

# Meeting of the Knightwick and Doddenham PC

## 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 19:00 hrs. at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick

# Minutes

**Present;**

Cllr M Bellamy (Chair), Cllr F Budden, Cllr M Horton, Cllr R Bonham, Cllr S. Mifsud, Cllr A. Draper  
R Timney (Clerk), District Cllr Barbara Jones Williams, Path Warden A. Sunter

**Cllr Jones Williams** spoke about a quiet period at MHDC as new leadership group is established. She also raised the potential for a grant towards Community Orchards.

### Formal meeting commenced at 19:04 hrs

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

Apologies from Cllr G Evans, County Cllr Karen Hanks, No new declarations of interest.

**2. Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Approved**

**3. Financial Matters      Financial Report Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 to 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024**  
**Expenditure**

Date	To whom	For what	Amount
23/09/2024	HMRC	PAYE	56.40
23/09/2024	CAROLYN BAKER	Payroll	37.50
30/9/2024	Richard Timney	Clerk salary	225.32
2/10/2024	R A WILKS	Lengthsman	108.00
28/10/2024	Richard Timney	Clerk salary	225.32

**Income.**

Date	From whom	For what	Amount
9/10/2024	Lloyds	Interest	7.42
11/11/2024	Lloyds	Interest	8.17
24/9/2024	WCC	LM	120.00
9/10/2024	MHDC	Precept	2243.50
15/10/2024	WCC	LM	90.00

**Balances remaining**

£ 7240.73 in Treasurers Account

£ 9044.62 in Instant Access Business Account.

Representing a prudent reserve for cover as follows:

<b>Cost of Elections</b>	<b>£2000</b>
<b>Legal Costs Contingency</b>	<b>£5000</b>
<b>Emergency Maintenance</b>	<b>£1000</b>
<b>New projects fund</b>	<b>£1000</b>

**Approved**

**4. Planning Matters. No applications were pending.**

Consultation on the Revision of the Neighbourhood Plan is complete. These included an open meeting in Martley and display boards in the Talbot. The responses are being put into the new document (as appropriate) ahead of formal submission in the coming weeks.

## 5. Clerk's report.

- a) Biodiversity Survey. A short survey was received from the County Council about biodiversity on the road verges through the parish. Cllrs resolved to support more work for biodiversity of the verges in the parish but wishing to highlight the concerns they and some residents have for the presence of ragwort amongst the grasses. Their view is that this should be controlled and removed from verges and then all other measures to support biodiversity would be supported.
- b) The lengthsman's performance has been patchy with cllrs worried that the path leading to the bridge has still not been cleared and overgrowth at road junctions. The Clerk has agreed to meet with the lengthsman to discuss a solution and future necessary work.
- c) The Clerk reported on a meeting in Alfrick about a potential phone / broadband mast to improve coverage of Alfrick. It became clear in the meeting that Knightwick and Doddenham would not be included in this project.
- d) The Clerk will be looking into the potential for a new glass recycling skip to be placed in the parish. This is useful because glass cannot be recycled through council collections with bin bags which are used for properties in a few of our narrower lanes.

## 6. Footpaths.

- a) Footpath Warden reported that he will be producing hand drawn maps for short walks around the Parish for display in the notice board at the Talbot and within the hotel itself.
- b) Cllrs reported that the footpath along the A44 from the butchers to the turning for Ankerdine Hill was being completely lost and forcing people to walk on the very fast road very close to heavy lorries. Clerk will report to County Council.

## 7. Highways and Flooding.

- a) **River Pollution and Monitoring.** The Chair is signing up with the Severn Rivers Trust to become part of their water testing team serving the River Teme.
- b) **Litter bins in laybys.** MHDC say they will empty any litter bin in the Parish on a weekly basis but that it is for the parish council to provide the bin. Cllr Mifsud will bring forward a choice for a bin to be purchased by the PC to the next meeting.
- c) **Bus shelter in layby on the A44 at the Ankerdine Hill turning, towards Bromyard.** Cllrs considered the potential for such a shelter and the estimated cost of some £5000 plus. Clarification will be sought from the County Council, Highways Department if this is possible before consideration is given to the proposal.

## 8. Items for the next meeting.

Bus shelter A44 towards Bromyard  
Litter bins on A44 laybys.  
Recycling points in the Parish  
Moving the Easinghope Lane Parish Notice Board.  
Council website  
Lengthsman's duties  
Budget setting for 2025/26

9. Confirm the date of the next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Talbot

Approved

Meeting closed at 20.24

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