

Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes

For Monday 18th Sept 2023 at 19:00 hrs. at the Talbot Hotel, Knightswick.

Present;

Cllr M Bellamy (Chair), Cllr G Evans, Cllr F Budden, Cllr M Horton

R Timney (Clerk)

Cllr Karen Hanks and Cllr Barbara Jones Williams

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

Cllr B Jones Williams talked through her upcoming Charity wing walk, MHDC celebration events for the Autumn and the Residents Survey.

Cllr Hanks reported on unsafe concrete in County Hall and her willingness to invest some of her Divisional Fund in the Parish. She also contributed to debates on speeding and the A44 – offering to help with information, a speed survey and perhaps introducing a 40mph stretch around the new bridge section where there are several junctions.

Formal meeting commenced at 19:18 hrs

1. Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest. No new declarations.

2. Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Monday 17th July 2023

(circulated in advance)

Approved

3. Financial Matters

a) Note the following payments made as delegated actions since the last meeting:

Payment made to	For	Date	Amount (£)
Clerk	Salary (SO)	1/8/2023	261.56
Clerk	Salary (SO)	29/8/2023	261.56
MHDC	Election expenses	1/9/2023	100.00

Approved

b) Consider using a payroll service company (PATA) for the clerks pay @ £50 initial payment and £8.40 per month thereafter.

Approved

5. Planning Matters

a) No applications received

b) To note that Martley PC have reversed their decision to create their own local plan.

This was welcomed by the PC. PC cllrs will start work on the next plan as soon as is required and invite members of the public to assist.

6. Clerk's report.

- a) No Lengthsman's timesheets have been received.
- b) Parish notice boards at the Talbot and in Doddenham are running into disrepair. Cllr G. Evans will investigate replacement options ahead of the next meeting and County Cllr K. Hanks will consider supporting the purchase of one on the notice boards.

6. Footpaths and villages tour report back.

Cllrs considered the issues arising from a walk around the footpaths in the west of the parish in August. Issues raised included styles maintenance and replacements, footpaths maintenance, access across land with livestock and old signs and the church cemetery mowing.

7. Policing matters and priorities.

Cllrs considered priorities for local policing to be:

- a) speeding traffic along the A44. County Cllr Hanks offered to liaise with County highways and local police to get a speed survey done and information gathered ahead of considering a request for a 40mph speed restriction from the butchers turning to past the Talbot turning.
- b) Shed and heating oil thefts

The concerns will be passed on to the local policing team.

8. Recruitment of new councillors

An article is to appear in the FOOTPRINTS newsletter seeking new councillors and notices have been put up on notice boards.

The Chairman and other councillors are making personal approaches to others to join the PC.

The PC will develop a welcoming letter to new residents introducing the PC.

9. Items for the next meeting

- a) Notice boards
- b) Speeding on the A44
- c) Another footpath walk for the clerk and cllrs.

10. Confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 13th November 2023

Signed