

Meeting of Dodderhill Parish Council on Monday 14th March 2016

1. PRESENT

Councillors: S. Austin (Chairman), M. Jones (Vice Chair), P. Povey, J. Garner, J. Harrigan, A. Brown, R. Cooke, A. Keane, J. Campbell.
District Councillor H. Hamilton.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Lady Judge. County Councillor M. Broomfield.

3. POLICE REPORT

Vicky Elliot Police Support Officer was present.
Several thefts from garden sheds reported.
An incident at Droitwich Golf Club.
Warning to Quad Bike owners to keep their vehicles in a safe place.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs. Keane declared her interest in the item Queen's 90th Birthday celebration.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th February 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING

1. Fortis Housing Association were taking steps to improve the footpath link to School Road.
2. **Puffin Crossing A38**
Awaiting action from the developer.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

1. South Worcester Development Plan is now adopted.
2. Wychavon District Council Tax has been set at 2.9%.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. **19, Amphlett Way, Wychbold**
Single storey extension. Awaiting planning drawings on line prior to Councillors comments.

10. PROJECTS

10.1. Youth Club

1. A representative from YMCA to attend April Meeting to discuss Youth Club matters.

10.2. Fiona's Orchard

1. Memorial bench location agreed, to be installed shortly.

10.3. Amenities – 106 Funding

1. As a result of a site meeting with Bollinger Design and Peter Quinn Associates, documentation details were received setting out fee structure and ideas for recreational activities.

The documents were forwarded to those who attended the site meeting – (Chair) – S. Austin, (Vice Chair) – M. Jones, Councillor Lady Anne Judge and the Clerk.

Recommendations were discussed.

Bollinger Design offered a more comprehensive view. Peter Quinn appeared to be suited to improving existing facilities such as Village Halls.

It was agreed to invite Fenella Bollinger to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 25th April to set out her recommendations.

10.4. Junior Parish Council

1. No further information at this point in time. Councillor Keane to attend the next Droitwich Youth Council Meeting.
2. Councillor Keane reported that a member of the Droitwich Youth Council lives in Wychbold and has been nominated for an award. Chair asked that the Parish Councils wishes of support be passed to the candidate.

10.5. Smart Motorway

1. Following the Public Meeting with representatives from Highways England on 16th February 2016 a letter was sent to the Chief Executive (HE) regarding the concerns held by residents of the Parish and demands for acoustic fencing at exposed areas along the M5. An acknowledgement has been received, an in depth response is to follow.

10.6. H.M. Queen 90th Birthday Celebration

1. A letter received from a representative of Wychbold residents who wished to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday with a celebration involving the whole Parish. The Committee were asking the Parish Council for £5,000 to cover costs.

Discussion took place

It was agreed to donate £2,000 plus hire cost of Community Hall, advertising flyers, insurance cover and commemorative coins as prizes for the children. Proposed by Councilor Povey and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Harrigan. Carried.

11. MATTERS FOR ACTION.

11.1. New Homes Bonus

1. **Bench seating**
Locations agreed, awaiting installation.

11.2. Barrier – Car Park Community Hall

1. The Council agreed to go ahead with the installation of the barrier and pedestrian footpath at the entrance to the Community Hall. Quotations to be confirmed.

11.3. Defibrillator

1. Nothing further

11.4. Allotments

1. One vacant plot available, to be advertised in Parish Link
2. Annual rents now due.

11.5. Litter

1. Litter created by McDonalds customers caused a litter problem in and around the village. A meeting to be arranged with the Manager to discuss ways of addressing the problem.

Meeting closed to allow Public Comments.

Member of the public volunteered to report trouble spots.

Meeting re-opened.

Vice Chair to discuss possible options with McDonalds.

11.6. Handyman

1. The handyman was not interested in taking on additional work, he no longer maintained the surrounding area of the Hall. It was therefore agreed that his monthly salary would return to the original £50.00.

11.7. Web Site

1. The Dodderhill Parish Council Section of the County Council website has now been populated and running smoothly.
2. The Parish Council is in no way connected to the "Community website" and therefore all names of councilors and any personal data relating to Dodderhill Parish Councilors to be removed

12. FINANCE

Commemoration coins specially minted for the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration were available at a cost of £1.99 each plus VAT and carriage. It was agreed to purchase 100 coins.

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheques were drawn in favour of:

HMRC £22.00 (PAYE). Mrs. G. Pinfield quarter year salary £1,578.00, Expenses £377.13 (half year). Mr. Croton £60.00 (Handyman), David Miles £40.00 (Playground Inspection), £182.00 (Lengthsman). Glasdon UK Ltd £2,118.0 (Benches). Lloyds Bank plc £64.99 (Norton protection). Wychbold Village Hall £18.00 (Room Hire 10/02/16), £36.00 Parish Council Meeting. Greener Glazing £145.00 (Window repair). Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Cooke, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Brown.

14. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discarded furniture left on footpath awaiting collection, unacceptable. Bulletin Parish Link.
2. Obstructed footpath off Astwood Lane.
3. Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 25th April 2016 at 7.30pm

15. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

1. Councillor Jones tendered his resignation from the Hall Committee.
2. The caretakers Barbara and David Eveson had agreed to become trustees.
3. In view of the recent criticism of poor level of cleaning, a new company had been appointed to clean on Mondays am at £12.00 per hour. Barbara and Dave to continue as caretakers / booking secretary. Barbara to clean the Hall during the week as required, her salary to continue at £50.00 per week.
4. Benches awaiting installation were temporarily stored in the alcove of the Hall. It was alleged that the person hiring the Hall for a public auction was

furious because he was restricted from full use of the Hall. An investigation into the complaint confirmed that the allegation was unfounded.

The general public left the Meeting.

16. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

The Chairman wished to make reference to a report received concerning a member of the Council, this was duly recorded.

This concluded the Business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9:35PM