

Meeting of Dodderhill Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### **PRESENT**

S. Austin (Chairman), M. Jones (Vice Chair), P. Povey.

Mesdames: J. Harrigan, A. Judge, A. Keane, A. Brown, R. Cooke.

District Councillor H. Hamilton.

County Councillor M. Broomfield.

### **NO APOLOGIES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Quality of life in Wychbold has deteriorated since the increase of Motorway works and severe road disruption, litter has reached an unacceptable level. The comments were made by residents who had lived in Wychbold for many years and whose properties were adjacent to Jct. 5. The lack of communication by Highways England with residents affected by the construction of the smart motorway was unacceptable. District Councillor Hamilton to arrange a Meeting to discuss the issue.
2. Vehicle obstruction on footpaths continued in the village, refuse bins abandoned in obscure places.
3. No Police reports received.
4. Drug activity reported but disregarded by Police.
5. Dissatisfaction to be reported to Wychavon and Police.

### **ALLOTMENTS**

It was suggested that an allotment committee be formed, discuss further when rents were due. Contracts to be modified.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **NO POLICE REPORT.**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Green Acres, Rashwood Hill – Erection of extension (revised scheme to include dormer window, existing conservatory to be removed) – No objection.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

1. Two Councilors reminded to return their Declaration of Interest forms to Wychavon.
2. A questionnaire soon to be available on enforcement.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Councillor Broomfield asked to investigate the increased parking at Amphlett Way and, the possibility of improving the junction with Chequers Lane and A38 to allow traffic flow.

### **PROJECTS.**

### **YOUTH CLUB**

Encourage horticulture. Councillor Mrs. Keane offered to assist with Defibrillator training.

### **FIONA'S ORCHARD**

1. Grass cutting to be limited to summer months.
2. Mr. Ramsell had indicated he would like to be involved with planting.

### **AMENITIES – 106 FUNDING**

### **SCHEME PROPOSALS**

1. Meetings to be arranged in the New Year with professional design specialists.
2. Consultation with the Community to follow.

### **JUNIOR PARISH COUNCIL**

Defer until further information is available.

### **HIGHWAYS - M5/JCT 5 ISLAND MAINTENANCE**

District Councillor Hamilton agreed to approach Highways England with a view to the Parish Council taking on maintenance responsibilities for both traffic islands.

### **SMART MOTORWAY PROPOSALS / ACOUSTIC FENCING**

#### **Meeting closed to allow public participation**

1. There was outrage that boundary trees had been removed by Highways England without any consultation with landowners.
2. Noise levels were now at unacceptable levels.
3. A meeting to be arranged with Highways England to discuss measures to address the problems.

#### **Meeting re-opened**

### **MATTERS FOR ACTION**

1. Proposed Projects – NHB funding Bench Seating.
2. Application prepared for localism meeting.
3. Councillor Jones had explored the possibility of Solar Heating, following discussion it was considered impractical to proceed. Councillor Mrs. Harrigan proposed not to go further with the scheme. Seconded by Councillor Jones. A vote was taken – motion carried. Special thanks to Councillor Jones for his research.
4. It was agreed to enquire into LED lighting for the Hall exterior.

#### 5. **WEBSITE**

The website to continue to be linked to Worcestershire County Council, Councillor Austin to administrate.

#### 6. **COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

Mrs. Joan Campbell to be co-opted on to the Council at December Meeting.

#### 7. **DEFIBRILLATOR**

#### **Meeting closed to allow public participation**

1. Application for NHB funding by resident Mrs. A. Keane.
2. Mrs. Keane informed the Council that the cost of the heated cabinet had increased to £600, total cost of defibrillator £1,000.

#### **Meeting re-opened**

1. It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Cooke to approve the additional cost of the cabinet. Vote in favour of motion.
  2. The Ambulance Service to approve locations.
8. **CCTV CAMERAS**  
DVR and Monitor beyond repair, costings to be obtained for replacement.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 1. **COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD**

Resident Sean Colley was nominated by Councillor Mrs. Keane for his dedication to his disabled daughter and for fundraising in the Parish.

### **FINANCE**

#### 1. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Cheques were in favour of:

Mr. Croton (60.00 (Handyman). David Miles £40.00 (Play equipment inspection) £182.00 (Lengthsman). WDC £89.17 (Bin collection). Glen Neville £138.00 (Energy performance). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire). Reddi Pest £85.00 (Mole catcher). BT Payment Services Ltd £95.87 (Internet charges). PCC Stoke Prior £75.00 (Parish Link contribution) 1<sup>st</sup> Call Stairways £732.00 (Battery change speed sign A38). 1<sup>st</sup> Call Stairways £146.00 (New batteries for road sign).

Proposed by Councillor Anne Judge and seconded by Councillor Jan Harrigan.

### **PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Remind McDonalds to resume regular litter picks.

2. Vandalism at the Community Hall was returning, some form of locked barrier to be considered.

There being No Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.