

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 20th July 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Dr.Christine Whittaker was present as an observer.
 Also present were County Councillor Adam Kent and District Cllr.Geoff Denaro.
 The Chairman welcomed both to the Meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and reasons for absence accepted from Cllr.P.Rattigan.
 Noting ongoing apologies from Cllr.Mrs.Webb MBE due to poor health.
 County Councillor Hotham had conveyed his apologies due to attending his son’s graduation.

 No apologies had been forthcoming from Cllr.Bell.

2. (i) **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:**
 - (a) Register of Interests:
 Councillors must complete their Register of Interests and update them as and when necessary.

 - (b) To declare any disclosable interests relating to items on the Agenda and their nature (Councillors with such interests must leave the room for the relevant items unless they have a current dispensation)
 None declared.

- (ii) **DECLARATIONS OF OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS:**
 Cllr.Miss Wright Wythall Allotments Friend of tenant.

- (iii) **DISPENSATIONS:**
 It was agreed to defer this matter to the next Meeting but meanwhile any Councillors who were aware of changes required to their declarations should make the Executive Officer aware and arrange to complete new forms.

3. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

County Councillor Kent had submitted a written report to which he referred when detailing his latest actions on behalf of the community.

(See copy of his report attached)

Several matters were raised from members of the Council, i.e.

Cllr.Bibbings queried when the cats-eyes would be reinstated by the M42 Island on the A435 – this was a matter for Cllr.Hotham which he was already dealing with.

Cllr.Turner referred to the changes in Councillors' Allowances at County.

Cllr.Footman raised an issue regarding the provision of Smartwater in respect of the South Ward of County Council (Cllr.Hotham's Ward). Cllr.Kent explained that he was looking to raise funds through the Neighbourhood Watch to cover Wythall South.

County Councillor Hotham had submitted a report to be read out in his absence

(See copy attached)

4. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Cllr.Denaro spoke about the inevitable disruption the work will cause when the M5/M42 are the subject of diversions and the work he had been doing with Highways Authorities to alleviate increased traffic coming through Wythall whilst this work was ongoing.

Councillor Turner had nothing to report.

Cllr.Peters stated he was concerned as regards the matter referred to by Cllr.Denaro and the affect it could have on Wythall roads and surrounding areas.

Councillor Mrs.Baxter reported as follows:

- She had attended a Council Meeting the evening before when
- (a) Cllr.May gave an update on the economic development and she mentioned every settlement in Bromsgrove but not Wythall so she had had to give an update on the "independent settlement of Wythall". Principality rather than settlement.
- (b) it had been noted that Shared Services i.e. Bromsgrove and Redditch, would now share the "Plan Makers" which gave her some concern as she had always understood it was preferable to keep Bromsgrove and Redditch separate because in some instances of a conflict of interests between the two Councils.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Resolved 26/2017:

- (a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th June 2017 were duly accepted as a true record of matters discussed.
- (b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 29th June 2017 were duly accepted as a true record of matters discussed.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (Schedule attwached):**

Noted.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution 27/2017:

- (a) to endorse the Notes of the Meeting held with members of the Allotment Association held on the 6th July 2017 in relation to the Association's proposals regarding the acquisition of a defibrillator, including acquiring an electric supply to the Storage Unit to service the equipment and possible installation of CCTV at the entrance to the site. A Project Brief had been presented by Mrs.M.Pickard.
- (b) To approve in principal the proposed project, suggesting an application be made to Tesco Bags of Help Project for funds, but before the Parish Council actually applies for a Lottery Grant, sight of all necessary costings would be required.
- (c) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th July 2017 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

FINANCE POLICY & RESOURCES:

Resolution 28/2017:

- (a) to accept the Minutes of the Additional Meeting held on the 29th June 2017 when it was agreed the Annual Return 2016/2017 duly completed should be submitted to the External Auditors.
- (b) To accept the figures in respect of June 2017 Bank/Budgets as presented.
- (c) To pay the Hollywood Medical Practice monthly service charge including the £305.03 relating to a percentage of the total cost of the repair of the external entrance door as per conditions of the Lease.
- (d) To accept the schedule of payments in respect of July 2017.
- (e) To resolve in retrospect the transfer of £10,000 from the Public Sector Account to the Lloyds Current Account.
- (f) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th July 2017, as amended, having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

PLANNING:

Resolved 29/2017:

- (a) to note the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th July 2017 and the applications dealt with under Standing Orders for Committees 4(d) Parish Standing Orders including those dealt with under Delegated Powers.

8. **ITEMS OF PAROCHIAL INTEREST FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

- (a) Cllr.Turner referred to the closure of the Post Office in Hollywood Gardens and the opening of a new one in Hollywood Lane during August.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, 21st September 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.34 pm.

SIGNED:.....
CHAIRMAN

DATED: 21st September 2017

Items brought forward by members of the public prior to the commencement of the Meeting:

- (a) Mrs. Joyce Webb and her neighbour of Houndsfield Lane addressed the Council once again giving a further update as to the situation existing as previously reported. Both County Councillors had been dealing with this matter.