

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 4th May 2017 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.D.Taylor Chairman
Councillor L.Turner Vice Chairman
Councillor S.Peters
Councillor Helen Cleaver
Councillor Mrs.K.Kingston
Councillor Mrs.S.Lee
Councillor Mrs.S.Stewart
Miss P. Harrison Executive Officer

1. **APOLOGIES:** noted and accepted from Councillor Mrs.S.Baxter.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/OTHER INTERESTS:**

Other:

Cllr.Cleaver Wythall Community Association Trustee/Member

3. **SERVICES:**

3.1 **Roads/verges:**

New matters:

(a) Hollywood Lane/Speeding:

Letter received from a resident complaining about speeding drivers.
Advised to contact County Cllr.Peters and the Police.

(b) Parking outside Schools:

Response received to request for the enforcement team to attend outside the Schools on Shawhurst Lane to the effect that they do have a large amount of complaints from Schools, parents and residents in relation to parking problems outside schools. They do attend Shawhurst Lane from time to time but have never observed any major problems whilst at the location. However as with most schools when they do not attend some parents do tend to park erratically especially if they are running late. Rubery Police to be asked if they can spare some PCSO's but meanwhile they will arrange some future visits to the location.

Pending:

(a) May Lane/WCC Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Spaces:

Consideration was being given to change the already agreed location to a position immediately outside the Chemist and the Butcher not in the parking bays opposite.

3.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**

New:

(a) Lt.Pt.51 Dark Lane(Junction Alcester Road):

The EO reported that an unknown vehicle had totally demolished the lighting column and the total cost of replacement would be £1974 plus VAT plus other charges to ensure safety of the site. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that this light is not replaced bearing in mind the number of County lights in the immediate vicinity and no comments had been received as to the fact that it is missing. There would, of course, be a cost involving work to be carried out by Western Power as above.

ACTION: Take to Full Council.

Pending:

(a) Lt.Pt.25 Lea Green Lane:

As agreed at Full Council the EO would pursue claiming for a column as well as a replacement lantern as it was considered the column had been damaged enough to qualify a replacement on safety grounds.

ACTION: To increase the amount of claim being dealt with by Auto Claims to include a new column.

4. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**

Nothing to report.

5. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

(a) Storage of materials used by Countryside Carers:

Cllr.Cleaver gave an update as regards the possibility of storage being available at the Park – meeting being arranged with the Carers.

6. **TREES & BULBS:**

Trees:

Gorse Lotts: Report received from Swiftwell Environmental Ltd as to the condition of all trees on the land in the ownership of the Parish Council. It was agreed to instruct Swiftwell to seek approval from Bromsgrove D.C. to carry out some of the works identified in the report due to them being the subject of Tree Preservation Orders. It would then be necessary to obtain a quote for carrying out the work .

ACTION: Request Swiftwell Environmental Ltd to complete all necessary documentation for submission to BDC.

7. **CEMETERY:** Nothing to report.

8. **ALLOTMENTS:**

(a) The EO gave a report on the investigations being carried out by the Committee Secretary of the Association regarding an electricity supply to serve the Storage Unit and possibly the installation of a defibrillator.

(b) Potential Greenfield Mast: Nothing to report.

9. **STREET FURNITURE:**

- (a) Notice Boards: Nothing to report.
- (b) Bus Shelters/Roadside seats: Nothing to report.
- (c) Roadside Planters:
- (i) Tesco “Bags of Help”:
Council’s application had been successful and voting in Tesco stores would be taking place from the 7th May – 30th June.
It was agreed to advertise to encourage votes on the Parish Notice Boards and Facebook.
- (ii) Cllr.Cleaver was waiting for the new planter to be collected from her house and installed replacing the old one at the junction of Alcester Road/Gorse Lane.

ACTION: EO to pursue Swiftwell Environmental Ltd on this matter.

10. **TRANSPORT(Buses/Trains):** Nothing to report.

11. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Nothing to report.

12. **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:**

A Meeting was being arranged involving Cllr.Peters; Cllr.Turner; Dr.Whittaker and the EO.

ACTION: EO arranging Meeting.

13. **BEST KEPT FRONTAGE COMPETITION:** Entries now being received.

14. **OTHER ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

- (a) Drakes Cross Post Office:
Still monitoring the situation whereby the store is closed whilst refilling ATM.
- (b) Parish Walk:
It was agreed to seek approval of Full Council to arrange an “Autumn Walk” to take place on the 21st October 2017.
(Code 139)
ACTION: Recommendation to Full Council.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 1st June 2017 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.18 pm.