

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 16th January 2012 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Mr S K Munday - Chairman

Mrs G Evans

Messrs; F Budden, P Edwards, D Kirkbright, B Munt, G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor),

Visitors:

Ms J Robbie, Mrs M Horton, Mrs E Robertson, - candidates for co-option to fill two vacancies.

Mr J Nicklin, Mr R Jackman – Martley Broadband.

Questions from members of the public:

None

Prior to the meeting Messrs Nicklin and Jackman gave a presentation on the Martley Broadband project. The clerk would circulate this information to identify interest in joining or developing a similar scheme.

The formal meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

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

All members were present. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

2. Fill two vacancies on the council by co-option.

The three candidates gave brief introductions and answered questions from councillors.

The chairman said that the members would vote as to whom should be co-opted at the end of the agenda items. (Subsequently Ms J Robbie and Mrs M Horton were co-opted)

3. Confirm the minutes of the meeting on 21/11/2011

These had been circulated in advance. They were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Footpath's Warden.

In sending his apology for absence Cllr Warburton reported;

I regret that, at short notice, I have to attend a University committee meeting so will be unable to attend. I believe that there are some MHDC matters upon which I have already reported.

The consultation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan has now been completed and the feedback is being analysed. The reduction in the senior management structure proceeds, one head of service having left and another to leave soon. There is to be a strategic review of MHDC's activities which will commence on 4th March, with an open day for all councillors. The point is that we determine, over the next six months, what shape the Council should take by the next election in 2015.

Our initial discussions will be about where we should apply more emphasis/resource and, equally, where less.

Two areas are, I believe, sacrosanct, in respect of any possible outsourcing, being refuse collection and planning/development control. I do not believe that we should even countenance giving up any control over those, but how we do it is to be reviewed.

Everything else is up for discussion and if Parish Council members wish to raise anything with me all comments would be most gratefully received.

5. Financial Matters;

a) Confirm the precept for 2012-13 of £4500, (as previous year) Confirmed

b) Approve payment: Clerk – Half-yr expenses - £51.53 Agreed

c) Consider a request for support from Broadwas Bumblebees Pre-school.
The clerk was asked to find out more details before the council could consider this.

6. Planning Matters;

a) Note the clerk's delegated response to Planning Applications –
11/01588/LBC and 11/01586/FUL. Change of use, St Mary's Church Knightwick

'This council objects to this application. This building was originally constructed at the expense of a local landowner to provide a place of worship for the local community and if it is not needed as a place of worship it should be applied to local community use and not for private profit. This council continues to believe that it is the duty of the Diocese of Worcester to pursue the use of this building for community purposes, for which an offer has been made, and it has made this point directly to the Diocesan Officers concerned.'

8. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Village Hall maintenance, this work was in hand and would be completed shortly.
A44 Barriers on Teme Bridge, WCC Highways have responded that the barriers have been checked and are in accordance with the relevant regulations
Spoil heap in lay-by, WCC Highways report that an alternative location for the spoil heap has yet to be found. The clerk was asked to respond and press for action on this matter.

9. Items for the next meeting

Newly co-opted members to sign 'Declarations of Acceptance of Office.'

10. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

19th March 2012 – Confirmed

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman

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