

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th January in the Library.

Present: Cllr. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllr S Cumella, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr T Gale and Cllr M Walker, District Councillor B Williams and Mrs J Dale (Clerk) and Mr Dave Perridge, Safer Roads Partnership

There were 5 members of the public present.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time: -

A parishioner said that she had been in contact concerning the village entering Heart of England in Bloom competition and that PC would receive a letter.

132.12 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllrs Dawson, Nott and Studer (all work commitments).

133.12 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December were approved and signed accordingly.

134.12 Safer Roads Partnership: The Chairman welcomed Mr Dave Perridge of the Safer Roads Partnership. Mr Perridge had reviewed the results of the speed camera positioned on B4197 at Hillside. He explained that the results actually showed that the speed limit for the stretch of road should be 40mph. The 30mph speed limit is not being complied with but if the limit was 40mph they could probably enforce the limit. As WCC had recommended amending the speed limit previously they probably would not be prepared to make any amendments now. He left information with Council on alternative measures to try to cut the speed which Council will review at a future meeting. The Clerk to contact WCC as they had agreed to paint some chevrons which has not been carried out. The Chairman thanked Mr Perridge for his time and the very helpful explanation.

135.12 County & District Councillor Reports:

- **District Councillor Williams** confirmed that the applicant had withdrawn the application for the track on Berrow Hill.

136.12 Application for Dispensation: Cllr Gardner proposed and Cllr Goodyear seconded the proposal that Cllr Cumella has dispensation to discuss the council's budget/precept until the next election.

137.12 Correspondence:

Letter from Pencroft re Hillside speeds - noted

Letter from H Baldwin re Neighbourhood Planning progress - noted

Came & Co – Increased frequency of public liability claims – MRA to record inspections on a weekly basis

WCC – revised mobile library timetable – noted

Letter from RBL Martley branch – noted

Consultation letter from Post Office – copies handed to councillors for discussion at February meeting.

138.12 Progress Reports:

- BT Phone Kiosk – carry forward to February
- Trees – Church Lane. A letter was read out that Highways have sent to the owner
- Drains – Hollins Lane. No response as yet from Dave Lavender WCC Highways
- Noise from MUGA – an update report was read out. Ongoing

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- Re-siting of grit bin. Permission has been granted to move bin. Lengthsman to be contacted.

139.12 Cllr Gardner explained that a parishioner would like to take responsibility for landscaping a rough piece of ground next to the Central Networks substation. Clerk to check with Central Networks. All councillors in favour of proposal.

140.12 Weighbridge Area: Carry forward as Cllr Studer not present.

141.12 Finance:

- The payments as previously circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly.
- The budget for 2013-2014 was reviewed. Cllr Goodyear proposed that the precept for 2013-2014 remain at the same level as the previous year. All in favour.
- Library electricity costs – carry forward as Cllr Studer not present.

142.12 Lengthsman:

Duties for January to include:

- Tidying up around St Peters Court. – Cllr Cumella to speak to residents
- Clear gullies and grips.
- Remove rubbish from layby at Hillside.

As funds remain available from the Lengthsman scheme it was agreed to ask the lengthsman to tidy up the area around the weighbridge and the hedge/grass along to the gateway close to the entrance to Mortlake Drive. Also to get a stump grinder for the playing field in readiness for the new tree to be planted.

143.12 Training: The clerk had attended a training session on the recent changes to procedures as a result of the Localism Act.

144.12 Clerks Urgent Decisions:

- Letter sent to Pencroft re vehicles using Ankerdine. A parishioner reported that she had seen no further vehicles and thanked Council for prompt action.
- Complaint re bin by Millennium Green. Clerk requested to contact Mr Lewington about this ongoing problem.
- The clerk had received a complaint about dog mess in the Churchyard. Referred to the vicar.

145.12 Councillors Reports:

Cllr Gardner asked that Councillors area be added as an item to the February agenda. Cllr Cumella reported that he would attend the Knightwick PC meeting with the possibility of clustering with other villages re Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Gale asked if the arrangement with Longside Radio had been formalised. The Clerk reported it was in hand.

146.12 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th February at 7.30pm to be held in the **LIBRARY**.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

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11th January 2012

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