

Meeting of the Knightwick and Doddenham PC

20th Jan 2025 19:00 hrs. at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick

Minutes

Present;

Cllr M Bellamy (Chair), Cllr F Budden, Cllr M Horton, Cllr R Bonham, Cllr G Evans
R Timney (Clerk), District Cllr Barbara Jones Williams,

Cllr Jones Williams spoke about a quiet period at MHDC as new local government announcements are awaited, including planning changes and the establishment of more unitary councils.

Formal meeting commenced at 19:00 hrs

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

Apologies from Cllr S. Mifsud, Cllr A. Draper, County Cllr Karen Hanks, Path Warden A. Sunter,
No new declarations of interest.

2. Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Monday 18th Nov

Approved

3. Financial Matters

a) Financial Report K and D PC Since 18th Nov 2024 to 6th Jan 2025

Expenditure

To whom	Date	For what	Amount
HMRC	25/11/2024	PAYE	56.20
RT	28/11/2024	Clerk salary	225.32
RT	30/12/2024	Clerk salary	225.32
HMRC	03/01/2025	PAYE	56.40
Worcs CALC	03/01/2025	AGAR training	42.00
R A WILKS	05/01/2025	LM aug	72.00

Income.

Date	From whom	For what	Amount
9/12/2024	Lloyds	Interest	6.94

Balances remaining

£ 6563.49 in Treasurers Account

£ 9051.56 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

b) Parish Clerks salary increase (63p/hr)

Approved

c) The PC considered setting a budget of £5454 for 2025/26

Approved

4. Planning Matters. No applications were pending.

Consultation on the Revision of the Neighbourhood Plan is complete. The PC considered the final version of the proposal submitted to MHDC.

Approved

5. Clerk's report.

- a) The PC requested that the Clerk place an advert for Lengthsman works in the Parish for the next three years reviewed after a year

6. Footpaths.

- a) The Footpath Warden was unable to attend and will update the PC on the development of walking routes around the parish at the next meeting and hopefully when the paths are dryer and more passable.

7. Highways and Flooding.

- a) **River Pollution and Monitoring.** The Chair has signed up with the Severn Rivers Trust to become part of their water testing team serving the River Teme. He is waiting for allocation to the Teme team.
- b) **Litter bins in laybys.** County Cllr Hanks has offered to support a bin being purchased for the layby on the A44 opposite the Ankerdine Hill junction. Councillors considered the purchase of a Glasdon Jubilee Bin for £415 plus VAT. **Approved**
- c) **Bus shelter in layby on the A44 at the Ankerdine Hill turning, towards Bromyard.** Cllrs considered the difficulties in using the layby as a bus stop given the use of the spot by lorries and other vehicles. They proposed no further action for now. **Approved**

8. Communications

- a) **Website.** The PC heard that no notice had been given about the future of the current web hosting service provided by the County Council. The PC will look at Cropthorne PC's website and consider its arrangements and keep matters under review. **Approved**

- 9. **Recycling points in the Parish.** The Clerk was asked to see if a cardboard recycling skip could be placed at the Talbot.

10. Items for the next meeting.

- a) The PC asked if reports from visiting Councillors could be submitted earlier.
- b) Fibre broadband coverage in the Parish
- c) Consideration of who moves blockages in rivers.

- 9. **Confirm the date of the next meeting: 17th March 2025 at the Talbot**

Approved

Meeting closed at 20.23

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