expenditure on the Burial Ground at Knightwick Chapel. The Chairman explained that the council was not empowered to make general donations to religious organisations but would be happy to contribute towards the cost of maintaining the Burial Ground in good order.

### **The formal meeting commenced at 8.15pm.**

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

The apologies for absence from Cllrs B Munt, S Twinberrow, P Walker, were accepted. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items from members.

#### **2. Confirm Minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 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.**

In sending his apology Cllr C Smith reported; The whole public sector faces many challenges in the next few years. Worcestershire County Council has to identify savings of £45 million over the next three years and this may well rise after the Treasury financial statement due next month.

However it is not all doom and gloom as far as Knightwick and Doddenham is concerned. As already reported I have split my personal annual highways maintenance across my four parish councils enabling them to have extra hours from their lengthsman.

I recently received a map from County Highways showing the sites of roads in need of repair across the rural part of my division; this is part of the £15 million rural roads initiative. I have been going around the highways and byways to see if they left any out that should be on the list and I am happy to say that I was unable to find any omissions.

However I have to state that the £15 million covers rural roads across the whole county so not every bad road surface can be dealt with. You can be rest assured that I will use my best endeavours to ensure that the parish will get it's fair share of this scheme.

District Councillors D Hughes and A Warburton reported on MHDC activities and the target of reducing costs by 7½%. In addition it was the District Council's intention not to increase the level of Council Tax in the coming year. The District Council was working on the details of future development plans in the wake of the decision to scrap the swjcs and would be consulting parish councils during November on their proposals.

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

- a) Confirm the acceptance of the Auditor's Report; Noted – The clerk would post the necessary notices.
- b) Approve payment - Clement Keys, External Audit £120+vat - Agreed
- c) Approve payment - npower – V-Hall Electricity; £72.30 - Agreed
- d) Approve payment - R Thomas, Lengthsman's Acct. June – July £331+vat - Agreed
- e) Consider a request for a donation to Broadwas School -(*Last donation 1/3/09 - £100*)  
The clerk was asked to write to Broadwas School stating that the council would be happy to contribute towards the cost of the activities set out in their letter, on receipt of information showing that specific payments had been made.
- f) Consider the following proposal by Cllr F Budden and two others;

'As documentation provided by the Lower Teme Parishes Parochial Church Council is insufficient to justify a donation towards the upkeep of the Churchyard at Knightwick, resolutions 4(c) of 15th March and 4 (f) of 26th July 2010 are rescinded.' - Agreed

## 5. Planning Matters;

Note the clerk's responses under the delegation procedure;

- a) Response to application for a Conservatory at 5 Darbys Green WR6 5PX - Ref 10/00971/HOU  
Delegated Response ' This council has no comments on this application'
- b) Response to application for the erection of external wall insulation at Bungalows 1,2,4,5, Highfields WR6 5QG - Ref 10/00926/HOU by Elgar Housing Assn.  
Delegated response - ' This council has no comments on this application'

Both Noted.

## 6. Consider applying for a 30mph speed limit on the B4197 through the parish.

After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk would write to all those whose properties bordered this road to ask for their opinion on this matter.

## 7. Correspondence - (Details circulated in advance)

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items;

HSBC	Current Acc. Statement £3634.56
MHDC	Listed Buildings at Oldhouse Farm, Knightwick
MH-CAB	Annual Review
MH-AONB	Annual Report
MHDC	Performance Appendix

## 8. Clerk's Report (Circulated in advance)

The full report is attached:

- a) A44 lay-by – He would continue to press for a resolution to clearing the spoil heap and would consider obtaining an order under the Freedom of Information Act to find out what has been done to resolve this matter.
- b) Teme Bridge Crash Protection; He would continue to monitor progress and advise members if any decision on the structure was decided.
- c) Planning Applications – feed back; He would continue to work with District Councillors on this.

## 9. Items for the next meeting

- a) Clerk to report on the state of the roadway at Brickhill Farm
- b) Further information on the legal status of the lane/path behind the Old Rectory, Knightwick.
- c) Proposals to change the supplier of electricity to the Village Hall.
- d) Speed Limit through village – Results of survey.

Note projects for the Lengthsman; Sept – November;

- a) Drains at Doddenham
- b) Drain etc, Ankerdine Corner by the Talbot Hotel.
- c) Clear undergrowth from railings at the A44 - Suckley Turn.

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

Monday 15/11/10 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick, confirmed.

Note – The following meeting dates, provisionally: 17/01/2011, 21/03/2011 16/05/2011 (annual meeting of the council and the first meeting of the new council.)

The meeting closed at 21:45hrs

Chairman .....