

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillor Mrs.S.Baxter	Chairman
	Councillor Mrs.D.Taylor	Vice Chairman
	Councillor D. Bibbings	
	Councillor K.Footman	
	Councillor Mrs.S.Hession	
	Councillor S.Peters	
	Councillor P.Rattigan	
	Councillor L.Turner	
	Councillor Mrs.C.E.Webb MBE	
	Councillor Miss L.Wright	
	Miss P.Harrison	Executive Officer

Dr.Christine Whittaker was present as an observer.

Also present was County Councillor C.Hotham.

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and reasons for absence accepted from Cllr.Mrs.H.Bibbings; Cllr.Helen Cleaver; Cllr.Mrs.K.Kingston; Cllr.Mrs.S.Stewart

County Councillor Adam Kent had tendered his apologies.
District Councillor Denaro had conveyed his apologies.

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)

- (ii) **DECLARATIONS OF OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS:**

None declared.

- (iii) **DISPENSATIONS:** Nothing to report.

3. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

County Councillor Kent had sent a Report which was presented in his absence.
(See copy attached)

Members were asked to read through this in their own time and if they had any queries to raise them with the EO.

County Councillor Hotham reported as follows:-

- (a) Government had elected that County Councils could increase their precept by an extra 3% and Worcester would ring-fence some of this for Care. He gave quite a detailed report as regarding the number of Care Homes in the County and the general reliance on assisting funding. A number of Care Homes closed last year and this appears to be an ongoing problem.
- (b) A new highways reporting system for WCC was now operative and looked as though would be more efficient than the previous one. Problems can be reported via County Website.

4. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Cllr.Turner - reported on the latest situation in Houndsfield Lane as regards matters already under investigation.

Cllr.Peters – nothing specific to report although he did query whether anyone received the Bromsgrove “Together” publication – The EO would investigate.

Cllr.Mrs.Baxter referred to a “peer” review process involving LGA Officers taking place at the moment.

Cllr.Miss Wright was critical as regards the publicity in respect of BDC’s Refuse Collection arrangements.

Cllr.Footman again queried what was happening with the “old” Bromsgrove Council Offices – Cllr.Mrs.Baxter responded to the effect that she had no idea why it is not being actioned but she felt the benefit of waiting could outweigh the cost.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Resolved 1/2018:

- (a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th November 2017 were duly accepted as a true record of matters discussed.

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

Noted.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution 2/2018:

- (a) to accept the quotation from Swiftwell Environmental Ltd totalling £150 plus VAT in respect of re-roofing the eco toilet at the Allotments; (Cost Centre Allotments/Code 61 – over-budget £50)
- (b) to note that Cllr.Footman referred to a recent CALC Executive Meeting of which he was a Member when the subject of Community Emergency Plans had been raised.
- (c) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th January 2018 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

FINANCE POLICY & RESOURCES:**Resolution 3/2018:**

- (a) to respond to the BDC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation to the effect that as this does not appear to apply to Wythall no comments are considered pertinent.

ACTION: Advise BDC accordingly.

- (b) to contact the Community Association to see whether they had any plans to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I and if the Parish Council could support this in some way.

ACTION: EO to contact the Community Association.

- (c) to ratify the Bank/Budgets in respect of November and December 2017 as presented.

- (d) To accept the schedule of payments in respect of December 2017 and January 2018 Noting that those dealt with in December 2017 had been in accordance with Section 5.2 Financial Regulations, with the following requiring individual sanctions for payment:

11.81	Royal British Legion	Wreath	£18.50
25.9	Communicorp	Subs(Clerks & Councils Direct)	£192.00
11.53	Swiftwell Env.	Turfing plots/Cemetery	£420.00
13.87	Swiftwell Env.	Filling grit bins	£ 96.00
14.32	Swiftwell Env.	War Memorial cleansing	£180.00
15.61	Swiftwell Env.	Allotments/Strimming	£240.00

- (e) To ratify in retrospect the transfer of £20,000 from the CCA Investment Account to the Lloyds Current Account.
- (f) to arrange an additional Finance Meeting to be held on the 25th January 2018 at the Parish Office for the purpose of finalising Budgets for 2018/19 and notifying BDC as to the Precept required in order to comply with the dates advised. This Meeting to be followed immediately by a Full Council Meeting.

ACTION: EO to send out summons.

At this point the Chairman invoked Standing Order 10(a)(x1):

- (g) Acquisition of land for new Cemetery:
It was agreed to accept the recommendations made by the Committee in order to further the investigations.

ACTION: EO to act on above.

- (h) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th January 2018 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

PLANNING:**Resolved 4/2018:**

- (a) to note the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th January 2018 and applications dealt with under Standing Orders for Committees 4(d) Parish Standing Orders.

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

- (a)

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, 15th February 2018 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

SIGNED:.....
CHAIRMAN

DATED: 15th February 2018

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

- (a) Mrs.Joyce Webb accompanied by her neighbor of Houndsfield Lane addressed the Meeting raising the following items:
 - (i) Lack of grit bin adjacent to Ford
 - (ii) Bridge adjacent to Ford had been damaged.
 - (iii) State of footpaths although road sweeping had commenced that day.
- (b) Dr.Christine Whittaker gave a brief report on the third Dementure Café held recently which had been well supported (27 persons in total). The next one had been arranged for 21st February when the Speaker would be Cllr.Mrs.Betty Webb MBE. Dr.Whittaker stated Wythall should be proud of themselves identifying isolation of some residents in this way.