

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council Meeting on Monday 14th November 2016.

1. PRESENT

Councillors: S. Austin (Chairman), Mr. M. Jones, Mrs. J. Harrigan, Lady Anne Judge, Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. S. Shinn, Mrs. J. Lammas.
District Councillor Hugh Hamilton.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs. A. Keane, County Councillor P. Tomlinson. Councillor J. Ward.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Angela Kovacevic (Church Representative) was present to ask the Parish Council to join forces with the Church in organising the Annual Fete on 17th June 2017. The Council agreed in principle to contribute financially to the event. If Councillors wished to offer their services, the decision lay with them.
2. Concern was expressed for the safety of pedestrians at the newly configured traffic islands at Junction 5.
3. Parking outside Wychbold First School. Confrontation was reported between vehicle owners and residents regarding parking in School Road, parking permits may be introduced.
The Chairman was to arrange a meeting with the Head Teacher to discuss the matter.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Harrigan expressed an interest in the item M5 Smart Motorway.

5. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr Douglas Webb had put his name forward for co-option to the Council. The Council unanimously agreed.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7. POLICE REPORT

Several thefts reported in the area.
Criminal damage to vehicles.
Sheep worrying at Elmbridge.
Attempted break in.
Neighbourhood watch information on Facebook.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Liberty Leisure Centre
Extended car parks plus addition of footpath links. 83 additional spaces. Option A (47 spaces). option B (36 spaces). Objection to Option A but support for Option B and a recommendation to consider the area opposite Option B. (Open Public Session).

Resident wished to add that the Leisure Centre was far off completion and the standard of work substandard.
(Close Public Session).

2. Rashwood Meadow, Rashwood Hill
Change of use from assembly of video cassettes to tyre storage. (Retrospective)
Inappropriate activity in green belt, access on to A38 could be hazardous.
3. The Field House, Rashwood Farm Lane
Enlargement of existing two bay garage with additional bay and attic room. No objection, however, the decision at the discretion of the planners.

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The proposed enforcement review was again delayed until January.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Paper version distributed.

10. PROJECTS

1. Youth Club
Nothing to report.
2. Fiona's Orchard
Awaiting grass cutting.
3. Vision Design Playing Fields.
A very productive meeting had taken place at the home of Councillor Lady Judge. The Council thanked Lady Judge for her hospitality. The design of the questionnaire was approved. Delivery by hand to all households, response by freepost. An application to Royal Mail for the licence.
4. M5 Smart Motorway
Councillor Lady Judge had compiled an in-depth letter informing MP Nigel Huddleston of the recommended tree planting scheme.
5. Barrier Car Park Community Hall
Key Access Nothing further to report.

11. MATTERS FOR ACTION

1. SMART WATER PROPOSAL
Simon Thompson the Business and Rural Crime Co-ordinator to be invited to address the Council at the December meeting.
2. W.C.C. Proposed extension to Wychbold School.
Awaiting agreement.
3. Defibrillator
No information available.
4. Stoke Road Boundary Fence
Hedge cut fencing imminent.
5. Councillor Training
Arrangements to be made for January and February.
6. Tree Surgery – Oak Tree
Quotation reduced from £1,500 to £1,400.
7. Handyman

The handyman to be offered a new maintenance schedule to cover the year. A figure of £85.00 per month was suggested. Confirmation from the handyman for next meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Church representative Angela Kovacevic asking for a donation towards the upkeep of St. Mary De Wyche churchyard. It was unanimously agreed to donate £150.00.

13. FINANCE.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Cheques were drawn in favour of BT £97.92 (Internet services). Mr Addy £60.00 (Handyman). Mr. M. Jones £31.00 (Barrier Keys). David Miles £180.00 (Lengthsman). Grant Thornton £240.00 (External Audit). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire). Mr. M. Hill £40.00 (Playground Inspection). Wychbold Village Hall £231.00 (YMCA Room Hire). Stoke Prior Wychbold PCC £150.00 (Donation to Church Yard upkeep). Proposed by Councillor Mrs Harrigan, seconded by Councillor Lady Judge.

14. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Allotment gate, new lock required.
2. Grass area corner of School Road was impassable; Fortis Living be reminded of their responsibility to re-instate the ground.

15. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS.

1. The Hall was again struggling to survive. New Committee members were needed. Bookings were down due to free hire offered by the British Legion Club. Brownies, Guides and Toddler groups met at Wychbold School. It was clear the Hall could not continue in its present form.
2. An application for NHB funding to update the alarm system and replace windows and doors was refused.
3. It was agreed that social media could attract more interest.

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