

Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:00 on Monday 16th January 2017 in the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick.

Present;

Chair; Cllr B Munt,

Cllrs: Ms G Evans, Ms M Horton, Ms K L Parkinson, F Budden, P Edwards, D Steel.

County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist Cllrs: Ms S Rouse, A Warburton.

G M Brewin (Clerk)

Visitors - None

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Footpath's Warden et al.

County Cllr P Tuthill reported on progress of the Joint Police/Fire Service control centre at Hindlip, the restructuring of the fire stations at Kidderminster, the energy from waste project at Hartlebury and the progress of the Southern Link Road at Worcester.

Dist Cllrs Ms S Rouse and A Warburton reported on current matters at MHDC specifically on developments relating to refuse collection in the area.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:25

Agenda

1.

Apologies for absence and members' declarations of interest.

In noting that all members were present the clerk advised members that there was the need to fill the vacancy left at the last election by co-option.

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

2.

Confirm the minutes of the Bi-monthly Meeting of the Council - 21st November 2016,

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

3.

Financial Matters;

a) Agree a Budget and Precept for the year 2017-18. (for information -2015-16 - £5000)

After a discussion and bearing in mind the possibility of further expense in the sale of the Village Hall it was agreed to set the Precept at £5.200.

b) Note; Clerk's delegated payments - Village Hall electricity £26.60 & £19.40. Noted.

4.

Planning Matters;

None.

5.

Sale of the Village Hall

A list of offers some subject-to-contract and change-of-use conditions had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The council discussed this at length. Councillors were agreed that they have to negotiate the best sale price but considered that further waiting to see if a 'Change of Use' could be obtained was unacceptable.

It was decided that those offering more than the unconditional £35.000 offer received be given the opportunity to make an offer on the same terms. Specifically a 10% deposit immediately and completion of the sale 'as seen' in 6 weeks.

The clerk was instructed to proceed together with the estate agent on this basis.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – Progress etc.

Clerk to report.

The report was being revised following the review by MHDC and would be published in the next month or so.

7.

Lengthsman

Clerk to report.

Together with WCC Highways he had contracted with Mr J S Garness of Whitbourne, who was now employing staff from the previous contractor, to take over the Lengthsman Contract for the remainder of the financial year. He had already given instructions for work to begin in areas expected to cause problems in Winter weather.

8.

Discuss litter and dumping on the Suckley Rd, between the Alfrick Rd and Rectory Lane.

Councillors had noted a collection of debris and grass cuttings on the verge opposite Knightwick Cottage on the Suckley road.

The clerk was asked to write to the occupants of Knightwick Cottage asking them to refrain from leaving grass cuttings in this area.

9.

Clerk's Report,

Correspondence, Actions from the previous meeting, etc

He reported that he was still waiting to hear from WCC regarding the parish council-owned grit bin at Devil's Leap Doddenham.

On the footpath through the Sunningdale Estate he reported that the Parish Paths Warden had contacted WCC Footpaths to get this work done.

He distributed the Worcestershire Local Transport Consultation Plan to members for review and response.

10.

Items for the next meeting

Sale of Village Hall, Maintenance of Knightwick Chapel Churchyard

11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 20th March 2017 proposed. - Agreed

The meeting closed at 20:30

Minutes confirmed 20th March 2017