

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd November 2017 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.D.Taylor Chairman
 Councillor Mrs.S.Baxter P.C.Chairman
 Councillor L.Turner
 Councillor S.Peters
 Miss P. Harrison Executive Officer

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and approved from Cllr.Mrs.Lee; Cllr.Helen Cleaver; Cllr.Mrs.Stewart 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:**

(a) The Executive Office reported that County Cllr.Hotham had visited the office and referred to the fact that, whilst he had not been formally advised, there was funding available to him for repairs to footpaths etc. One of his first priorities was the footpath on the Alcester Road (Village Hall side).

Pending:

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

Confirmation had now been received that there would be one space installed outside the Butchers (as requested by Cllr.Kent) but should an additional one be required a further approach should be made to Cllr.Kent.

- 3.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**

New:

No new matters.

Pending:

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

- (b) **New Lights, Tilehouse Lane:**

The EO was obtaining updated costs in respect of the installation of two lights.

4. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**

Nothing to report.

5. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

- (a) Storage of materials used by Countryside Carers:
Cllr. Cleaver reported that storage space had now been arranged at the Community Association. The EO to ascertain whether the Lychgate Store space was still required by the Countryside Carers.
The EO had been unable to obtain comments from the Parish Paths Warden as he had just had a replacement knee operation.

ACTION: EO to pursue in due course.

- (b) Bridleway 550 Alcester Road/Simms Lane:
WCC had been asked to investigate overgrown hedges to the rear of Dennis Potter Court.

6. **TREES & BULBS:**

Trees:

Gorse Lotts:

Swiftwell Environmental Ltd had been instructed to apply to BDC as regards work deemed necessary on trees as identified with TPO's on them for the necessary authority to carry out the work.

7. **CEMETERY:**

The Blessing of the Graves ceremony was due to take place on the 26th November – all precautions arranged to preserve the verges.

8. **ALLOTMENTS:**

- (a) The Chairman reported on the following:

(i) Rules of Tenancy:

Additional wording to be agreed with the Association as regards attendance of children at the Allotments.

ACTION: Amend Rules of Tenancy in agreement with the Allotment Association Committee.

(ii) Toilet: Swiftwell Environmental Ltd had been asked to supply a quotation for repairs to the leaking roof.

9. **STREET FURNITURE:**

- (a) Notice Boards:

Simms Lane: A decision as to where to relocate the board now removed to be considered in the future.

- (b) Bus Shelters/Roadside seats: Nothing to report.

- (c) Roadside Planters:

(i) Nothing to report.

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

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

 12. **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:**

The EO reported that Mr.John Cypher of Alvechurch Parish Council was interested in working with Wythall in this respect. A Meeting to be arranged.

ACTION: The EO to arrange a meeting.

 13. **OTHER ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**
 - (a) Memory Walk:
To be discussed in the New Year in conjunction with Dr.Whittaker.

 14. **BUDGETS 2017/2018:**

The Committee agreed on proposals to be put to the Finance Committee including the possibility of adding to the next Mowing Contract the “walk-way” between Oakwood Road and Gorsey Lotts (mowing small area only).

ACTION: Recommendations to be taken to Finance Committee.

 15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 4th January 2018 at 7.30 pm
- The Meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.