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For And On Behalf Of
Hill Croome Parish Council
Clerk - Michael Brooks
Vine Cottage Baughton Earls Croome WR8 9DQ

Minutes of the Parish Council for the meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2020

Present: Councillors Smith, Eaton, Jarvis, and Brooks, Cllr Middlebrough WCC

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. Owenson MHDC, Cllr. Clough
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Councillors reminded of their responsibility to update the register.
3. **Minutes** – minutes for the meeting held on 28th April 2020 approved and signed.
4. **Update on Meetings during Covid-19 Pandemic** – Clerk provided the latest information from CALC regarding the conducting of meetings during the pandemic. Face-to-face meetings are only permitted in exceptional circumstances for which a full risk assessment and justification would be required. Dispensation for online meetings is in place until May 2021, pending review. Council notified that Annual Meetings will not take place and that the Chairman will remain in place until 2021.
5. **Defibrillator** – Proposal put forward to renew the project due to the unknown time for the pandemic. It was agreed that the Clerk should further the pricing, logistics and location before the next meeting when the final decision can be taken. Once received the paperwork can be shared in advance of the meeting to ensure best progress.
6. **Progress reports** –
 1. Drainage on Ash Lea – WCC have reported that the matter is in hand for further investigation during 2020/2021.
 2. Ditch clearance – scheduled for 2020/2021.
 3. Property marking scheme – due to insufficient interest this project has been halted.
 4. Rubbish dumping – Council informed of two incidents cleared by MHDC, with two more requiring a follow up by the clerk.
 5. Speed – Clerk has written to the Police Liaison Highways Officer to request the next step towards tackling the problem. Depending upon the response a letter to the Crime Commissioner is being prepared.
7. **Village Green** – Clerk reports that the mowing has been done regularly and the green is looking well-manicured around the edges and under the trees. A good number of small wild flowers including birds' foot trefoil and yellow rattle have started to show in several areas and arrangements will soon be made for the end of season cut. Chairman to try and find a recipient for the bales to save on disposal costs.
8. **Lengthsman** – Council informed that the new contract and risk assessment have been done for the year. Whilst the pandemic has caused difficulties, we now need to see action and regular activity. Clerk to notify the lengthsman of this requirement.

Chairman - Phillippe Smith Clerk - Michael Brooks

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9. Planning – Council informed of the three active applications; Bourne Road solar site, Baughton View plots, and Apple Orchards change of use.

10. Finance – Council provided with an update of recent expenditure and income since last meeting, with confirmation that the audit had been returned in order. The current balances held are:

Current Account £1097.54 Deposit Account £6784.50 Cash £42.24

11. Neighbourhood Watch – Clerk introduced the new scheme to Councillors. It is to be for the parish of Hill Croome and information will be circulated in the next newsletter. Parishioners will be encouraged to join the National Scheme before signing up to our local group. A new email address has been created solely for the members where information can be exchanged to assist with our local security and community safety.

12. Training – All Councillors have now taken part in training for the role. As new opportunities arise the Clerk will ensure dates are made available.

13. District and County Councillor Reports – Cllr Middlebrough gave an update on the latest County Council activities during the pandemic crisis.

14. Correspondance – no matters to report

15. Councillor reports and agenda items for next meeting – no reports.

16. Dates for next meetings – subject to confirmation

Online Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30pm

Signed: Chairman

Date