

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2019 at the Council Office at 7.30 pm.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and accepted from Cllr.Mrs.Baxter and Cllr.Mrs.Kingston.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS/OTHER INTERESTS:**
None.
3. **HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TENDERS:**
The Committee gave further consideration to the two tenders referred back from Full Council in conjunction with references now received and it was agreed, by a show of hands, to recommend to Finance Policy & Resources the following:

Accept the tender from Philip Cook/RBS Ground Maintenance Ltd Solihull - £18,208.30 plus VAT fixed for the term of the Contract.
4. **SERVICES:**
 - 4.1 **Roads/verges:**
New:
 - 4.2 **FOOTWAY LIGHTING:**
New:
 - (a) Nothing to report.

Pending:
 - (a) **Silver Street:** Investigating the installation of an additional column between Pt.353 and 354 following complaints that it is a very dark patch. .
 - (b) **Relocation of light in Hollywood Lane:**
The work had been completed and an invoice from Prysmian.forwarded to Severn Trent for direct payment.
5. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN:**
Nothing to report.

6. **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

- (a) Nothing to report.

7. **TREES & BULBS:**

Nothing to report.

8. **CEMETERY:**

- (a) **Replacement gate for Service Entrance in Chapel Lane:**
Order had been placed with Swiftwell £650 plus VAT following approval at Full Council.

9. **ALLOTMENTS:**

- (a) **Woodland Trust:**
60 whips had been received, more could be ordered.

- (b) **Trees:**
Survey awaited from Swiftwell Environmental Ltd.

ACTION: Seek survey from Swiftwell.

- (c) **Boundary Hedges:**
All whips had been planted by Swiftwell Environmental Ltd.
The Chairman of the Association would like a further supply.

ACTION: Apply to the Woodland Trust.

10. **STREET FURNITURE:**

- (a) **Notice Boards:**
Nothing to report.
- (b) **Bus Shelters/Roadside seats:** Nothing to report.
- (c) **Roadside Planters:**
Nothing to report.

- (d) **Grit Bins:**
Nothing to report although Cllr.Mrs.Hession expressed her thanks to the Council for the installation of a new green one in Selsdon Close.

- (e) **Tesco Bags Grant**
An application had been started for another Grant but a decision had yet to be made as to what the money would be for. One suggestion was a bus shelter on the Alcester Road (opp.Kilbys) but a telegraph pole could be in the way; another suggestion was two benches by the War Memorial.

ACTION: Decision to be made.

11. **WAR MEMORIAL, Gorse Lotts:**

- (a) **Illuminate Memorial:**
Under investigation – Cllr.Yates undertook to look at cost etc.

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

(a) Buses: Nothing to report.

(b) Trains:

Cllr.Turner reported that The Shakespeare Line now have a new (replacement) website.

13. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

(a) Farming Land behind Barkers Lane:

A resident had drawn the attention of the Parish Council to the manner in which a local farmer had carried out work on the land, i.e. decimation of hedges, trees etc. and a large barn erected.

As this was a matter the Parish Council could not be involved with it was agreed to advise the resident to contact DEFRA raising his concerns.

ACTION: EO to act on the above.

14. **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:**

Ongoing.

15. **CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTS COMPETITION:**

Ongoing.

16. **OTHER ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

(a) Hollywood Post Office:

Cllr.Peters had been in correspondence with someone at Customer Services Post Office regarding the continued closure of Hollywood Post Office and had been advised that this facility would now not be re-opening. Investigations were taking place to find an alternative and the suggestion of the Select-and-Saves shop at Grimes Hill would be looked at. They would also look into the complaint registered by Cllr.Peters regarding the indiscriminate closing of the Post Office Counter at The One Stop Shop at Drakes Cross.

(b) Selsdon Close:

Cllr.Mrs.Hession reported that residents had received letters from the Developers asking them not to park on the grass verges. Road still not adopted.

(c) Velo (100/42 mile cycling event):

Cllr.Peters expressed his concern regarding the affect this event will have on Wythall – Packhorse Lane will be closed for the whole day in May and the Alcester Road will be involved in route.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 7th March 2019 at 7.30 pm

The Meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

