Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 18th May 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present;

Chairman, Mr P Edwards

Mrs G Evans, Messrs, F Budden, S Munday, S Twinberrow, P Walker, G M Brewin (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Apologies from Cllr D Kirkbride, Cllrs C Smith (County Councillor), Cllrs D H Hughes, A Warburton, (District Councillors)

Questions from members of the public:

None

The formal meeting commenced at 8.05pm.

1. To accept nominations and appoint a Chairman

Cllr P Edwards thanked the members for their support over the past year, he then nominated Cllr S Munday, who was seconded by Cllr P Walker. There were no other nominations.

Cllr S Munday accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. see appendix - a

2. To accept nominations and appoint a Vice-Chairman

Cllr P Edwards seconded by Cllr P Walker nominated Cllr S Twinberrow . Agreed.

3. Apologies for absence and members declarations of interest.

The apology from Cllr D Kirkbride. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

4. To fill a vacancy by co-option.

There were no offers of co-option. The chairman asked the clerk to approach the Sunningdale Housing Association again and to continue to advertise the vacancy.

5. To appoint a representative to the Village Hall Charity Trustees

Cllr P Edwards seconded by Cllr Mrs G Evans nominated Mr G M Brewin; agreed.

It was noted that Cllr F Budden would continue as a trustee of the Village and Almshouses charities

6. Confirm Minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2008 - Circulated in advance

These had been circulated in advance, were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

7. Financial Matters

- a) Acceptance of the Accounts for 2008-9 Circulated in advance, and Statement of Assurance Agreed see appendix b
- b) Confirm Clerk's Salary & Hours 2008-9 (NALC SCP26 £11.435/hr, 237hrs/yr) Agreed
- c) Approve payments
 - i. WCALC Membership Subscription 08-9 £123.91+vat £140.21 Agreed
 - ii. Parish Council Insurance renewal The following quotations had been received; Allianz, £344.87, Came & Co (Norwich Union) £282.20

After a discussion it was agreed that unless the excess of £250 on the Came and Co proposal could be reduced to that of the existing insurer (Allianz - £125) that the Allianz insurance should be renewed. (Subsequently the clerk raised this with the insurers and no such reduction was forthcoming.)

- d) Consider Grants
 - i. Lower Teme PCC Knightwick Churchyard £100 Agreed
 - ii. Footprints community Newsletter £150 Agreed
 - iii. Nora Parsons Day Centre £75 Agreed

8. Planning Matters - None

9. Approve new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations - circulated in advance.

Thes were agreed and signed by the chairman, see appendix- c

10.Clerk's report on actions from previous meetings

There had not been any action on the spoil heap in the A44 layby and he would continue to press WCC Highways Dept to clear this away.

11. Correspondence - Circulated in advance

swjcs Local Development Framework

HSBC Current Acc. £3940.10

Community First, Wiltshire Village Hall Insurance Quotation £148.88

Clement Keys Annual Audit

Equality Rights Comsn Briefing - Public Sector Duties

WCC Greenspaces

Info Commissioner Freedom of Information Brief and DVD

WCC Worcs Warden Newsletter etc

He would follow up the quotation for Village Hall insurance which was very attractive and include it in the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Items for the Next Meeting

- a) Village Hall Insurance
- b) Co-option to fill a vacancy
- c) Possibility of a Refuse Skip hire

12. Confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 20/7/09 at 8pm In the Village Hall Knightwick.

Future meetings; 21/09/2009, 16/11/2009

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman.