**DRAFT MINUTES**

 **MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held via zoom**

**Monday 9th November 2020 at 7:30pm**

**Present :** Cllr M. Tilt (Chair) Cllr P. Laight

 Cllr R. Drake Cllr I. Bull

 Cllr P. Collins District Cllr L. Robinson

 Cllr V. Longmore County Cllr R. Adams

**In Attendance**: Clerk

 One member of the public

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No questions

1. **CO- OPTION** – Cllr Tilt agreed for Mrs Tamzin Richards to join as Parish Councillor and was seconded by Cllrs Longmore, Laight and Bull
2. **APOLOGIES -** None

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Collins and Richards both declared an interest in items 12a

1. **GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -The minutes from the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2020 were approved as true and correct
3. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**
4. **The following payments were approved:**

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| Lisa Cope | Salary | £336.00 | Cheque 471 |
| HMRC | Lisa Cope Tax | £84.00 | Cheque 472 |
| Lisa Cope | Expenses | £47.01 | Cheque 473 |
| Worcs Calc | Training (Carole) | £40.00 | Cheque 474 |

 **b) District Councillors Report- Linda Robinson**

As we entered into a second lockdown last Thursday Wychavon announced that they will re-introduce free parking in all their Council owned car parks until the 3rd January to help support local businesses over Christmas.

A walk-in test centre for Coronavirus is to be set up imminently in the middle car park at the Wychavon civic centre site. Appointments will be required through the Gov.uk website under Testing for coronavirus. This facility is expected to stay in place for six months and will then be converted into a vaccine centre.

Please see the attached link for more COVID-19 information-<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWYCHAVON/bulletins/2aa7dad>

Please stay safe all of you and abide by the latest restrictions to keep others safe as well. The message 'Here to Help' still applies to your County & District Councils and do feel free to contact me directly should the need arise in these unprecedented times.

Wychavon are also continuing to support businesses, the vulnerable and helping those that need to shield in the community as well as rough sleepers and helping support school meals.

There is a boundary commission review meeting which might be of interest to Kington and Dormston due to its close proximity to Inkberrow, the meeting takes place on 12th November at 6pm, contact the Clerk for details.

Expression of interests for round three of the legacy grants ends on 7th December with application forms available on the Wychavon website

1. **County Councillors Report- Rob Adams**

COVID-19 figures from 6th November were 173 people testing positive for covid-19 in Worcester (92 of which in the 65+ age bracket) and 132 in Wychavon again with the majority in the 65+ age range which are still currently proving the most vulnerable.

With regards the Legacy Grant there is one £1 million available to apply for mainly for large projects such as village halls, Cllr Adams hopes this will continue past the third year.

The safety concerns on the A422 are top priority in the County and Jacobs are currently undertaking a survey from local Parishes to relay their concerns and suggestions for improvement.

There is an additional on demand bus service currently being trialled between the villages as pioneered from Peopleton and Drakes Broughton with hopes to continue this in the future please share with parishioners that might be interested as it is continuing during the local for essential shopping and appointments. Cllr Bull relayed thanks to Cllr Adams for the works carried out at Kington and the road improvements outside Westfield bungalow the residents were very grateful. Cllr Drake asked Cllr Adams why West Mercia police have not increased visibility on the A422 with speed monitoring on the A422 and the lack of response to correspondence sent by the Parish Council in September-Clerk to forward all correspondence to Cllr Adams to look into.

1. **Footpaths Officer Report**

 There is to be some replacement of styles and gates when the ease of lockdown allows

  **f) Crime Report**

 None Sent

**7. HIGHWAYS to consider the following issues:**

a) Speeding Motorcyclists on the A422- Letter sent to Nigel Huddleston to support petition by Flyford Flavell Parish Council

1. **VAS SIGN**-

 The post is now in place and Cllr Collins is to trim the height of three trees but the VAS sign can now be ordered by the clerk

1. **NOTICEBOARD**

 Cllr Collins to affix brackets and erect noticeboard asap

1. **WHATS ON AGREEMENT**

Historically the Parish Council have made regular updates within the ‘Whats On’ magazine and it was agreed by all Cllrs that this should resume with a half page update every two months for a cost of £10 (total of £60 per year). Clerk to send a report for December edition before deadline on 10/11/20.

1. **LENGTHSMAN**

It was agreed by Wychavon that the Lengthsman can continue working during this lockdown and the Parish Council agreed that this is necessary. Luke Farnsworth agreed with the Clerk that he would but would be mindful of working on busy footpaths near the public due to health risk. Cllr Tilt reminded of the need to clear leaves from the drain at the end of Cockshot Lane as well as normal duties

**12. PLANNING**

 **a. Applications considered under delegation since previous meeting:**

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| [**20/02047/FUL**](https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=103832) | Moss Vale Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DH | Replacement barn for use as domestic/equestrian storage and workshop. | No objections |
| [**20/02272/HP**](https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=104056) | Roundhill Lodge Cockshot Lane Dormston Kington Worcester WR7 4JZ | Erection of first floor extension to existing bungalow and new detached garage/car port with dedicated bat loft | No objections |
| [**20/02369/CU**](https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=104153) | Land On Little Ashdene Farm Kington Lane Kington | Change of use of land for relocation of dog kennels | No objections |

1. **FINANCE –** Council approved payments as proposed in Item 5(b)

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

Email correspondence was presented to Cllrs from parishioner Mr Eamon Mullin who complained of litter along Cockshot Lane in Dormston to local MP Nigel Huddleston and Wychavon Council. Cllrs agreed that a community litter pick was not suitable in the current conditions due to the health risks and lockdown however it will be kept on the agenda for future meetings and the Clerk was to highlight litter in the ‘What’s On’ magazine report.

**15. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Cllr Richards reported a jagged paving stone opposite the new VAS pole- Cllr Drake to check the address and send the clerk an update and photos to report to Highways/ the homeowner if necessary.

Cllr Drake reported the lack of Neighbourhood Watch updates especially considering there had been three burglaries recently in the area- clerk to chase regular crime updates and email Julie Pardoe

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** The next meeting was agreed forMonday 11th January 2021

 The meeting closed at 8.30pm

 Signed Chairman……………………………………….. Date……………………………………………………………..