

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council Meeting on Monday 8th August 2016.

1. PRESENT.

Councillors: S. Austin (Chairman), J. Ward (Vice Chair), M. Jones, Mrs. J. Harrigan, Lady A. Judge, Mrs. A Brown, Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. J. Campbell, P. Povey, Mrs. A. Keane.

2. APOLOGIES.

District Councillor H. Hamilton.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

It was reported that young people on motor bikes were observed scrambling over the playing fields. Police taking action.
No further Public Comments.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Councillor Mrs Harrigan declared an interest on the item M5 Smart Motorway.
Councillor Mrs Keane declared an interest in the item Defibrillators.

5. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th July 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

Patio sets stored at the Hall had been removed.
A £200 donation from McDonalds towards the Defibrillator fund raising was awaited.

7. POLICE REPORT.

Minor incidents reported. Thefts from vehicles and allotments.
Motor bike scrambling on playing fields.
A vicious dog incident was reported, action taken.

8. PLANNING.

1. Ridgeacre Farm, Brine Pits Lane – Erection of detached garage and extension to existing utility room – No objection.
2. Green Acres, Rashwood Hill – Erection of extension to dwelling (removal of existing conservatory). No objection.
3. Councillors were experiencing difficulties opening planning application emails.
4. Incidents of motor bike racing on private land adjacent to M5 Jct5. Owner resides abroad. An attempt be made to contact agent. Wychavon Enforcement Officer informed.

9. PROJECTS.

1. YOUTH CLUB.
Despite research no grant funding was available to run the Youth Club. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should cover the cost of two Youth Workers for one year. Payments to be made half yearly. £1,093. 17 remained in the Youth Club account which would go towards the total outlay.
2. FIONA'S ORCHARD.
Worcestershire Wildlife Trust were willing to advise.
3. AMENITIES – 106 FUNDING VISION DESIGN.
Online "monkey" survey to be considered. Questionnaire to be compiled with a simple answer box system. All residents be encouraged to respond. Time scale October Meeting.

- Proposed dimensions of MUGA to be obtained.
4. **M5 SMART MOTORWAY PROGRESS**
MP Nigel Huddleston did not consider a Public Meeting necessary. Several members of the Council together with District Councillor H. Hamilton met with Nigel Huddleston at the home of Councillor Lady Judge. The Chairman thanked her for the hospitality.
The MP was in constant touch with HE and agreed to do his utmost to make sure that mature trees replaced those removed. A report was expected in September.
 5. **BARRIER**
Public information signs now ready for installation.
 6. **BOLLARDS ON PLAYING FIELDS.**
A quotation to be obtained.

10. MATTERS FOR ACTION.

1. **SMART WATER PROPOSAL.**
Police supported the scheme.
The Council were of the opinion that even if the smart water scheme was purchased at the special rate on offer they could not fund the whole parish.
2. **WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS TO WYCHBOLD FIRST SCHOOL VIA THE COMMUNITY HALL CAR PARK.**
The Chairman, Clerk and Community Hall representative met with a delegation from the County Council and Wychbold First School. It was agreed (subject to the approval of the full Council) that in exchange for vehicular access to the school development site WCC would pay a compensation figure of £2,500. 00 plus a water tight guarantee that any damage sustained would be repaired and the car park surface be returned to its former condition.
Health and safety issues were also covered, the area to be photographed prior to the commencement of scheme.
In view of the time limit the Chairman and Clerk contacted Councillors to seek their approval to the agreement, it was duly given.
To gain access from the car park to the proposed development it was necessary to remove a section of the boundary fence and hedge, it was suggested that the opening be replaced with gates for emergency use only.
The matter to be an agenda item for discussion.
The agreement was formally ratified by the Council.
3. **DEFIBRILLATORS**
Present funding held by Parish Council £1,300. 00, £200 donation promised from McDonalds.
An additional £75. 00 was required for red wall signs.
It was proposed by Councillor Povey and seconded by Councillor Ward that the Parish Council should cover the cost. (Carried).
4. **PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
The annual playground inspection by Wychavon revealed faults on two swings and other minor defects. (Now repaired). This was not reported by the lengthsman during his weekly inspections. In view of this revelation it was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs Cooke to terminate his agreement.
Councillor Mrs Keane put forward the name of a competent person who may be prepared to take on the job. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Keane should make enquiries.
5. **COUNCIL VACANCIES**
 1. Three vacancies – four applicants. Mrs Suzanne Shinn of Brine Pits Lane complied with the Council's decision to co-opt a candidate from

the outer regions of the Parish. A vote was taken, one abstention. Remaining Councillors in favour of the co-option. Carried.

2. Two vacancies to be filled. Three applicants put their names forward. A secret ballot took place, it revealed Mrs Joanne Lammas and Mr Paul Brogan were successful candidates. Formal co-option and paperwork to be completed at the September Meeting.
6. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW HANDYMAN**
A new handyman was appointed, his role included litter picking around the Hall and playing fields and general sweeping, he was prepared to operate the barrier when necessary.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
A letter from a resident raising several points of criticism regarding the Queen's Birthday Celebration and the barrier system. The Chairman to compile a response.

11. FINANCE.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS. Cheques were drawn in favour of:
Signtech £37.80 - £12.00 (Signs and fittings). BT £97.92 (Internet services). Stoulton Groundcare Ltd £325.08 (Grass cutting). Pinfields £7.20 (Copy paper). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire).
1st Call Stairway £204.00 (Battery charge speed sign).
Proposed by Councillor Lady Judge and seconded by Councillor Mrs Keane.

12. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. New County Councillor soon to be elected
2. The culvert in Chequers Lane required attention.

13. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS.

1. The Hall was again in financial crisis, despite newspaper advertising, regular bookings were on the decline.
2. The Committee were considering joining the Village Hall Network at a cost of £125.00 per year, it provided support and advice. Discuss at next meeting.

No Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.05pm.