

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council Meeting on Monday 12th December 2016.

1. PRESENT

Councillors: S. Austin (Chairman), J. Ward (Vice Chair), M. Jones, Mrs. J. Harrigan
Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. A. Keane, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. S. Shinn, Mrs. J. Lammas, D
Webb.

District Councillor H. Hamilton, County Councillor P. Tomlinson.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Lady Anne Judge.

3. SMART WATER PRESENTATION

Prior to the Business of the Meeting Simon Thompson the Rural Crime Co-ordinator
was present to advise the Council on the Smart Water property marking scheme. 80%
support from residents of the Parish was required before Wychavon Localism
Committee would consider the Parish Council using 50% New Homes Bonus funding
towards the project.

Public consultation to be attached to the Vision Design leaflet.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The new A38 traffic scheme at Junction 5 towards Rashwood was cause for concern.
The configuration of the two-way system was hazardous. Highways England to be
informed.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

8. POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for discussion.

9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

1. Enforcement issue was a lengthy process.
2. Soil dumping at Wychbold Hall site:
Wychavon enforcement maintain the issue was an environmental problem.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Paper version distributed.

County Councillor Tomlinson highlighted the cost of public health to the County
Council.

11. PROJECTS

1. YOUTH CLUB

The key to the Community Hall was unavailable for the Youth Club meeting. The
person who was deputising for the caretaker forgot to leave the key. In future
alternative arrangements to be made.

2. FIONA'S ORCHARD

The grass has been cut.

3. VISION LANDSCAPE DESIGN

1 The consultation leaflet to be hand delivered. The free post licence applied for.

2. It was proposed by Councillor Austin and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Keane to proceed with the Smart Water scheme.

4. M5 SMART MOTORWAY REPORT – TREE PLANTING

There appeared to be a reluctance by Highways England to carry out the promised planting of mature trees. A report is expected from MP. Nigel Huddleston.

5. BARRIER – SCHOOL ACCESS

In view of the recent traffic issues outside Wychbold First School, a meeting had taken place between the Head Teacher, the Chairman and the Clerk. A request was made by the Head Teacher for the barrier to be opened for half an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon, the arrangement to continue until February.

The Chairman felt the health and safety of the children had to be considered. In view of the time element before the next meeting Councillors were invited to vote on line. The result was in favour.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Head Teacher.

At a previous meeting parking permits were discussed. County Councillor Tomlinson felt this was unlikely due to restricted space.

12. MATTERS FOR ACTION

1. SMART WATER PROPOSAL

Nothing further to report.

2. WCC PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WYCHBOLD SCHOOL

1. AGREEMENT FOR APPROVAL

Worcestershire County Council legal document was presented to the Council for signing.

Councillor Mrs Keane believed the document should be approved by a legal adviser appointed by the Parish Council before signing. The Council agreed.

The Clerk to attend to the matter.

2. COMPENSATION

The Chairman was informed by the Head Teacher that the £2,500 compensation paid to the Parish Council had been reserved for nursery equipment. It was the intention of the Parish Council to use the compensation to provide a special swing for the disabled.

3. EMERGENCY ACCESS

To be discuss at next meeting.

3. DEFIBRILLATOR – PROGRESS

Possible additional funding for cabinets from the British Heart Foundation.

4. BOUNDARY FENCE – STOKE ROAD

Fence erected.

5. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

To take place in January and February - Monday pm.

6. HANDYMAN

The new handyman had agreed to take on additional work during the year. The council agreed to increase his pay to £85.00 per month.

7. VANDALISM – CCTV CAMERAS

1. Councillor Jones produced video evidence of a youth vandalising a CCTV camera.

The council agreed that the video evidence be sent to the Police

2. Damaged Perspex on Notice Board to be replaced.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

14. FINANCE

1. PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS

Following an assessment of expenditure for the year to 2018 the Council unanimously agreed that precept requirements should remain as last year £37,000.00.

2. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheques were drawn in favour of:

Mr Addy £85.00 (Handyman), David Miles £180.00 (Lengthsman), Mrs. G. Pinfield £1,600.00 (quarter year salary), Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire), P.R. & F.P. Davenport £1,560.00 (Fencing), SLCC £118.00 (Subscription), Wychbold Village Hall £132.00 (Youth Club Room Hire), Community Link Magazine £75.00. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Cooke, seconded by Councillor Mrs Harrigan.

3. Wychbold School Access Agreement

£2,500 received from Worcestershire County Council – compensation for access to school development site.

15. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Concerns were raised regarding the hazards experienced when crossing the A38 outside Wychbold Post Office.
2. Conifer trees on Playing Fields required attention.

16. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

1. Alarm system and window and door replacements

Estimated cost £8,186.00. The use of New Homes Bonus funding has been refused.

The Parish Council reserves were in a healthy position, the Council to consider drawing on the capital to cover cost.

2. Village Hall Committee

Councillor Mrs Lammas had generated interest from several local people who were willing to be involved.

There being No Further Matters for discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.15pm