

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**1. PRESENT.**

Councillors: S. Austin (Chairman), J. Ward (Vice Chair), M. Jones, P. Povey, Mrs. J. Harrigan, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. A. Keane.  
District Councillor Hugh Hamilton.

**2. APOLOGIES.**

Councillors Lady Judge, Mrs. R. Cooke. County Councillor Broomfield.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

The Council was reminded to enquire into the cost of replacement fencing to the allotments.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Mrs. Keane expressed an interest in the item Queen's Birthday Celebration.

**5. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**6. MATTERS ARISING.**

Remind Highways England to extend road sweeping along A38 into village.  
(Re-open Public Session).

Resident proposed tree planting at St Richards Close/De Wyche Close, permission required from WDC and Fortis Housing Association (Close Public session).

**7. POLICE REPORT.**

Several thefts of garden equipment reported, shoplifting from Webbs Garden Centre.  
Attempted car theft at Travel Lodge.  
It was agreed to consider "Smart Water" crime deterrent in the Parish. Agenda next Meeting.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Unit 5, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior – Replacement of agricultural building – No objection provided the building is used for agricultural purposes.

Webbs of Wychbold – Proposed construction of new warehouse building to form an extension to existing warehouse storage building plus groundworks and services – No objection.

**9. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Pedestrian Crossing A38 now operating.

**10. PROJECTS.**

1. YOUTH CLUB. In view of the proposed discontinuation of the grant from Worcestershire CC, the Council to consider alternative funding. The matter to be discussed with the YMCA Youth Leader.

2. FIONA'S ORCHARD. Contact David Ramsell to discuss maintenance plan.

3. 106 FUNDING PROPOSALS - PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF BELLINGER DESIGN. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Harrigan and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Keane to appoint Bellinger Design to prepare a vision design plan for the playing fields. Costs on a pro-rata basis.

DISABLED SWING. To ensure the appropriate equipment was purchased it was agreed to consult the child's family.

4. M5 SMART MOTORWAY. Highways England had provided a monthly update. Councillor Lady Judge was keen to hold a special meeting to discuss the anticipated noise problems.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Povey and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Keane to call a special closed Meeting in June to discuss noise implications.

5. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. The Parish Council handed a cheque for £2,000 to the organizing committee.  
Insurance cover was confirmed.
6. BARRIER – COMMUNITY HALL. A few operational problems to be addressed.  
Information signs on order.
7. JUNIOR PARISH COUNCIL. Agenda next Meeting.

#### **11. MATTERS FOR ACTION.**

1. NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATION. A larger project to be considered.
2. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WYCHBOLD SCHOOL. Request for access via Community Hall car park.  
Worcestershire County Council required heavy vehicle access via the Community Hall car park to the school development. This would involve removing a section of boundary fence and hedge.  
Compensation and re-instatement of car park surface to be considered.  
Risk assessment to be carried out.  
It was agreed to seek professional advice.
3. DEFIBRILLATOR – NHB. Further fund raising taking place.
4. COMMUNITY TREE PACKS – WOODLAND TRUST. The scheme is designed to attract community groups who wish to plant trees on publicly accessible land. Land owners permission required. The two “greens” – De Wyche Close and St. Richards Close and the M5 islands may be suitable locations.
5. ALLOTMENTS. Overgrowth on allotments required attention, replacement fencing to be considered, in addition the boundary to Stoke Road required fencing, alternatively hedge laying was an option.
6. REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE. The football club made a request for a plaque to be fixed to a bench overlooking the football pitch in commemoration to Alan Brown a lifelong member of Wychbold Football Club. The Council were all in favor of the request.

#### **12. FINANCE.**

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. Cheques were drawn in favor of:-

Mr. Croton £50.00 (Handyman), Lloyds Bank plc £51.60 (Wine for Annual Parish Meeting). Stoulton Groundcare Ltd £325.08 (Grass Cutting). P. Gillman £1,750.00 (Barrier). David Miles £40.00 (Playground Inspection), £182.00 (Lengthsman). D. Westwood £50.00 (Car park Maintenance). M. Jones £189.00 (Councillor Expenses). BT plc £96.47 (CCTV Internet). Worcestershire CALC £869.08 (Subscription). Zurich Insurance £1,923. Mrs. A. Keane £69.95 (Stationery for Queen's Birthday Celebration). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire). Gemma Jones £2,000.00 (Donation to Queen's Birthday Celebration). Wychbold Village Hall £1,000 (Donation). Janus Alarms Ltd £144.00 (Key boxes plus fitting). Mr. Croton £70.00 (Barrier opening).

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Harrigan, seconded by Councillor Ward.

#### **13. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.**

For information – Dangerous dogs – penalties increased.

Allotment gate keys available for all tenants.

Roundabout Jct. 5 – Grass cutting required.

The Chairman wished to thank Councillor Mike Jones for supervising the resurfacing work at the Community Hall car park.

No Further Matters for discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.