

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd May 2018 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.D.Taylor Chairman
 Councillor Mrs.S.Hession Vice 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.K.Yates.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/OTHER INTERESTS:**
 None.

3. **SERVICES:**

3.1 **Roads/verges:**

(a) **Shawhurst Lane/Verge Marker Posts:**

A request from resident to replace damaged post fronting her property opposite the Coppice School was afforded quite a lengthy discussion following which it was agreed the EO would write to the resident noting her concerns but advising the Council preferred to monitor the situation relating to parking once the new measures were in place, i.e. zebra crossing, double yellow lines etc. At that time consideration would be given as to whether or not to continue to replace damage posts.

ACTION: As above.

3.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**

New: Nothing to report.

Pending:

(a) **New Lights, Tilehouse Lane:**

Awaiting confirmation of commencement date.

(b) **Column 391 Houndsfield Lane (lower):**

Costs now available for the removal of this column (as agreed at Full Council 7/2018)

Western Power/disconnect service - £509.19 plus VAT

Prysmian/remove column - 50.00 plus VAT

£559.19 plus VAT

(Cost Centre 164)

It was agreed to take these costs to Finance Committee..

ACTION: Take to Finance Committee.

4. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**

The request deferred back from Full Council for an increase in the hourly rate was discussed in the light of figures produced by Clr.Mrs.Baxter and it was agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee that this be increased from £11 per hour to £14 per hour thus creating an increase in the Budget 2018/19 of £980.
(since being appointed Lengthsman for the Parish ten years ago he has been receiving £11)

ACTION: Take to Finance Committee.

5. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

(a) Nothing to report.

6. **TREES & BULBS:**

Trees:

Gorsey Lotts:

Swiftwell Environmental Ltd was meeting the Bromsgrove Tree Officer in the next week.

7. **CEMETERY:**

(a) Revision of Fees:

The Meeting of the Working Party to be reconvened/previous one cancelled due to snow.

(b) Refund of Cemetery Fee:

The Registrar reported a request for the Council to buy back an ashes plot reserved in 2006 at a cost of £440 (current price £715).

It was agreed to recommend payment be made but to consider charging an administrative fee, if not in this instance, but in the future.

ACTION: Take to Full Council.

(c) Cemetery Plan:

Due to the addition of two new burial rows it had been necessary for the EO to arrange for the Plan to be updated. The EO had now received the Plan at a cost of £50 plus VAT. It was agreed to take this to the Finance Committee for approval in retrospect.

(Cost Centre 171 Cemetery Folders/Plan)

ACTION: Take to Finance Committee.

8. **ALLOTMENTS:**

- (a) National Lottery Fund/Awards for All:
The EO would complete those sections identified by the Chairman of the Allotments Association as required.

ACTION: As above.

9. **STREET FURNITURE:**

- (a) Notice Boards:
Alcester Road(opp.One Stop Shop):
County Council would issue a Licence for this new siting once a map and details of the board to be installed had been provided by the EO.

ACTION: Ongoing.

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

- (c) Roadside Planters:
Nothing to report.

- (d) Grit Bins:
Nothing to report.

- (e) Barkers Lane/Telephone Box:
Cllr.Peters reported the box adopted by residents is looking somewhat neglected.

ACTION: The EO to investigate.

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

- (a) Buses:
Nothing to report.

- (b) Trains:
Cllr.Turner referred to the fact that it appeared Wythall(Grimes Hill) was now the only Station not to have been adopted by a local group or business.
This would be investigated again. One suggestion was that a consortium of local business could be formed to take on this project.

ACTION: Look again for sponsors.

11. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Nothing to report.12. **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:**

A Meeting had yet to be arranged with Cllr.Cypher of Alvechurch Parish council.

ACTION: The EO to arrange a meeting.

13. **BEST KEPT FRONTAGE COMPETITION:**
Election of Judges to take place at the May Annual Meeting.

ACTION: Elect Judges.
14. **OTHER ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:** None.
15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 7th June 2018 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.