

Minutes of Dodderhill Parish Council on Monday 11th April 2016.

1. PRESENT

Councillors: S. Austin (Chairman), Mrs. J. Harrigan, Lady Judge, Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. R. Cooke, Mrs. J. Campbell, J. Garner, Mrs. A. Keane.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillors: M. Jones, P. Povey.
District Councilor H. Hamilton, County Councillor M. Broomfield.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. M5 SMART MOTORWAY WORKS:
Certain residents complained that all night working and flood lights from the plant site was unacceptable.
2. NEW HOMES BONUS:
Two representatives from Wychavon District Council attended the meeting to advise the Council on New Homes Bonus applications.
Community support was crucial. The Council were encouraged to apply for larger projects. At present £52,000.00 was available to claim, no time limit applied.
3. YOUTH CLUB:
Kate Higginson YMCA representative was present and informed the Council that it was unlikely that Worcestershire County Council would renew the grant funding, there would be a shortfall of £2,000.00 which covered staffing costs, the matter to be considered by the Council when further information was available.
In addition, Councillors asked that Youth Club leaders take responsibility for the general care of the Community Hall following Youth Club gatherings and any damage incurred be reported to the Clerk.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5. MINUTES

1. Amendment - 14/3/16. P1411 . Minute 10.3.
Proposed structure plan from Bellinger Design was sent by email to those who attended the site meeting, subsequently they were sent out to the full Council for consideration prior to the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Following the amendment the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. NO POLICE REPORT

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Foxes Leap, Wychbold Court - Proposal - Free standing oak framed Office / Store.
No objection.
2. Kendall, Chequers Lane - Proposal - Single storey extension - No objection.
3. McDonalds Restaurant, Worcester Road - Variation of condition 1 of planning permission to allow restaurant and drive-thru 24hrs opening Monday to Sunday.
Parish Council unable to support proposal on grounds of light pollution, residents should be considered and be allowed some respite during sleeping hours of the working week.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

No Reports.

9. PROJECTS.

1. YOUTH CLUB:

Worcester County Council funding likely to cease. The Parish Council to consider financial assistance. Agenda next Meeting.

2. FIONA'S ORCHARD:

Meeting closed to allow David Ramsell, husband of the late Fiona, to thank the Parish Council for the Memorial Bench installed adjacent to the orchard. David was keen that the orchard should prosper, and he offered his services and would welcome support. Meeting re-opened.

3. M5 SMART MOTORWAY:

Response from Highways England to the Parish Council's letter regarding noise issues and pollution. Existing acoustic barrier to be replaced with higher 2.95m acoustic fencing. It was hoped that this along with the new low noise surfacing and traffic speed control measures there would be improvement.

Councillor Lady Judge had researched noise levels and obtained sound advice from the MEP

Meeting closed to allow public comments.

Individual residents to monitor the impact and lobby MP, they were of the opinion that trees did have an effect on noise levels.

Meeting re-opened.

It was agreed to wait the completion of the motorway work and measure outcome before making a challenge.

Highways England to be contacted by the clerk and asked to supply an illustrated plan of proposed fencing.

There were concerns regarding vehicle maneuvers on A38 at the south junction traffic lights.

A request to Highways England to extend road sweeping into the village along the A38.

4. AMENITIES - 106 FUNDING:

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 25th April 2016. Fenella Bellinger of Bellinger Design to be invited to present her ideas and vision for the playing fields. It was understood that a fee would be charged but if instructed it would be incorporated in the contract.

5. H.M. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

Arrangements progressing.

6. JUNIOR PARISH COUNCIL:

Deferred.

7. BARRIER – COMMUNITY HALL CAR PARK:

A letter received from the Head Teacher at Wychbold First School expressed her concerns to the proposed barrier, which would restrict parking to staff and parents. The Council agreed to proceed with the implementation of the barrier.

Agreed to have a discussion with the school representatives about a possible arrangement regarding car park access.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR – New Homes Bonus:

Awaiting protective cabinet prior to installation.

10. MATTERS FOR ACTION.

1. NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATION:
Wychavon Localism Committee had deferred the application to replace doors and windows at the Community Hall. They favoured a more extensive project.
2. BENCH SEATING:
Installed and well received from the community.
3. LITTER ISSUE:
McDonald's manager was keen to assist. It was agreed that his litter pickers would target trouble spots.

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. No representation available to attend SWDP Meeting on 12th April 2016.
2. Chair recorded into minutes correspondence that he had dealt with. No further action required.

12. FINANCE.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Mr. Croton £50.00 (Handyman). David Miles £40.00. (Playground Inspection) £182.00 (Lengthsman). BT Payment Services £24. 23. Central Carpentry £252.06 (Guttering repair and lock). £1,092.00 (Bench installation). Wychbold Village Hall £36.00 (Room Hire). John Robertson £403.20 (Memorial Bench). Grass Attack Landscaping £50.00 (Car Park maintenance). 1st Call Stairways £204.00 (Battery change electronic sign). Proposed by Councillor J. Harrigan, seconded by Councillor Lady Anne Judge.

13. PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

Overgrown hedge at a property in Stoke Road required attention.

14. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS.

Nothing to report.

There being No Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.