

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council on Monday 13th March 2017.

1. PRESENT

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

2. APOLOGIES.

Councillor Mr. J. Ward, County Councillor Peter Tomlinson.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

A member of the public wished to draw attention to the high volume of traffic activity on A38 outside McDonalds and HGV vehicles parked in the lay-by. Worcester Highways enforcement to investigate.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs. Keane declared an interest in the item Defibrillator.

5. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Mr Sean Mulvey had complied with terms and conditions to join the Council. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Mulvey on to the Council. Carried.

6. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

Due to ill health, Vice-Chair Councillor J. Ward found it necessary to tender his resignation from the Council.

Councillor Mr Jones agreed to act as Vice-Chair during the interim period to the AGM in May. Proposed by Councillor S. Austin and seconded by Councillor Mrs Campbell. Carried.

6. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising

8. POLICE REPORT.

No report received.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Wych Way Inn, Worcester Road, Wychbold – Proposal – Extend illuminated and other signage. No objection.

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Nothing to report.

11. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Absent.

12. PROJECTS.

1. YOUTH CLUB

Nothing to report.

2. FIONA'S ORCHARD

Nothing to report

3. M5 SMART MOTORWAY

1. TREE PLANTING

Highways England were under pressure from Government sources to reconsider the planting of mature trees. Tree experts to report their recommendations shortly.

2. AIR POLLUTION

It was claimed that Wychbold has the highest air pollution reading in Wychavon. District Councillor Hamilton was asked to enquire if Wychavon planned to take any action.

4. VISION DESIGN – BELLINGER LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT

Suggestions gathered via the consultation process to be passed on to Bellinger Design.

5. SMART WATER SCHEME

Well received and progressing well. Street signs on order. All registered. Awaiting invoice.

13. MATTERS FOR ACTION.

Chair Opened a Public Session

1. A representative from a disabled group who practised archery wished to enquire if there was space on the playing fields they could use. The Council supported the request.
2. A WCC Children's Services representative was keen to encourage young people to take an interest in gardening, and asked if an allotment was available. The Clerk to make contact after the allotment review.

Chair Closed the Public session

1 WCC PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WYCHBOLD SCHOOL

1. EMERGENCY ACCESS

A section of hedge removed to create access in readiness for the development. Proposed emergency access to be discussed later.

2. DEFIBRILLATOR

Awaiting delivery and fitting.

3. A38 – REQUEST FOR 30mph LIMIT THROUGH WYCHBOLD

The Chair reported that the Parish Councils recent request to Worcestershire Highways to change the 40mph limit to 30mph through Wychbold had been approved. The process was likely to take six months before the limit became operational. It was hoped that the revised limit would have some impact on the existing 60mph limit from Rashwood to Wychbold.

4. ELECTRONIC SIGN A38

A resident had volunteered to re-charge the battery as and when required, at no charge to the Council.

5. VANDALISM – CAMERA DAMAGE

Awaiting response to Court appearance by offender.

6. DOG FOULING BINS

The Parish Council would be responsible for supply, fitting and emptying costs. Information for next meeting.

7. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

This will take place on Tuesday 21st March 7.00pm.

14. FINANCE.

1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Prior to the Meeting it had been necessary to make two payments:

1. British Heart Foundation £1,200.00 (Defibrillator costs).
2. Access and Vision £330 (Camera repairs and maintenance).

Cheques were drawn in favour of:

David Miles £180.00 (Lengthsman). Mr Addy £85.00 (Handyman). Royal Mail Group £101.36 (Free post charges questionnaire). Mr Addy £7.98 (Gutter clips). Mr Hill £40.00 (Playground Inspection). Worcestershire CC £868.03 (Street lighting maintenance). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire). Mrs. G. Pinfield £1,660.00 (quarter year salary). £375.51 (Expenses). £330.00 (Back dated pay due to several changes in tax code). Mrs.J. Lammas £155.00 (Printing questionnaire). Proposed by Councillor Mrs Keane, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lammas.

15. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

No Further raised.

This concluded the Business and the public departed.

16. APPONTMENT OF CLERK

The panel of four interviewed six candidates, and three out of four agreed that Mr David Hunter-Miller should be offered the post of Clerk.

At present Mr Hunter-Miller was Clerk to a Parish Council whose meeting fell on the second Monday in the month. The Council agreed to change the Dodderhill meeting to the first Monday in the month.

A salary appraisal to be carried out. A six month probationary period was agreed.

Two candidates who lived locally had impressed the panel and may consider joining the Parish Council.

17. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Councillor Mrs Keane put forward proposals for the future of the Community Hall.

The Chairman pointed out that a committee should be formed before any decisions were taken.

The key box to be removed from the previous caretaker's property.

Councillor Mrs Keane informed the Council that an agreement had been reached with the acting caretaker to carry out duties without payment during the interim period.

Objection was raised and the council agreed to overrule this agreement and a cheque was drawn for £100 as interim payment for the acting caretaker.

18 RESIGNATION OF TWO COUNCILLORS.

At the conclusion of the meeting letters of resignation were submitted by Councillors Mrs Rita Cooke and Mrs Joan Campbell.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.05pm

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