

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 1st February 2018 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and approved from Cllr.Mrs.Hession.
 2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/OTHER INTERESTS:**
None.
 3. **SERVICES:**
 - 3.1 **Roads/verges:**
 - (a) **Damaged Verges:** Cllr.Mrs.Kingston raised concerns as to the number of verges now severely damaged through the parking of vehicles thereon, querying whose responsibility it was to reinstate them. It was confirmed that this was the responsibility of WCC not the Parish Council as was assumed by Cllr.Mrs.Kingston bearing in mind the Parish Council cuts the grass. All known areas where verges had been damaged had been reported by the EO.
 - (b) **Shawhurst Lane:** Letter received from resident of Forest Way concerned as to lack of gritting during recent icy conditions.
Noted.
- Pending/Ongoing:**
- (a) **Alcester Road/New Road:**
County Cllr.Kent was looking at the possibility of the installation of double yellow lines in New Road.
 - (b) **Beadesert Road:** During the recent snow it had been discovered that this road had not been included on the gritting list by WCC despite the assurances that it had been previously agreed. Mr.Richard Clewer was investigating.
 - (c) **Selsdon Close:** County Council had been asked to install a grit bin – County Cllr.Hotham was dealing with this.

3.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**

New: Nothing to report.

Pending:

(a) New Lights, Tilehouse Lane:

The EO was awaiting updated costs in respect of the installation of two lights. Information was also awaited from Richard Clewer in this respect.

Column 391 Houndsfield Lane (lower):

The EO reported difficulty in getting Prysmian and Western Power to attend this column in respect of the tampering to the service due to its location and it was agreed, under the circumstances, to recommend to Full Council that the column be removed entirely.

ACTION: Take to Full Council.

4. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**

Nothing to report.

5. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

(a) Storage of materials used by Countryside Carers:

The EO had spoken with Mr. Mayall, Footpath Warden, and the Committee agreed to continue with the arrangement whereby some materials were kept at the Cemetery and the remainder in the store provided by the Community Association.

6. **TREES & BULBS:**

Trees:

Gorse Lotts:

Awaiting BDC's decision as regards work deemed necessary on trees as identified with TPO's on them.

7. **CEMETERY:**

(a) Review of Fees:

The Working Group to meet in this respect and consider whether or not to reinstate taking reservations from non-residents for an agreed period of time.

ACTION: Arrange Meeting of Working Group.

8. **ALLOTMENTS:**

(a) The EO reported the Storage Unit had been broken into and some items stolen. Swiftwell Environmental Ltd had been asked for a quote to repair the rear wall of the Unit.

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:**

Nothing to report.

(d) **Grit Bins:**

Selsdon Close: Residents had requested a bin, particularly as the number of properties had increased since County Council removed the previous one. A request had been registered with CC but meanwhile it was understood that County Councillor Hotham may be able to fund one. Update awaited.

(e) **Houndsfield Lane(Lower):**

At the last Council Meeting a resident had asked whether the grit bin that used to be in situ could be replaced as vehicles were sliding down into the River when extreme ice conditions prevailed. This was being investigated.

10. **TRANSPORT(Buses/Trains):**(a) **Buses:**

Timetables had changed resulting in the direct service to the Alexandra Hospital being taken off due to lack of use – passengers now had to change at Redditch if travelling to Hospital.

(b) **Trains:**

Cllr.Turner referred to a survey asking rail users what's important to them and what they want to see from their train service – on Parish Council's Website – www.shakespeareline.com or www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z9B85PN.

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 was being arranged.

ACTION: The EO to arrange a meeting.

13. **OTHER ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:** None.14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 1st March 2018 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

