

Meeting of Dodderhill Parish Council on Monday 14th December 2015

1. PRESENT

S. Austin (Chairman), M. Jones (Vice Chair), P. Povey.
Mesdames: J. Harrigan, A. Judge, A. Keane, A. Brown, R. Cooke, J. Campbell.
District Councillor Hamilton, County Councillor M. Broomfield.

2. NO APOLOGIES

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. "Rashwood Lodge", A38, Proposal – change of use of office/storage space to stabling/tack room with associated livery yard. Several residents expressed their concerns regarding the single track off A38 unsuitable for large horse boxes. Access off A38 was hazardous.
The Council to consider the points raised when discussed under planning.
2. Vehicle footpath obstruction.
It was not an offence to park halfway on footpaths, unless the vehicle was parked on double yellow lines, or obstructing access.
3. Abandoned refuse bins – Residents advised to report issues directly to Wychavon.
4. Smart Motorway – M5 Junction 5.
The Chairman informed residents that he would close the business of the Meeting to allow public discussion under the Agenda item.
5. Co-option of Parish Councillor.
Mrs. Joan Campbell was co-opted on to the Council. the letter of acceptance was signed in the presence of the Clerk.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. NO POLICE REPORT

Police to be reminded to send report.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Advertising placard – Re-located.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 12, Amphlett Way, Wychbold – Conversion of existing garage to form new kitchen – No objection.
2. Land and Buildings at Rashwood Lodge – Change of use of office/storage to stable/tack room with associated livery yard. In view of highway concerns and the existing dangerous access to A38 the Council were uneasy with the proposals, Wychavon planners advised to address highway issues prior to a decision.
3. 1, De Wyche Close, Wychbold – Outline planning for three bedroom detached bungalow with onsite parking, access, appearance, layout and scale being sought. Parish Council unable to support application. Grounds – Overdevelopment of site, highway and access issues.

4. Proposed expansion of Wychbold First School. Worcestershire County Council to be informed that the consultation period did not allow time for the Parish Council to comment.

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

An overview of enforcement matters soon to be available.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Broomfield was unable to comply with Mrs. Keane's request for grant funding towards the cost of an additional defibrillator. It was not permissible for Councillor Broomfield to approve funding for private individuals, all grants were payable to the Parish Council. Amendment- It was agreed the grant would be paid to the Parish Council and passed on towards the cost of a defibrillator.

11. PROJECTS

1. Youth Club – Nothing to report.
2. Fiona's Orchard – Nothing further.
3. Amenities – 106 funding proposals.
Arrangements to be made in the New Year to meet planning consultants.
4. Junior Parish Council – Defer.
5. Highways – M5 / Jct. 5 Islands Maintenance. Health and safety issues, high cost of traffic management were factors to be considered, following discussion it was agreed the maintenance scheme was too demanding for the Parish Council to undertake.
6. Smart Motorway Proposals/Acoustic Fencing.
Meeting closed to allow public participation.
A Meeting had taken place with Highways England who were willing to listen and try to address the many issues raised. Noise readings to be taken, acoustic fencing to be considered, a further Meeting to be arranged with Highways England.
Meeting re-opened.

12. MATTERS FOR ACTION

1. New Homes Bonus Application.
It was confirmed by Wychavon that the NHB application had been successful for bench seating.
2. Councillor Vacancies.
Continue advertising.
3. Defibrillator – NHB. Successful application. Councillor Mrs. Keane informed the Council that she had no family or monetary connections with the provision of defibrillators. All contributions were voluntary.
4. C.C.T.V. Cameras.
Vandalism at the Hall, CCTV pictures not clear enough to identify the culprits. It was agreed to change LED lights which would hopefully improve vision. The cameras are monitored remotely.
5. Car Park Barrier.
As a result of recent vandalism and unwanted vehicles at the Hall it was proposed that a barrier be installed. The Chairman invited a show of hands – Unanimous.
Pricing and barrier types to be researched and report for next meeting.

13. Agenda next Meeting

1. Litter Proposal.

In view of the fact the public have raised issues that there is a sharp increase in litter in the village the Council agreed to consider engaging a permanent litter picker.
Agenda next Meeting.

2. Bye-Laws – Community Hall

Discussion took place regarding the introduction of a bye-law which could strengthen the case for prosecution of unwanted vandals.

14. FINANCE – PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS 2016 / 2017

1. An assessment of expenditure for the year 2016 / 2017 was discussed, existing balance was healthy therefore it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Keane and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Harrigan that the precept should remain at £37,000. Carried.
2. £455.00 received from Western Power – Wayleave compensation.

15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheques were drawn in favor of:-

Mr. Croton £60.00 (Handyman). David Miles £40.00 (Playground inspection) £182.00 (Lengthsman). Stoulton Groundcare £154.80 (grass cutting). SLCC £188.00 (Subscription).

Pinfields £7.20 (Copy paper). HMRC £22.00 (PAYE Mrs. G. Pinfield). £1,578.00 (Quarter year salary). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room hire). First Call Stairways £126.00 (Outside pipe repair). Mr. M. Jones £61.90 (Expenses). Access and Vision Midlands Ltd £2,164. 80 (CCTV system and maintenance). Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Brown, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Cooke.

16. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

1. Entrance doors – Repair to cost £350.00 plus VAT.
2. Exterior Lighting – As a trial period it was agreed to turn off MUGA lights at 9.0pm. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Councillor Lady Judge.
3. In addition it was proposed by Councillor Lady Judge and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Cooke to install new MUGA lights. Five in favour, three against. (Carried).

17. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. ALLOTMENTS.
Assessment to be carried out prior to new season commencing 1st April 2016.
2. FOOTBALL PITCH.
Upgrade.

As there were no Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman thanked the public of the parish and the Councilors for their support in the past year which did present us all with many challenges. He looked forward to working with everyone in 2016 and wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and then closed the Meeting At 9.50pm.