

## **Knightwick and Doddenham Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 8pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

### **Present;**

Mr S K Munday - Chairman

Mrs G Evans

Messrs; P Edwards, F Budden, B Munt, P Walker, D Hughes (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

**Apologies:** D Kirkbright, S Twinberrow, C Smith (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor).

**Visitors:** Mr B Lee, Parish Paths Warden, Two Parishioners.

### **Questions from members of the public:**

Both visitors spoke in favour of there being a 30mph speed limit on the B4197 through the village and urged councillors to begin the process of installing such a limit. They raised also the issue of the proposed wholesale felling of trees bordering the road on the edge of Ankerdine Common noting that such a cut-back of 2 – 5 metres would destroy the character of this particular area.

### **The formal meeting commenced at 8.15pm.**

#### **1. Members' apologies for absence and declarations of interest.**

The apologies for absence from Cllrs D Kirkbright and S Twinberrow were accepted.

Cllr S Munday declared a personal interest in agenda item 6

Cllr B Munt declared a personal interest in agenda item 7

#### **2. Confirm Minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

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

#### **3. Reports; County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Path's Warden.**

In sending his apology Cllr C Smith reported that Worcestershire County Council is likely to have to make a further £20m saving in addition to the £45m already set over the next three years.

District Councillor D Hughes reported on MHDC activities and reminded members of the consultations with parish councils during November on the proposals for future development which superseded the now-defunct swjcs.

Mr B Lee, Parish Paths Warden reported on the request by WCC Countryside Services to both himself and the clerk for a report and categorisation of all the parish's footpaths by the end of November. It would be impossible to do this in the time available but he would liaise with the clerk to complete this as individual footpaths were assessed.

#### **4. Financial Matters;**

a) Consider support for Nora Parsons Day Centre – (Last payment £75 May 2010). see appendix -a  
The council discussed this matter and decided to make a further donation of £75.

b) Clerk's half-yr financial report and Budget 2011-12 proposals; see appendix -b  
The clerk reported that based on present expectations it would be reasonable to maintain the precept at its current level of £4500. The formal budget and precept for 2011-12 would be presented to the next meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2011. Agreed

#### **5. Planning Matters;**

a) Respond to application 10/01261/FUL Extension – The Talbot Hotel.  
The council discussed this matter and decided to comment as follows;  
'This council supports this application which will extend and improve local facilities.'

b) Note clerk's delegated response to application - Decking adjacent to Garden Outbuilding ref 10/00852/HOU - ' This council has no comments on this application' Noted

**6. Consider applying for a 30mph speed limit on the B4197 through the parish.**

The clerk reported that he had delivered 20 postcards asking for comments on this proposal to the properties bordering this road within the parish boundary. He had received 10 replies; 9 in favour and 1 against. After a discussion the council agreed to request a speed limit through the parish and the clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor Cllr C Smith to press this matter forward. He was asked also to contact Martley Parish Council to ask for their support for extending this limit from the Doddenham parish boundary through Martley Parish to join the existing limit at Horsham.

**7. Ankerdine Common plan and associated planned works along the B4197**

The council reviewed the proposals set out in the Ankerdine Common Management Plan produced by Worcestershire County Council Countryside Service and raised the following points:

- a) Proposals for a wholesale cut-back of trees bordering the B4197 of 2 – 5 metres would destroy the character of this particular area.
  - b) The Common was being managed adequately at present and the need for expenditure on a number of wildlife surveys was questioned bearing in mind the current financial situation.
- The clerk was asked to raise these concerns with the Countryside Service.

**8. Correspondence - (Details circulated in advance)**

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items:

- WCC Lengthsman budget - £3413
- WCC Waste Core Strategy
- SWDP Progress on SWDP
- WCC Countryside Training Courses
- MHDC Appeal re; 5 Darbys Green
- WCC Prioritising Footpath Maintenance

**9. Clerk's Report (Circulated in advance) see appendix -c**

He would continue to press for the removal of the Spoil Head in the A44 Layby and would investigate the possibility of using the Lengthsman's funds to improve the parking area at the rear of the bus shelter on the A44.

**10. Items for the next meeting**

- a) Approval of the budget 2011-12 and precept for the period.
- b) Progress on 30mph speed limit on the B4197

**11. Confirm the date of the next meeting:**

Monday 17/1/2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Note – the following meetings, provisionally: 21/03/2011, 16/5/2011 - Annual Meeting and First Meeting of the New Council.

Chairman .....