

Knightswick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00 on Monday 20th November 2017 at the Talbot Hotel, Knightswick.

Present;

Cllrs: Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, Ms Linda Pearson, F Budden, P Edwards, D Steel.
County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist Cllr A Warburton. G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies: Ms G Evans, Dist Cllr Ms S Rouse.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

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

County Cllr P Tuthill reported on the Worcester Acute Services Trust and the progress of the Southern Link Road at Worcester

Dist Cllr A Warburton reported on activity at MHDC and the relocation of council staff to the Council House which had now been completed.

There was an informal discussion which enabled the clerk to brief members on activity on the SmartWater anti-theft system at Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council. – see agenda item 5

The formal meeting commenced at 19:28

In the absence of both Cllr B Munt – Chair and the Vice-Chair Cllr Ms G Evans, Cllr F Budden was elected to chair the meeting.

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

The apology from Cllr Ms G Evans was accepted.

There were no declarations of interest in the agenda items.

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council - 18th September 2017

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

3.

Financial Matters;

a) Pay Parish of the Lower Teme Valley – Churchyard maintenance £180.00

The original offer to the Teme Valley PCC was to pay £125 per year towards the costs of Churchyard Maintenance. In this instance the cost of one session was £180 and on a proposal by Cllr P Edwards it was agreed by a majority decision to meet the full cost.

Cllr F Budden asked for his dissent to this to be recorded formally. viz 'That a decision properly taken after discussion on a previous occasion was disregarded in favour of a quick proposal without proper discussion to pay the whole amount of the bill submitted by the PCC, no reason for doing this having been offered.'

b) Decide on the allocation of costs etc following the sale of the Village Hall

The clerk advised members that it may be more opportune to delay this decision until the annual meeting of the Village Hall Charity on May 21st 2018 when formal notices would be more effective in advising the parish of changes proposed.

After a discussion this was agreed.

c) Consider request from Broadwas Sports Assn for financial support.

It was agreed to make a donation of £150.00 towards the maintenance of the association's facilities.

d) Pay lengthsman – October - £172.80 inc vat – Agreed.

4.

Planning Matters;

a) Note clerk's delegated response to planning application- 17/01544/HP Knightswick Cottage, Suckley Road, 'No Comment' Returned. - Noted

5.

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

It was agreed that it was necessary to assess the likely response to the discounted-cost proposal based

on an almost 100% uptake of the offer. The clerk was asked to publish details in 'Footprints' asking residents to respond directly to him so that interest could be assessed.

**6.
Review the future of the Village Hall Charity**

See 3,b above.

**7.
Neighbourhood Plan – Progress etc.**

The 'Plan had been published and a referendum would take place in the three parishes on 30th November.

**8.
Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman had reported finding 'buried' gullies along the B4197 from the Talbot to the A44 junction due to the verge encroaching on the highway. Councillors noted this and also the state of the footpath along this stretch of road and asked the clerk to work with the lengthsman to resolve both problems.

**9.
Clerk's Report,**

Correspondence; Suckley Parish Council was concerned about litter along the Suckley – Knightwick road.

Actions from the previous meeting;

A new Litter Bin for the area by the Bus Shelter on the A44 was on order.

Discussions on improving the parking area by the surgery were on-going.

The clerk noted that a Memorial Tablet to ex pupils of Knightwick School who were killed in the 1914-18 war had been removed from the Village Hall whilst it was still in the trust of the Parish Council.

Councillors asked the clerk to recover the memorial so that it could be resited appropriately.

**10.
Items for the next meeting**

At the January meeting it would be necessary to set the 2018-9 precept. The clerk advised that at 2/3 through the financial year expenditure of £3017 against the precept of £5200 was on-target. He asked members to consider any items of major expenditure for the next year prior to the meeting.

**11.
Confirm the date of the next meeting:**

Monday 15th January 2018 at 7:00pm at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick. – Confirmed

The meeting closed at 20:28hrs

Minutes confirmed 15/01/2018