

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council Meeting on Monday 20th February 2017

1. Present

Councillors: Mr S. Austin (Chairman), Mr M. Jones, Mr D. Webb, Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. J. Campbell, Lady Anne Judge, Mrs. A. Keane, Mrs. J. Lammas.
County Councillor P. Tomlinson, District Councillor Hugh Hamilton.

2. Apologies

Councillors: Mrs. S. Shinn, J. Ward.

3. Public Comments

1. Resident Mr David Ramsell was present to inform the Council that he had enlisted the help of a qualified gardener who was willing, on a complimentary basis, to advise and assist with the development of the orchard.
2. Mike Knowles the newly appointed YMCA Youth Leader, informed the Council that the Youth Club was well supported by girls and boys.

He was keen to involve Youth Club members in the Vision Consultation for the playing fields.

3. Several break-ins were reported at the new developments Jasmine Gardens and Elmbridge Gardens.

It was hoped that the Smart Water scheme may be a deterrent.

4. There was a request for street lighting, which had been refused by Worcestershire CC due to the high costs involved.

4. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs Keane declared an interest in the item Defibrillators.

5. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters raised.

7. Police Report

1. No Police Report had been received.
2. County Councillor Tomlinson agreed to remind the Police of their obligation to the Parish Council.

8. Planning Applications

Notice of Appeal for Leisure Centre parking at the Wychbold Hall site.

9. District Councillor's Report

1. Enforcement Scrutiny panel now formed. District Councillor Hamilton was hopeful the panel would be able to challenge decisions.
2. Council Tax was expected to rise by 2%

10. County Councillor's Report

Paper version of the report was distributed to Councillors.

1. County Council elections 4th May 2017.

2. Council Tax due to rise by 2.9%.
3. Extensive road repairs were planned.
4. Councillor Tomlinson supported the parish Councils letter to Highways requesting a 30-mph speed limit on the A38 through Wychbold village.
5. Councillor Lady Judge wished to draw attention to the poor air quality in Wychbold. Junction 5 had the highest level.

11. Projects

1. **Youth Club**
Nothing further to report (had been dealt with in public comments).
2. **Fiona's Orchard**
Nothing further to report (had been Covered in Public Comments).
3. **Vision Design – Bellinger Landscapes**
 1. **Questionnaire**
The responses have been collated from the questionnaires. A discussion took place.
The Clerk to inform Bellinger Design and Wychavon of the progress.
4. **M5 Smart Motorway**
 1. **Tree Planting**
MP Nigel Huddleston was doing his best to achieve the necessary result, despite Highways England obstructive approach.
5. **Smart Water Scheme**
 1. Funding was approved by the Council.
 2. An order has been placed for 1000 kits at £8. 95 each depending on the response, additional kits to be purchased at the same price if required.
 3. Signs to be distributed to vulnerable areas.

12. Matters for Action

1. **WCC Extension to Wychbold School**
 1. **Emergency Exit**
To be discussed later.
2. **Defibrillators**
Nothing to report.
3. **A38 Wychbold Village**
 1. **Crossing Outside Post Office**
Awaiting response from Worcestershire Highways.
 2. **Request for a 30 mph Speed limit**
Awaiting response from Worcestershire Highways.
4. **Councillor Training**
Four Councillors were unable to attend the training session on the 21st February. It was agreed to cancel the session but the 31st March session to go ahead as planned.
5. **Vandalism**
 1. **CCTV Camera**
Offender identified by the police and has admitted guilt. Court date to be confirmed.
6. **Parochial Church Council**
 1. **Parish Link Magazine**
Parish Link magazine was under threat due to production costs. There was a short fall of £2,000. The Parish Council may be asked to contribute depending on demand for the paper version.

- 7. Airport Plan**
Information had been received concerning the expansion of Halfpenny Green Airport, Bobbington, Wolverhampton. Although not local, Wychbold could be affected by the flight path. To monitor for any planning applications.
- 13. Correspondence**
Nothing to report.
- 14. Finance**
Accounts for Payment
Cheques were drawn in favour of:
HSBC Bank plc £230.00; Mr Print – (prepaid envelopes) £110.40; Legionella Testing £106.80; Stoulton Groundcare Ltd £96.00 (Grass Cutting – orchard); Mr. B. Addy £85.00 (Handyman); David Miles £180.00 (Lengthsman); Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire); BT £97. 92 (Internet Services); Andrew Halfpenny £180.00 (Hedge Cutting); Signtech Ltd £36.00 (Sign delivery); B. Richards Tree Services £1400.00 (Tree Surgery); Mr. B. Addy £3.99 (Pipe cover); Pinfields £345.60 (Payroll services); M. Hill £40.00 (Playground Inspection); Wychbold Village Hall £144.00 (Youth Club room hire).
Proposed by Councillor Mrs Keane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Cooke.
- 15. Parish Matters for Discussion**
- 1. Wychbold Hall Site, Liberty Leisure**
 1. Appeal regarding parking decision
 2. Application for liquor licence.
 - 2. McDonalds**
McDonalds are keen to assist financially with a Parish project.
 - 3. Dog fouling**
Request for more dog bins. To be an agenda item for the next meeting.
 - 4. M5 Traffic Islands**
The unsightly condition of the two traffic islands at Junction 5 was discussed. It was hoped there would be an improvement when the M5 road works were completed.
- 16. Village all Matters**
- 1. Committee**
No Committee yet.
 - 2. Caretaker**
Mr and Mrs Addy were acting caretakers until a new committee was formed.
- 17. The Chairman closed the Meeting to the public**
The Public left the building.
- 1. The vacancy for the Clerk**
The vacancy was discussed. Seven applications have been received, four with experience and three inexperienced.
 - 2. Selection Process**
Councillors Mr S. Austin, Mrs. Jo Lammas, Lady Anne Judge and the Clerk to interview the candidates and make the selection.

There being No Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.45pm.