

Meeting of the Knightwick and Doddenham PC

16th Sept 2024 19:00 hrs. at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick

Minutes

Present;

Cllr M Bellamy (Chair), Cllr F Budden, Cllr M Horton, Cllr G Evans, Cllr R Bonham, Cllr S. Mifsud, R Timney (Clerk), District Cllr Barbara Jones Williams, County Cllr Karen Hanks

Cllr Jones Williams spoke about the new government's emerging planning policies and targets. These will present renewed challenges locally to meet housing targets.

Cllr Hanks reported opportunities for the PC to talk to a telecoms mast provider (Atlas Tower Group) looking for new sites in Worcestershire to cover deadspots. Cllrs will consider a meeting along with Alfrick PC. Cllr Hanks also contributed to matters on highways works.

Formal meeting commenced at 19:07 hrs

1. Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

Apologies from Path Warden A. Sunter, No new declarations of interest.

2. Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Monday 15th July 2024

(circulated in advance)

Approved

3. Financial Matters

Payments and income since 10th July to 16th September 2024.

Expenditure

Date	To whom	For what	Amount
12 July 2024	Carolyn Baker	Payroll	45.00
12 July 2024	Duffy Regan	Int Audit	60.00
12 July 2024	Worcs CALC	Professional membership	265.56
22 July 2024	HMRC	PAYE	56.40
22 July 2024	R Wilks	Lengthsman May, June	198.00
28 July 2024	RT	Clerk salary	225.12
28 Aug 2024	RT	Clerk salary	225.12
11 Sept 2024	HMRC	PAYE	56.40

Income.

Date	From whom	For what	Amount
19 July 2024	HMRC	VAT refund	208.00
23 July 2024	WCC	Lengthsman/Admin	225.00

Balances remaining

£ 5,439.77 in Treasurers Account - **£ 9,029.03** in Instant Access Business Account.

Representing a prudent reserve for cover as follows:

Cost of Elections	£2000
Legal Costs Contingency	£5000
Emergency Maintenance	£1000
New projects fund	£1000

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For approval

Caroline Baker – Payroll services Jun – Aug	£37.50
HMRC – PAYE	£56.40
R Wilks – Lengthsman – July, Aug	£180 inc vat ... pay when WCC comes in.

Signatories to the Lloyds accounts now are: R. Timney, Cllr M. Bellamy, Cllr F. Budden

4. Planning Matters. No applications were pending.

Consultation on the Revision of the Neighbourhood Plan is underway. Spanning 9th September to 21st October.

There are notices on the Parish Council website and guidance will be put on Parish notice boards.

There will be an open consultation meeting at Martley Village Hall. 21st September 10.30 – 12.00.

5. Clerk's report.

- a) An enquiry had been received about placing a bus shelter on the A44 towards Bromyard. Cllrs will investigate if a bus shelter might be placed in the layby opposite the Ankerdine Hill turning.
- b) A44 / Easinghope Lane blocked gulleys reported to County Highways Department.
- c) Broadwas and Cotheridge PC asked for permission to place a litter bin in a layby on the A44 next to Broadwas. **Approved**
- d) The PC will look into placing a litter bin in the other A44 laybys in the parish.
- e) Broadwas and Cotheridge PC asked if the PC would join with calls for a traffic management plan for the A44. The PC agreed as there were ongoing concerns about poor junctions, speeding and over grown hedges and trees along the road.
- f) The Lengthsman has undertaken works across the Parish but there are still gaps – particularly in relation to strimming at junctions and clearing vegetation.
- g) The PC will take up the opportunity to work with the Severn Rivers Trust on water testing. This will provide a coordinated and professional testing opportunity to monitor the River Teme's water quality. The Chairman volunteered to carry out water testing when training and equipment is provided.

6. Footpaths. Footpath Warden submitted a note saying he will create a couple of short walks in the Parish for display in the notice board at the Talbot and within the hotel itself.

7. Highways and Flooding. The PC will make contact with the County Council's Highways Department about the management of the brook along Easinghope Lane – hoping to reduce flooding along the lane and the subsequent impact on flooding of the A44.

The PC will report overgrown trees and hedges on the A44 towards Broadwas.

8. Items for the next meeting.

River water testing
Bus shelter A44 towards Bromyard
Litter bins on A44 laybys.
Recycling points in the Parish
Mobile Mast meeting report
Neighbourhood Plan Consultation meeting.

9. Confirm the date of the next meeting: 18th November 2024 at the Talbot **Approved**

Meeting closed at 20.40