

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2018
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALCES TER ROAD, AT 7.30 PM.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr.Mrs.D.Taylor	Chairman
	Cllr.Mrs.S.Baxter	Vice Chairman
	Cllr.D.Bibbings	
	Cllr.Mrs.H.Bibbings	
	Cllr.Helen Cleaver	
	Cllr.K.Footman	
	Cllr.S.Peters	
	Cllr.P.Rattigan	
	Cllr.Mrs.S.Stewart	
	Cllr.L.Turner	
	Cllr.Mrs.C.E.Webb MBE	
	Cllr.Miss L.Wright	
	Cllr.K.Yates	
Miss P.Harrison	Executive Officer	

County Cllr.Adam Kent was in attendance.

Attending as members of the public were Mr.Alan Griffin; Mr.D.Ashby and Mr.P.Baxter together with a resident of Packhorse Lane and Dr.C.Whittaker.

1. **APOLOGIES:** reasons for absence had been noted by the Chairman and accepted from the following: Cllr.Mrs.Kingston; Cllr.Mrs.Hession.

County Cllr.Hotham and District Cllr.Denaro had both tendered their apologies.

2. (a) **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:**
None.

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

Cllr.Mrs.Baxter)
 Cllr.Cleaver) Wythall Community Association Trustee/Member
 Cllr.Turner)
 Cllr.Yates) Member
 Current Dispensations held by these Councillors in respect of WCA.

3. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Cllr.Kent referred to the following items contained in his written report 15/11/2018:

- (a) The fight to save the S3 bus service had been successful and he understood WCC had increased their subsidy towards the cost of the service. Johnsons would now be running this.
- (b) Library Consultation – he is lobbying to ensure Wythall retains the excellent facilities provided.
- (c) He had enjoyed the Parish Open Day staged recently at the Community Association and had some useful conversations with members of the public attending.
- (d) He is involved in a project regarding improving broadband for areas where limited speed is due to their rural aspect and will be looking at schemes to cover Dark Lane and Packhorse Lane, possibly Crabmill Lane and surrounding areas.
- (e) Smart Water will be available at the Hub and Wythall Country Market – dates to be announced.

Cllr.Mrs.Baxter commented on the S3 Service, the Library and the Parish Open Day following which a fairly lengthy exchange of comments ensued.

Cllr.Helen Cleaver asked Cllr.Kent whether any action could be taken to prevent vehicles, other than Police, from parking on the hardstanding area created specifically for Police use. Cllr.Kent said he would investigate.

4. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Cllr.Peters referred to the fact that the Bromsgrove District Local Plan consultation closed next Monday.

Cllr.Turner reported that Fiona McIntosh of Bromsgrove District Council was concerned that only one local person in the area had claimed a refund on their Council Tax following the flooding. Out of 200 properties in Bromsgrove only about 20 applications had been received.

It was agreed to follow this up.

Representatives from the Wythall Community Association who were present were asked if it would be possible to place a notice in their Newsletter advising residents of the chance to claim if they had been flooded and unable to live in their properties for six months. It was also agreed to include this on the Parish Council website.

Cllr.Mrs.Baxter had also received this communication but not sure whether any of her constituents qualified.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Resolved 40/2018:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th October 2018 were noted and accepted as a true record of matters discussed with the following amendment:

Item 3(d) should read "Hotham".

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

It was decided the "Action" schedule should include all matters relating to both Full Council and Committees etc.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution 41/2018:

- (a) not to paint the lighting columns in Crabmill Lane for the reason it is not Council's policy to paint columns. The EO to notify the resident who had raised this matter as to Council's decision/policy..

ACTION: Contact resident.

- (b) to arrange for a second cut of the Allotment boundary hedge with a view to it looking tidy throughout the Winter.

Cllr.Footman abstained from a vote carried in favour of this work being done.

- (c) to note that the EO had placed an order with WCC for a supply of salt and grit to continue to fill Council owned grit bins including the new one for Selsdon Close (Cllr.Hotham was providing funding for this one) at a cost of £140 plus VAT.

- (d) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st November 2018 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

FINANCE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution 42/2018:

- (a) to note and accept the figures in respect of Bank/Budgets for November 2018.
- (b) to accept the schedule of payments in respect of October 2018 together with the following:
- (i) retrospective approval in respect of an item on the September 2018 cheque list relating to payment of the External Auditors' Invoice the amount of which had resulted in an overspend of the current budget by £200.
- (ii) agreed payment of the November 2018 instalment of £1200 to Wythall Community Association being satisfied with the figures provided to the EO.

- (c) that, in respect of the grant instalment of £1200 payable to Wythall Community Association relating to December 2018, it was agreed to delegate to the EO the decision as to whether or not this should be paid in the light of the Financial Statements to be provided by the Association. The Chairman of the Council would also be consulted in this respect.

ACTION: As above.

- (d) to ratify in retrospect a bank transfer in the sum of £20000 from the CCLA Investment Account to the Current Account.
- (e) not to purchase the latest edition of Local Council Administration.
- (f) to note Cllr.Mrs.Baxter's review of Council's budgets 2018/2019 for the first half year and, following some explanations, it was agreed to accept these as presented.

Cllr.Footman abstained stating he had not had sufficient time to study the figures and make comments thereon.

- (g) to accept the Minutes of the Risk Sub-Committee dated 6th November 2018 and item (a) but it was agreed to defer the matter contained in item (b) to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee having sought advice from Council's Internal Auditor i.e. redefine Earmarked Reserves(Cemetery) for general use.

ACTION: Take back item (b) of the Risk Sub-Committee Minutes to the next Finance Committee.

- (h) to note the report on the Parish Open Day held on the 12th November 2018 in the Britannia Room and the list of items included in the "post-it" notes. It was felt that the "Day" had proved to be very successful.

Cllr.Mrs.Taylor, Chairman of the Council, expressed her gratitude to both the Executive Officer and Assistant to the Executive Officer, together with Cllr.Mrs.Baxter, for all the time taken by them in organising this event. Hoped the next Council would make it an annual event.

- (i) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th November 2018 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

PLANNING:

Resolved 43 /2018:

- (a) to note the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5/11/2018 and the applications dealt with under Standing Orders for Committees (4(d) Parish Standing Orders.

- 8. **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY:**
Cllr.Mrs.Taylor gave an update on the latest event
- 9. **ITEMS OF PAROCHIAL INTEREST FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**
- 10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 17th January 2019 at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

DATED: 17th January 2019

Items raised by members of the public prior to the commencement of the Meeting:

- (a) Resident of Packhorse Lane queried how many times the urban verges are cut – response was twice during the mowing season.
- (b) Dr.Whittaker asked if, when people are addressing the Council they could speak up.