

Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Present: Mr. D. Mortimer, Mr. R. Martin, Mr. J. Armstrong, Mr. P. Gorbing, Mrs. K. Hinchley, Mrs. C. MacDonald, Mr. J. Scholes, Mrs. H. Tanser, Mrs. P. Cumming (District Council) and four members of the public.

1/20: 1: Apologies for absence: Mr. M. Herridge, Mr. P. Grove (County Council).

1/20: 2: Declaration of interest: none.

Questions / Comments from members of the public – clerk to check dates of meetings etc. up to date on website.

Correspondence: Nora Parson s Day Centre: request for donation. There are no longer any residents attending from this parish, and donation at present time given to Chat Club.

1/20:3: Minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, approved and signed.

1/20:4: PARISH PLAN KEY ISSUES: (Mr. R. Martin will produce a PDF – further discussion at next meeting).

A) Roads / Speed:

- i) Potholes: Dark Lane, Church Lane looked at in November. The Parish Council is not happy with the standard of repair work and whether economically viable. Guidelines requested (HT).

Request to empty gullies and drains.

- ii) A451 Dunley – trees, hedges - ongoing.
- iii) VAS – it is understood Holt Parish has purchased a VAS machine, our lengthsmen will no longer install / remove,

B) Communication:

- i) County Council: – report from Mr. P. Grove circulated to all councillors.
- ii) Newsletter: Mrs. Tanser still awaiting copy and photos. Thanks to be recorded for the work undertaken.
- iii) Parish Maps: Mr. Mortimer advised we could obtain for notice board.
- iv) Notice board: order to be placed at £559 plus V.A.T.
- v) Annual Parish Meeting: speaker: contact Mr. Tim Field.
- vi) Defibrillator and phone kiosk: await official confirmation from BT. Funding to be raised towards purchase of defibrillator. Parish Council to make up deficit.
- vii) Code of Conduct: circulate to councillors and adopt at next meeting.

C) District Council and planning.

- i) Mrs. Cumming advised that Mr. Jack Hegarty, Chief Executive to retire in July. She gave an update on the plan of action to cut carbon emissions by 50% by 2030, although little in the control of the District Council, and advised of a tree planting scheme with a budget of £250,000 to facilitate plus two million pounds to be spent on The Malvern Splash. There is to be a review by the Boundary Commission, and views to be sought on the reduction of district councillors from 38 to 31.

- ii) Mr. J. Armstrong raised the question of glass recycling. Mrs. Cumming would pass on to the relevant department at Malvern.
- iii) Planning: 20/00077 – live / work – Sandhampton Cottage. The Parish Council had no objection to this, and it was considered an ideal use of the land.

19/01236: The Willows, Astley Burf – demolition of existing building and construction of replacement dwelling out of flood risk plain - refusal.

19/00338 – retrospective – change of use from agricultural building – St. Michael's Farm, Great Witley – approved.

Review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan: details given of briefing sessions.

Chat Club - £50 .00 to be forwarded from District Council - Divisional Fund. Thanks to be conveyed to Mrs. Cumming.

Thanks were given to Mrs. Cumming for attending and the report and advice given,

D) Environment:

- i) Flooding: there had been considerable discussion and emails between Mr. Mortimer and Mr. M. Hill with regard to flooding in the drive of The Old Police House. The village hall had also been flooded resulting in the floor of the main room having to be replaced. Mr. Mortimer gave an update on the current situation.
  - ii) Great British Spring Clean – arranged for Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 outside the village hall.
- E) Crime / Safety: continue to be vigilant ,thefts of catalytic convertors and recent local break ins reported.
- F) Transport: Mr. Mortimer gave an update on the local bus services, Coniston pulling out of the County Council contract, they will however continue until a new contractor is found.

G) Young People: nothing to report.

The meeting closed at 8.55p.m. when the Village Hall Management Committee joined with those present. An update was given on the water damaged hall floor, purchase of replacement crockery, fencing and outside lighting, a First Aid course – Miss J. Lewis, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Tanser would be interested.

It was agreed that the Management Committee could be joined with the Parish Council.

Miss Lowe asked about the situation with regard to Wi-fi for the hall and it was hoped there may be an update from Mr. Grove at the next meeting.

Thanks were given from Mrs. Sheldon for the donation from Mrs. Cumming and Parish Council towards The Chat Club.

Accounts for payment: Chat Club £100 (includes £50 from Divisional Funding), St. Peter's Burial Ground - £500.00, Closed churchyard £700.00, Village Hall hire 13/2 £18.00, Notice Board Company £682.00, BT Payphones £1.00.

