

7th May 2015. He confirmed that MHDC were planning no increases in the Council Tax for the next year. He reported that as from 1st February 2015 the new leisure contract would be operational for the swimming pool and gym. Phase I of the Public Realm work had begun in Tenbury. He confirmed that a new play area for the under 8's was to be built in the park and be ready before Easter. Cllr Dell also proposed setting up a surgery half an hour before our meetings. **The Council discussed this and it was agreed for the Clerk to contact Cllr Dell to confirm that due to the proximity of the elections, it would be beneficial to hold the surgery after the May elections.** He also reported that within his budget some monies were still available to use for a local group.

QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Evans – When setting the Precept, would MHDC be passing on 100% of the subsidy to councils? - Cllr Dell said he would look into this and email a reply to the Parish Council.

Cllr Evans – Recent refuse collections within the area had been poor over the Christmas period. Cllr Dell reported that not enough refuse vehicles were in service. Two more were required to be purchased. He confirmed that if any waste collections were missed, the caged vehicles usually pick these up. Overall the service is very good.

Cllr Benbow – Asked had there been a definitive statement from Tesco's as to whether work was planned for Tenbury? Cllr Dell reported that there were no plans for the foreseeable future.

County Councillor – No report provided.

Parish Hall Representative – Cllr Williams reported that the Parish Hall had received £600 from Councillor Pollock's fund. The kitchen had been redecorated. Booking were still going well. The Chairman was to chase up on the documents of the ownership of the footpath that runs alongside the hall.

Public Path Warden – Cllr Mrs Winwood reported that Jonathan White the District County Officer had confirmed that funding and labour was now available for work to begin on the footpath between Little Lambswick and the School. Cllr Evans and Workman have put in many hours of footpath reviewing and were currently preparing a plan for the Parish Council; so that the Council could prioritise any work that was needed within an agreed framework that could be seen to be non-discriminatory. It is felt that it would be better to act under written principles of priority to be placed before the full Council at the next meeting, to avoid accusations of prejudice or discrimination if we enforce in one case and ignore in another. Meanwhile, Cllr Mrs Winwood was currently trying to contact three major landowners with problem paths.

Councillors

Cllr Williams – reported that the Parish Hall would be purchasing new screens for the

Citizens Advice Bureau to use for their sessions in the hall to provide extra privacy.

Cllr Mrs Pardoe – was requested to ask on behalf of the Menith Wood W.I. if a defibrillator could be purchased. The Chairman explained why the Parish Council had decided against this idea some time ago. The Parish Council had agreed to regularly advertise First Aid training for people within the area.

Clerk – Reported that she had received a letter of complaint of the rubbish located by the bus stop in Eardiston and the rubbish in the layby opposite Woodston Drive. The Clerk had sought a costing for a larger bin to replace the small bin in Eardiston, and it was agreed to purchase. The smaller bin, if agreed by MHDC would be relocated to the layby at Woodston.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Redman had confirmed the site would be used for KTM Training days. The Council asked to write and thank Mr Redman for his comments.

PC81 – Public Open Space Grant Money – Cllr Evans reported the situation of the overhead power lines was still causing concerns that this could delay the scheduled work deadline. It may be necessary to write to MHDC to explain the situation. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Evans.

PC82 – Emergency Plan – Cllr Mrs Lowe, Cllr Evans and Cllr Williams were to form a sub-committee. The Clerk was to write to Mr Woodall to return the master document.

PC83 – Lindridge Autumn Show/Garden Competition – Cllr Mrs Lowe provided an overview of the structure of the show of two years ago. It was agreed to support the idea of an Autumn Show this year. Cllr Mrs Hawkeswood and Cllr Beauchamp agreed to act as representatives from the Council. The Clerk would send out an initial email to all three parties involved – Church/Parish Hall/Parish Council, to set an early meeting in January with all those involved. It was agreed to continue with the School Garden Competition.

PC84 – Road and Drainage Issues – Current issues were:-

- Road and bank dropping below Cherry View, Frith Common – The Clerk reported notification had been received from WCC that this stretch of road would be closed for up to 10 days in mid-February to carry out further ground investigation works.
- Mill Lane – Cllr Benbow met with Paul Danby before Christmas. A letter was to be drafted to be sent from the Parish Council to the County Council of work to be carried out.
- A456 – Broombank – It was agreed to reply to Mr Brienza’s reply regarding the speeding restriction on the Broombank. To look again at the speed statistics, the concealed entrance signs. Cllr Workman would put together a response. Copy Cllr Pollock into correspondence.
- Cllr Mrs Winwood had received a complaint regarding the Lower Frith

Common road. The structure of the road meant that it was subsiding and breaking up. Constant mud was flowing down the road, probably caused by blocked drains. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Brienza to set up a site meeting.

- **PC85 – Speed Restrictions in Eardiston** - VAS Unit – The Clerk reported that she would follow up with the other Parish Councils if interested, in helping to purchase the data collection unit. A question was posed whether an additional post could be installed the other end of Eardiston for the VAS unit to be fitted to. The Clerk was to make enquiries.
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- **PC86 – To Discuss 2015-2016 Precept** – It was agreed that the Award Scheme budget would be an earmarked reserve. It was unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2015-2016 would remain the same as 2014-2015 at £6660.00. The Clerk to inform MHDC before the end of January.
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- **PC87 – To Discuss Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** – Cllr Benbow stated that the revised Standing Orders would need to be retyped before the next meeting. Cllrs Benbow and Evans were to meet with the Clerk to go through the Financial Regulations. These would be finalised for the next meeting.
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- **PC88 - Review planning matters, applications and decisions**

PLANNING REF: 14/01500HOU

First Floor bedroom extension over existing footprint of lounge. – 5 Lower Frith Common,
Mr D Stroyd - APPROVAL

PLANNING REF: 14/01448/PDU – Proposed change of use of Agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) and for associated operational development. – WITHDRAWN

PC89 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting – The Clerk to write to Mr Woodall.

PC90 – Correspondence for information –

- Letter to Mr S Beauchamp confirming co-option to the Parish Council.
- Letter to Electoral Services confirming co-option of Mr S Beauchamp
- Letter to Mr A Bush.
- Email from WCC to confirm road closure at Frith Common.
- **PC91 – Items for Future Agenda**
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- S106 Public Open Space Grant Money
- Emergency Plan
- Lindridge Autumn and Garden Show

- Road and Drainage Issues
- Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
- Standing Orders

PC92 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm