

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The Chairman formally opened the Meeting.

#### **1. PRESENT**

Councillors: S. Austin (Chairman), M. Jones, Mrs. J. Harrigan. Lady Judge, Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. A. Keane, Mrs. J. Campbell.  
District Councillor Hugh Hamilton.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Councillors: J. Ward, P. Povey.

#### **3. REMEMBRANCE**

Prior to the Business of the Meeting the Chairman wished to pay tribute to County Councillor Maurice Broomfield who had sadly passed away. As County Councillor to Dodderhill and Ombersley he had given dedicated support for many years, his presence would be greatly missed. As a gesture of remembrance a lighted candle and his photograph were placed at his vacant seat.

In addition, the Chairman asked the Council to remember the 49 people so tragically massacred in the gay night club in Orlando USA.

One minute's silence was observed in remembrance of those who had passed on.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. The Queen's Birthday Celebration Committee and the Parish Council wished to thank Councillors Alyson Keane and Mike Jones for their hard work and commitment which contributed to a successful celebration week-end.
2. VISION PLAN - PLAYING FIELD  
The plan had attracted many constructive comments. Young mothers were in favor of combining the infant play area with the more robust for older children. It was stressed that there was lengthy consultation process to follow before a final plan was agreed.
3. There were concerns expressed regarding restricted vehicle turning space outside the school. The Parish Council recommended the school apply for a 20mph speed limit and appropriate signage.
4. 30mph SPEED LIMIT ON THE A38  
This was requested. The council explained that previous applications to Worcestershire County Highways had been rejected.
5. MC DONALD'S 24hr OPENING – 12 MONTHS PROBATIONERY PERIOD  
Residents urged to register any noise or nuisance complaints with Worcester Regulatory Services, and copy in District Councillor Hamilton, in order to keep an accurate record.

Close Public Session.

#### **5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

#### **6. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**7. NO MATTERS ARISING**

**8. POLICE REPORT**

Several break-ins during May, mostly power tools and garden equipment stolen.

**9. PLANNING.**

Mill Lane Farm, Wychbold - Removal of agricultural condition to allow occupation by non-agricultural worker. No objection.

**10. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

District Councillor Hamilton congratulated the Queen's Birthday Committee on a tremendous effort and community spirit.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. Further information to be available shortly.

**11. PROJECTS.**

**1. YOUTH CLUB**

County Council funding was due to cease in July of this year, the Council felt it was crucial to keep the club running. £3,695. 00 was the figure required for staffing costs, research possible grant funding.

The Council agreed in principle that the Club should continue at all costs. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Harrigan and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Brown.

**2. FIONA'S ORCHARD**

Contractor to mow a path through the orchard.

**3. AMENITIES - 106 FUNDING - VISION DESIGN**

The Bellinger Vision design plan was well supported by the community, it was agreed to gather all comments and suggestions for an online survey, a questionnaire on Dodderhill web page and Parish Link.

The plan was in its infancy, further community involvement was required, with a view to a final plan at the beginning of 2017.

**4. M5 SMART MOTORWAY**

Councillor Lady Judge had researched noise impact resulting from high volumes of traffic and was not convinced that Highway England would go far enough to address the issue. It was agreed the Parish Council should pursue the matter, therefore a special closed meeting to be arranged.

**5. H.M. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION REPORT**

Well received by everyone. The remaining commemorative coins to be sold.

**6. BARRIER - COMMUNITY HALL CAR PARK**

A resident had complained that the barrier was preventing locals full use of the playing fields, vehicles associated with the adjacent school were now restricted. It was stated that there was no dispute with the school that could not be resolved, the barrier was in place to protect council property.

**7. JUNIOR PARISH COUNCIL**

After consideration it was agreed that a Junior Parish Council was impractical and would not be taken further

It was agreed that should Young People wish to raise issues a protected Junior Public Session at council meetings would be held.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Several young mothers were keen to encourage local residents, young and elderly, to join in the community spirit, furthermore they were of the opinion that certain village issues should be given priority.

Close Public Session.

**12. MATTERS FOR ACTION.**

1. NEW HOMES BONUS – SMART WATER PROPOSAL  
Wychavon were refusing NHB funding for small projects. They were encouraging Council's to embark on ambitious schemes to benefit the Parish.  
Public session opened.  
Resident commented that for efficiency purposes a data base would have to be established.  
Close Public Session.  
The Council took the view that the matter was down to personal choice.
2. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CONCIL PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WYCHBOLD SCHOOL. - PROPOSED ACCESS  
The Council were advised that they should expect compensation from the County Council if access to the site was required. A further meeting to be arranged.
3. DEFIBRILLATOR – NHB  
The Council agreed to purchase the protective cabinet in order to claim VAT.
4. ALLOTMENT FENCING  
Several posts required replacing and new wire netting.
5. STOKE ROAD BOUNDARY FENCING  
Quotations to be obtained.
6. TREE PACKS FROM WOODLAND TRUST  
Permission required from land owners, community groups encouraged to plant, they would be expected to carry out ongoing maintenance. At this stage it was agreed to register an interest.

**13. NO CORRESPONDENCE.**

**14. FINANCE.**

ANNUAL RETURN APPROVAL. The Internal Auditor had prepared the accounts and his report. The Council responded to all questions relating to the Accounts, the Annual Return together with the Balance Sheet was signed by the Chairman and RFO.

**15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

Cheques were drawn in favor of:

Mr. Croton £50.00 (Handyman). HMRC £22.00 (PAYE). Mrs. G. Pinfield £1,578.00 (quarter year salary). D. Westwood £50.00 (Car Park maintenance). Signtech Ltd £363.36 (External Barrier signs). Access & Visions Ltd £108.00 (CCTV maintenance). David Miles £40.00 (Playground Inspection), £182.00 (Lengthsman). Wychbold Village Hall £24.00 - £36.00 (Room Hire 7/06/16/13.06/16). Mrs. A. Keane £70.00 (Printing for Queen's Celebration). 1<sup>st</sup> Asphalt £11,250.00 (Part resurfacing of car park and footpath). Mr. M. Jones £137. 61 (Councillor Expenses).  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Cooke and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Harrigan.

**16. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.**

1. Suggestions invited for NHB funding.
2. Agenda next meeting  
Community Events financial limit to be imposed.
3. Grass cutting on A38- unacceptable.

**17. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS.**

1. ALARM SYSTEM

It had been recommended by a security expert that the alarm system should be reinstated - Agreed.

2. Cupboards in kitchen and servery required cleaning.

No Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.