

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th September 2017 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillor Mrs.D.Taylor	Chairman
	Councillor Mrs.S.Lee	Vice Chairman
	Councillor Mrs.S.Baxter	P.C.Chairman
	Councillor L.Turner	
	Councillor S.Peters	
	Councillor Mrs.S.Stewart	
	Miss P. Harrison	Executive Officer

Also present were representatives from the Allotment Association expressing concern as regards the proposals in respect of acquiring a defibrillator involving providing an electric supply to the storage unit etc.

The Chairman thanked them for coming to the Meeting assuring them that their concerns had been noted and would be taken into account when considering the proposed project.

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and approved from Cllr.Helen Cleaver and Cllr.Mrs.Kingston.

No apologies had been forthcoming from Cllr.Bell.

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

None.

3. **SERVICES:**

- 3.1 **Roads/verges:**

No new matters

Pending:

- (a) May Lane/WCC Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Spaces:
County Council had now approved the proposals as previously agreed, i.e. one bay immediately outside the Chemist and the other outside the Butchers.

- (b) Station Road/verge fronting Bunny Court:
WCC had now accepted a quotation from Swiftwell Environmental Ltd for reinstating this verge left in a bad condition by the Developers.

- 3.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**

New:

No new matters.

Pending:

- (a) Lt.Pt.25 Lea Green Lane: Claim ongoing. Awaiting replacement of light.

4. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**

Nothing to report.

5. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

- (a) Storage of materials used by Countryside Carers:
Nothing new to report.

6. **TREES & BULBS:**

Trees:

Gorsey Lotts:

The Chairman had written to Swiftwell Environmental Ltd regarding applying to BDC Tree Officer in respect of work identified as being a safety issue to some of the trees which are the subject of TPO's.

7. **CEMETERY:**

- (a) New Burial Plots: Almost complete.

- (b) Request for Memorial Bench:

The Committee agreed not to adhere to this request as it was considered there were sufficient benches located around the Cemetery at the present time.

ACTION: The EO to notify the Applicant as to this decision.

8. **ALLOTMENTS:**

- (a) The Chairman reported on the following:

- (i) Allocation of a Plot:

The Chairman, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Council and the EO, had been involved in an aspect of the allocation of a plot to a resident – ongoing.

- (ii) Drainage Work:

Now completed.

- (iii) Project/Defibrillator etc:

In view of the concerns expressed by those members of the Association who had made representations prior to the commencement of the Meeting, it was agreed to recommend to Full council that the whole matter be held in abeyance pending a further Meeting with the Acting Chairman, and other representatives of the Association, with a view to a recommendation going forward at the AGM of the Association as to any agreed proposals. No orders to be placed as regards an electricity supply etc. at the present time.

- (iv) Un-authorised tipping:

Three loads had been tipped recently – Police had been informed. Problem seemed to be because Tenants were not closing the gate – ongoing.

- (v) Increase in Fees:
As agreed previously(FC Resolution 18.9.2014) letters to be sent to all Plot holders advising an increase as from 1st November 2018.

ACTION: Full Council to review recommendations (iii) and (v)

- (b) Potential Greenfield Mast: Nothing to report as it appeared likely that the site now approved by BDC in Hollywood Lane would be the nearest to the Allotments.

9. **STREET FURNITURE:**

- (a) Notice Boards:
Simms Lane: Swiftwell Environmental Ltd to be asked to remove the board which was deemed dangerous as one of the legs was rotten. A decision as to whether to relocate a new board to be finalised in due course.

ACTION: Arrange removal of board.

- (b) Bus Shelters/Roadside seats: Nothing to report.
- (c) Roadside Planters:
 - (i) Tesco “Bags of Help”:
£1000 had been received as a result of Council’s application. Under discussions as to how this would be used, i.e. Notice Boards (2)
 - (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):**

- (a) Trains: Cllr.Turner referred to the fact that London Midland had lost the railway franchise on the railways. The Shakespeare Line Promotion Group had been asked to participate in a colour coding scheme to be more consistent as regards colour uniformity with improved linkage. Ideas were being sought.

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

12. **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:**

The EO to check with WCC and BDC as to the content of their Plans and what WPC were required to produce to run in conjunction with theirs. Cllr.Turner had looked at another Council’s Plan which he thought might be useful when formulating the Wythall Plan..

ACTION: As above.

13. **COMMUNITY WALK:** Due to certain circumstances it would not be possible to arrange a walk this Autumn and it was agreed to concentrate on next year's Beating the Bounds instead. Dr. Whittaker was interested in arranging a "Memory Walk" in conjunction with the Wythall Hollywood Fun Run.

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

(a) Post Office:

The new one was now open in Hollywood Lane.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 5th October 2017 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.42 pm.