

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**1. PRESENT.**

Councillors S. Austin (Chairman), M. Jones, D. Webb, Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. A. Keane, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. J. Lammas, District Councillor Hugh Hamilton.

**2. APOLOGIES.**

Councillor J. Ward. Councillors Anne Lady Judge, Mrs. S. Shinn. County Councillor P. Tomlinson.

**3. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR MRS. J. HARRIGAN.**

A letter was received from Councillor Mrs Harrigan expressing regret in resigning from the Parish Council after over 40 years of service she felt she could not continue under the present circumstances.

The Chairman was sorry to lose a Councillor with wide experience in Council matters.

**4. RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK.**

Mrs Gill Pinfield had served as Clerk for 40 years. However, she now found her position to be untenable and handed in her resignation. She agreed to continue in the post until the vacancy was filled.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

A Stoke Prior resident asked for the Council's opinion on the proposed refurbishment of a semi-detached property in Stoke Road. The Chairman explained that a planning application was required before the Council could comment.

**6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Mrs Keane expressed an interest in the item defibrillator.

**7. MINUTES.**

Amendment p1. Item 3. Smart water property marketing scheme. 50% public support required and not 80% as recorded.

Following the amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**8. MATTERS ARISING.**

**1. Wychbold Hall Site**

Alleged dumping of contamination waste, report to Worcestershire Environmental services.

**9. NO POLICE REPORT.**

**1. Vandalised Camera**

Video identification of suspect. Police unresponsive. On-going.

**10. NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**11. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Wychavon were in the process of setting the 2017 budget.

**12. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

Paper version distributed.

### **13. PROJECTS.**

- 1. Youth Club**  
Nothing to report.
- 2. Fiona's Orchard**  
Advertise in Parish Link for volunteers to help with maintenance.
- 3. A38 Crossing Adjacent to Post Office**  
Pedestrians were at risk whilst attempting to cross the A38 at this point. Report to Worcestershire Highways.
- 4. Councillor Training**  
Training arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.00pm
- 5. Minutes**  
Councillor Mrs Keane requested that the Minutes be sent two weeks prior to the next meeting.
- 6. Vandalism – CCTV Camera**  
Repair authorised.

### **14. CORRESPONDENCE.**

Mr Iain Selkirk FCA was again offering his services as Internal Auditor for the year 2016-17 at a cost of £200, the Council agreed to appoint Mr Selkirk.

### **15. FINANCE.**

#### **Accounts for Payment**

Cheques were drawn in favour of:

M. Hill £80.00 (Playground equipment inspection two months). David Miles £180.00 (Lengthsman). Mr. B. Addy £85.00 (Handyman). BT £137. 80 (Line Rental). Mrs. G. Pinfield £39. 02 (Barrier Key £13. 70, Wine for Meeting £25. 32). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire). Signtech Ltd £106.80 (Speed sign). Wychbold Village Hall £165. 00 (YMCA Room Hire – Youth Club). 1<sup>st</sup> Call Stairways £726.00 (Repairs and battery charge to speed sign). Central Carpentry £432.00 (Repair to exterior pillar – Village Hall). Proposed by Councillor Mrs Keane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Cooke.

### **16. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

A member of the public wished to draw the Council's attention to a hand-held speeding device operated by volunteers from the Community, results were then passed to the Police.

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION.**

The Council believed a further attempt should be made to convince Worcestershire Highways that a 30mph speed limit should operate on the A38 through Wychbold village.

### **17. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.**

1. Youths observed loitering and drinking outside the Village Hall. Police be asked to patrol the area.
2. Lamp post in Chequers Lane overgrown with ivy.
3. Several rats observed in Wychbold woods.
4. The school bus pick up point was a matter for concern as it causes many children to crowd together which is a safety hazard. Report to WCC School Transport department.

### **17. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS.**

#### **1. Resignation of Caretaker**

After 17 years as caretaker to the Village Hall Mrs Barbara Eveson has resigned. In a letter to the Council she expressed her dissatisfaction with recent events and therefore did not wish to continue in the post. The position is to be advertised in Parish Link.

**2. Resignation of Trustee Mrs Harrigan**

Councillor Mrs. Harrigan who had been a trustee since the Hall was built in 1977 also resigned.

The Charity Commission to be informed

**3. Village Hall Improvements**

New Homes Bonus money was unavailable for small projects however there was 106 funding for Village Hall improvements.

There being No Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15pm.