

Meeting of the Knightwick and Doddenham PC

17th March 2025 19:00 hrs. at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick

Minutes

Present;

Cllr M Bellamy (Chair), Cllr M Horton, Cllr R Bonham, Cllr G Evans
R Timney (Clerk), District Cllr Barbara Jones Williams, Path Warden A. Sunter,

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. Cllr Jones Williams also said that there would be a new community funding package from MHDC to be announced soon.

Formal meeting commenced at 19:00 hrs

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

Apologies from Cllr S. Mifsud, Cllr A. Draper, Cllr F Budden, County Cllr Karen Hanks,
No new declarations of interest.

2. Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Monday 20th Jan 2025 Approved

3. Financial Matters

a) Financial Report K and D PC Since 6th Jan 2025 to 17th March 2025

Expenditure

To whom	Date	For what	Amount
RT	28/1/2025	Clerk salary	225.32
R A Wilks	7/2/2025	LM	306.00
HMRC	07/2/2025	PAYE	56.40
Carolyn Baker	13/2/2025	Payroll to Oct	37.50
Carolyn Baker	13/2/2025	Payroll to Jan	37.50
RT	28/2/2025	Clerk salary	225.32

Income.

Date	From whom	For what	Amount
9/1/2025	Lloyds	Interest	7.69
9/2/2025	Lloyds	Interest	7.94
9/3/2025	Lloyds	Interest	6.96
4/2/2025	WCC	LM Oct Nov	300.00
17/3/2025	WCC K Hanks	Bin	500.00

Approved

Balances remaining

£ 6,475.45 in Treasurers Account

£ 9,074.15 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) The use of Duffy Regan as our independent examiner of accounts. Approved

c) Clerk's expenses for 2024 – 25 @ £16/month Approved

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4. Planning Matters.

a) No applications were pending.

b) The Chair and Martley PC have discussed local government and planning reforms and have been reassured that Neighbourhood Plans are still relevant and provide a good way for local people to influence development plans in their area.

NOTED

5. Clerk's report.

a) The PC received an enquiry about the Lengthsman's role from a Suckley resident and from the existing LM. Resolved to continue with the existing LM for now and encourage the Suckley resident to undertake the appropriate training.

b) Talbot notice board. The PC received a note from the daughter of former local Councillor, Cllr Foot. The old notice board at the Talbot was dedicated to Cllr Foot and his daughter was seeking the continuation of the dedication. Councillors considered placing a new dedication plate on the current notice board.

Approved

6. Footpaths.

a) The Footpath Warden presented maps of two circular walks from the Talbot for residents and visitors to use. The completed maps will be displayed in the Parish Notice Boards and in the Talbot. The Footpath Warden pointed out that some of the walks were very boggy at the present time but he would complete his signage and repair works on them shortly.

7. Highways and Flooding.

a) **River Pollution and Monitoring.** The Chair has been trained and equipped by the Severn Rivers Trust and is now part of their water testing team serving the River Teme. The monitoring is coordinated across the river system – allowing robust data to be collected and examined about the health of the local rivers for a number of features.

NOTED

b) **Litter bins in laybys.** County Cllr Hanks has secured £500 to support a bin being purchased for the layby on the A44 opposite the Ankerdine Hill junction.

NOTED

c) **Bollards** on the main A44 are filthy and invisible to traffic.

NOTED

d) **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. Report on clearance of debris from rivers.

The Clerk reported that it is the responsibility of the riparian owner to clear debris and that this responsibility was enforced by the Environment Agency. who may take action to remove debris and charge the riparian owner for the work.

NOTED

9. **Fibre broadband services in the Parish.** No further news at this time.

10. Items for the next meeting.

a) Consideration of Lengthsman role and responsibilities

b) Potential for further Health and Wellbeing support for local residents from the PC.

c) The possibility of a cardboard recycling skip being placed for local residents.

d) The election of a new Chair as Cllr Bellamy is stepping down.

9. Confirm the date of the next meeting, The PC annual meeting:

19th May 2025 at the Talbot

Approved

Meeting closed at 20.25

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