

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5th July 2018 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.S.Baxter Vice Chairman
Councillor Helen Cleaver
Councillor Mrs.S.Hession
Councillor Mrs.K.Kingston
Councillor S.Peters
Councillor K.Yates
Miss P. Harrison Executive Officer

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and accepted from Cllr.Turner and Cllr.Mrs.Stewart.

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

3. **SERVICES:**

3.1 **Roads/verges:**

(a) Flooding 27th May:

Nothing new to report – remedial work continues.

(b) Proposed traffic schemes/Shawhurst Lane:

The Executive Officer had established with WCC that the Zebra crossing would be installed on Shawhurst Lane during the school summer break but the remainder of the scheme was yet to be advertised.

(c) Speed checks on Alcester Road:

The EO reported several motorists had complained regarding the checks carried out on the Alcester Road, querying whether any additional signing could be installed giving motorists more warning that it was a 30 mph limit. County Cllr.Hotham was looking into this matter.

3.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**

New: Trees round lights:

The Committee agreed a quotation should be obtained from Swiftwell Environmental Ltd for cutting back trees round lights in Brick Kiln Lane and Truemans Heath Lane.

ACTION: EO to obtain quotation.

Pending:

(a) New Lights, Tilehouse Lane:

Columns were now working and several comments made by local residents welcoming the installation.

Invoices awaited.

4. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**
Nothing to report.
5. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**
 - (a) Nothing to report.
6. **TREES & BULBS:**
Trees:
Gorsey Lotts:
Swiftwell Environmental Ltd was re-arranging a meeting the Bromsgrove Tree Officer.
7. **CEMETERY:**
 - (a) Revision of Fees:
The Meeting of the Working Party to be arranged.

ACTION: Arrange Meeting prior to September Committee Meeting.
8. **ALLOTMENTS:**
 - (a) Woodland Trust:
Application in respect of whips for planting within existing hedges had been successful. Autumn for delivery.
 - (b) Annual Meeting with Representatives of Allotment Management Committee:
To arrange for September.

ACTION: Arrange Meeting.
9. **STREET FURNITURE:**
 - (a) Notice Boards:
 - (b) Bus Shelters/Roadside seats: Nothing to report.
 - (c) Roadside Planters:
Nothing to report.
 - (d) Grit Bins:
Nothing to report.
Reminder to be sent to County Cllr.Hotham regarding a grit bin for Selsdon Close.
 - (f) **Tesco Bags Grant (24/8/2018 final date for report)**
Ongoing for completion prior to 24th August.
10. **WAR MEMORIAL, Gorsey Lotts:**
Work to commence on widening block paved walk-up in August.
11. **TRANSPORT(Buses/Trains):**
 - (a) Buses:
Nothing to report.

- (b) Trains:
Shakespeare Line Promotion Group:
It was agreed to take to Full Council a copy of a letter received dated 19.6.2018 sent to Bromsgrove DC and Solihull MBC outlining their aim to get improved train services and parking for Wythall.

ACTION: Take to Full Council with a recommendation that Wythall PC supports the proposal/suggestions.

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

13. **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:**
Progress was being made in this respect by Cllr.Turner; Cllr.Peters and Cllr.Yates.

14. **OTHER ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**
Post Offices in Wythall:
Concern was again expressed as regards the poor service Wythall is receiving as regards Post Office Counters. The new one in Hollywood Lane had now been closed for several weeks with no indication as to when or if it will re-open. The one at Drakes Cross is still closing whilst the cash machine is refilled at the most inconvenient times both week-days and Saturdays.

ACTION: The EO to take this matter up with Royal Mail.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday,6th September 2018 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.14 pm.