

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st September 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Mr S K Munday, Chairman

Mrs G Evans,

Messrs; P Edwards, F Budden, D Kirkbright, P Walker, G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies: B Munt, C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), B Lee (Parish Paths Warden)

Visitors: None

Questions from members of the public:

None

The formal meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

1. Apologies for absence and members declarations of interest.

There were no apologies for absence from members nor were there any declarations of interest in agenda items from members.

2. Confirm Minutes of the annual meeting on 20th July 2009

These had been circulated in advance. They were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

3. Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Path's Warden.

C Smith - County Councillor

In sending his apology Cllr C Smith reported;

I am waiting to confirm how much of my outstanding personal highways maintenance grant remains to be divided among the Parish councils on my patch. I am also waiting to know if you can use your share to improve your footpath network as you have requested and as soon as I know I will communicate with the clerk to the council.

Cllr D Hughes (District Councillor),

In sending his apology Cllr D Hughes reported:

Unfortunately, something has cropped up which means I am unable to attend this evening's meeting. Please accept my apologies. Items to report;

1. Recycling & Kerb side collection - MHDC has agreed to "positively encourage" maximum 2 residual waste sacks per week per household, with exceptions for larger households or those with babies (nappies etc.) . Also bag quality should be "fit for purpose" which it is not at present. A new service is to be introduced in April 2010. Norton Recycling Centre is due to come on stream in October 2009, allowing recyclables to be single sack collection (in April). Will request Parish Councils' support to get message across to residents. More details on this later.

2. Joint Core Strategy - A delay has been agreed across all 3 councils (MHDC, Wychavon & Worcs. City) to extend timetable for response on allocations until October 2010 to allow sufficient time to carry our additional work required, including completion of Green Belt Studies and Infrastructure / Transport Studies to provide sound evidence base for proposals. Be mindful of General election by June 2010 at the latest, which may impact on the outcomes.

3. MHDC Medium Term Financial Plan currently under review with ambitious targets to keep MHDC proportion of Council Tax as low as possible.

In his absence Mr B Lee Parish Paths Warden reported that there was nothing of any significance currently but if anyone has any issues for him, would they please let him know.

4. Financial Matters;

- a) Note the External Auditor's confirmation of the 2008-9 accounts and approve the auditor's fee; £120+vat - £138 - Noted and Agreed.
- b) Confirm payment; Clerk's expenses Jan - June 09 - £52.66 - Agreed
- c) Confirm payment; V/Hall Elect. £67.24+vat - £70.60 - Agreed
- d) Confirm payment; A R Thomas - footpaths etc; £270 +vat - £310.50 - Agreed.

5. Planning Matters: Note clerk's delegated responses:

- a) 09/01076/FUL Variation of conditions, Ankerdine Farm - 'No Comment' - Noted
- b) 09/01077/FUL Variation of conditions, Ankerdine Farm - 'No Comment' - Noted

6. Correspondence - (Details Circulated in advance)

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items;

MHDC Planning	Information on new electronic system
Worcs. Partnership	Newsletter
Malvern Hills Partnership	Annual Report
Hammond (ecs) ltd	Date for Alfrick-Knightwick road closure
Local Councils Direct	September Newsletter

7. Clerk's Report

He had again raised the following matters with WCC Highways and was arranging a meeting to discuss them.

1. Spoil Heap on A44 Lay-by - rapidly becoming part of the landscape over two years since illegal depositing.
2. Hedge/Fence between Teme River Bridge and Suckley Road junction; no action to cut/remove hedge, repair fence and return to agreed status with the land-owner.
3. Road/kerb by Knightwick Surgery - This is a sizeable job but a possible date for it would be useful.
4. Road to Highfields Bungalows and Brickhill Farm - (ref email correspondence) there is some doubt that the offending bit is public highway so I am following up with the local councillor!
He was asked to add the following;
5. Footpath on north side of A44 Teme Bridge needs repairing.
6. Visibility on A44 bends at Doddenham - undergrowth needs clearing

8. Items for the next meeting

- a) Half-year accounts and budget proposals for 2010-11.
- b) Management of Village Hall - review safety procedures etc
- c) WCC Highways actions - see above.

9. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 9th November 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall Knightwick.
(Please note brought forward 1 week)

The meeting closed at 8.48pm

Chairman