

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00 on Monday 18th September 2017 in the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick.

Present;

Cllrs: Ms G Evans, Ms Linda Pearson, F Budden, P Edwards,
County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist Cllr Ms S Rouse. G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs; Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, B Munt, D Steel.

Dist Cllr A Warburton.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

There was a short presentation by Simon Thompson, Police Liaison and Firearms Consultant at SmartWater Technology Ltd, on the benefits to be obtained if the council could support a 'blanket' coverage of SmartWater across the parish – see agenda item 5

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Footpath's Warden et al.

County Cllr P Tuthill reported on concerns over heavy vehicles using the Suckley – Knightwick road, progress of the Joint Police/Fire Service training, the Worcester Acute Services Trust and the progress of the Southern Link Road at Worcester

Dist Cllr Ms S Rouse reported on activity at MHDC and the proposed 're-branding' of the area as a tourist attraction.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:40

In the absence of Cllr B Munt the Vice-Chair Cllr Ms G Evans took the chair.

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

The apologies from Cllrs; Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, B Munt, D Steel were accepted.

There were no declarations of interest in the agenda items.

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council - 17th July 2017

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

3.

Financial Matters;

a) Note External Auditor's Report on Accounts 2016-17

The clerk reported on the external auditor's report which was 'unconditional' but raised the small item relating to 'Petty Cash'. The internal auditor had noted 'yes' to this item when the correct response should have been 'not covered' as the council does not operate with petty cash.

This was noted.

b) Decide on the allocation of costs etc following the sale of the Village Hall (*Information circulated in advance*)

In view of the small number of members present it was decided to refer this item to the next meeting.

4.

Planning Matters;

a) Note clerk's delegated response Planning Application 17/00812/FUL Knightwick Manor

'It is a pity that the setting of the Manor has already been degraded by the three existing sheds set so far in front of it. It would be appalling to have another one even further in front. The Agent acknowledges this but suggests that as it is lower it will help hide the existing!!! The new shed should ideally go behind the existing ones where it will be out of sight from the road and any views of the front of the Manor. This will no doubt be less convenient but this is the grandest building in the Parish and should be protected.'

Noted

5.

Decide on any future action/support for 'SmartWater' crime prevention in the parishes.

As this would involve quite a large expense for the council and In view of the small number of members present the clerk was instructed to discuss this with Mr Thompson of SmartWater as to the implementation and keep the council informed via email so the matter could be discussed at the next meeting.

6.

Review the future of the Village Hall Charity

In view of the small number of members present it was decided to refer this item to the next meeting.

7.

Neighbourhood Plan – Progress etc.

The Clerk reported that the neighbourhood plan was now complete and that the District Council was preparing to hold a referendum on it. As soon as printed copies were available he would distribute these to council members and keep them informed of progress..

8.

Lengthsman

The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman was operating a regular check on highways' problems. An initial estimate for the laying of stone chippings on the parking area by the bus stop was £700. With the council's agreement he would discuss this with WCC Highways who own the land to see what could be done. This was agreed.

9.

Clerk's Report,

Correspondence, All relevant correspondence had been circulated to members via email. Actions from the previous meeting, He has still had no response from the 'Parish Paths Warden' to the various problems raised and sent to him from previous meetings. The council instructed the clerk to press this matter and raise it with WCC Rights-of-Way office if necessary.

Items for the council's attention; The litter bin by the Bus Stop was broken. Recently he had installed MHDC approved bins at Alfrick and suggested that one similar could be installed as a replacement at a cost of c £200 plus installation.

The council asked the clerk to go ahead with this.

10.

Items for the next meeting

See 3,b 5, 6, 7, above.

11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 20th November 2017 at 7:00pm at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick. – Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 20:03

Minutes confirmed 20th November 2017