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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 12th January 2021

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

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Owenson MHDC.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Councillors reminded of their responsibility to update the register.
3. **Minutes** – minutes for the meeting held on 6th October 2020 approved and signed.
4. **Update on Meetings during Covid-19 Pandemic** – Clerk confirmed that the current restrictions are still in force.
5. **Defibrillator** – Discussion of pre-submitted proposal to purchase a defibrillator and heated cabinet. Costings provided indicate a cost of £1456.16 exc.VAT, to be supplied through the British Heart Foundation. Unanimous agreement to proceed. Clerk to action.
6. **Progress reports** –
 1. **Van on the green** – a delivery driver decided to use the green as a short cut to the main road and got stuck. Assistance provided to remove him and damage smoothed out. Email sent to company for suitable advice to be given to the driver.
 2. **Ditch clearance** – scheduled for 2020/2021 – still awaited.
 3. **Community Action Speed Signs** – we have two large signs to be located at either end of the village.
 4. **Neighbourhood Watch Signs** – the Clerk has 5 signs to be placed at entry points to the village.
 5. **Drainage ditch and culvert** – Stanks Lane – drainage team to investigate the build-up of debris.
7. **Lengthsman** – Advert placed with CALC for publication. Anyone wishing to be considered for the post should contact the Clerk.
8. **Traffic Management** – Notification received stating that the lay-by along the A4104 will again be used for storage of road maintenance materials during 2021, potentially starting February.
9. **Village Green** – Spring flowers starting to emerge. An opportunity for a first cut is eagerly awaited.
10. **Planning** – Letter of Objection submitted for Baughton Stud.

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- 11. Finance** – Council provided with an update of recent expenditure and income since last meeting, and a summary of balances;

Current Account £825.50 Deposit Account £7785.32 Cash £2.76

Confirmation from the Clerk that the Precept 2021/22 request has been submitted.

Proposal put forward to request the purchase of a spring-binder to house the loose-leaf minute sheets, currently held in a ring binder. This is to ensure their safe storage in a more user-friendly manner. Unanimous support. Clerk to purchase at a cost of £14.99.

Confirmation of the appointment of the auditor, Mr Dion Petri. He has confirmed his willingness to carry out the role.

- 12. Training** – All Councillors have now taken part in training for their 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 new island at the A38 junction. All being well the work may commence as early as February 2021.

- 14. Correspondence** – Clerk reported the following matters;

1. **Sheep worrying along the A4101**
2. **Complaint regarding dog mess along the path behind the Poo Bin – addressed in December newsletter**
3. **Recent Police report regarding an increase in shed thefts**
4. **Speed complaint regarding CEMEX vehicles – Clerk to write**
5. **No response to Aston's Coaches letter – Clerk to update**
6. **Severn Trent to be notified regarding the cover outside Myrtle Cottage - Clerk to notify**

- 15. Councillor reports and agenda items for next meeting** – roadside marker posts require replacement – Clerk to notify Highways

- 16. Dates for next meetings –**

Online **Finance Meeting** - annual account submission – TBA if required

Online **Parish Meeting** – Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.00pm (subject to amendment)

Online **Annual Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.30pm (subject to amendment)

Signed: Chairman

Date

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