

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19th April 2019
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALCESTER ROAD, AT 7.30 PM.

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

District Cllr.G.Denaro was present.

Attending as members of the public were Mr.Alan Griffin, WCA; Dr.C.Whittaker and twelve residents of Chapel Drive, Wythall.

CllrDenaro was in attendance to disclose the latest situation as regards a planning problem in Chapel Drive. He also gave an update as to the land opposite the Village Hall.

Prior to opening the Meeting the Chairman announced her intention to invoke SO 10(a)(xi) at the end of the Agenda due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed (Item 7 on the Finance Report refers).

1. **APOLOGIES:** reasons for absence had been noted by the Chairman and accepted from the following: Cllr.P.Rattigan.

County Cllr.Kent had tendered his apologies together with County Cllr.Hotham.

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

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

Cllr.Mrs.Baxter Came & Co./BHIB Insurance

Knows both companies through NALC/left the room whilst discussion took place.

3. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

None due to forthcoming Elections.

4. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Cllr.Denaro referred to the fact that the "Travellers" had now submitted a planning application on land they own at Beoley.

Cllr.Peters : Nothing to report.

Cllr.Turner: Reported he was still monitoring the situation in Houndsfield Lane on behalf of the local residents.

Cllr.Mrs.Baxter: Nothing to report.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Resolved 14/2019:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st March 2019 were accepted as being an accurate record of matters discussed.

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

Noted.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution 15/19:

- (a) not to object to WCC's proposal to apply Waiting Restrictions and Double Yellow Lines at the junctions of Fords Road and Rosebriars with Haslucks Green Road where problems with parking were occurring with motorists leaving vehicles whilst using the local train service.
- (b) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th April 2019 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

FINANCE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution 16/19:

- (a) to notify the Allotment Association that Council had agreed the Allotment Fees for the next five year period as follows:

Year One (2020)	£26
Year Two (2021)	£27
Year Three(2022)	No increase
Year Four (2023)	£28
Year Five (2024)	£29

Half Plots to be half the cost of a full plot.
The first increase taking effect from the 1st November 2020, twelve months notice being given to Plot Holders by the Association.

Two members abstained voting in respect of this decision, Cllr.Peters and Cllr.Miss Wright.

ACTION: Advise Allotment Association as to this decision.

- (b) to note and accept the figures in respect of monthly bank reconciliation (Income/Expenditure) for March 2019
- (c) to note and accept in retrospect the emergency action taken by the EO and the Chairman of the Council relating to RBS Grounds Maintenance Ltd (Council's newly appointed mowing contractor) advising that, due to illness, they were unable to commence with the Contract and the fact that the next in line in the tendering process, Fairways Contracting Ltd had agreed to take this work on at short notice. Their figure was £19,880 p.a.
- (d) to accept the schedule of payments in respect of April 2019.
- (e) to ratify in retrospect a transfer of funds from the Investment Account to the current account in the sum of £10,000.
- (f) to accept the quotation from Came & Co in respect of Council's Insurance totalling £1235 p.a. for the next three years
Other quotes received being Zurich £1282.25 and BHIB £1449.56.

ACTION: Advise all three Companies as to Council's decision.

- (g) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th April 2019 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

PLANNING:

Resolved 17/2019:

- (a) to note the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8/4/2019 and the applications dealt with under Standing Orders for Committees (4(d) Parish Standing Orders.
- (b) to notify Bromsgrove DC of a change of decision as regards Application 19/00294 Coppice Primary School Bungalow to No Objection due to the EO having established there would not be any additional parking involved. Three members abstained in this decision.

ACTION: Advise BDC accordingly.

8. **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY:**

Cllr.Mrs.Taylor reported that at the latest event more new people had attended but, unfortunately, some regulars won't be coming back.

9. **ITEMS OF PAROCHIAL INTEREST FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

- (a) **Senior Citizen's Day at St.Mary's Church:**
Cllr.Mrs.Taylor had collected a lot of information with regard to activities taking place in Wythall.
- (b) Cllr.Mrs.Taylor referred to a meeting she had attended with representatives of District Council and the Alzheimer's Group, together with local retailers and it appeared most of the work had been done already in respect of applying for Wythall to become a Dementia Friendly Village.
- (c) Cllr.Mrs.Webb MBE again expressed concern for people who attend the Doctors on Station Road and the speed of traffic in that location.
- (d) Cllr.Footman commented on the dedication of the Trustees of the Village Hall that has made it the building it is today which runs very successfully for the community.
- (e) Cllr.Wright thanked all members for the hard work they had put in over the past four years on behalf of the community.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support over the past twelve months. Appreciating there would be a change of Council Members in May and two existing Councillors would not be standing again after several years of commitment, she made presentations to Cllr.Mrs.Webb MBE and Cllr.Mrs.Stewart thanking them for their time serving on the Council on behalf of the community. Cllr.Mrs.Webb MBE thanked the Chairman and the Council saying she could not believe she had served on the Council for 32 years and at that time she had been helped by Dr Whittaker who was then Chairman.

The Chairman invoked SO10(a)(x1) due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under Finance Item 7.

37 Silver Street (Former Parish Office):

Resolved 18/2019:

to note the report provided by Shepherd Commercial Ltd relating to the present day market value together with current day rental value per annum.

The EO to contact that Solicitors who act for the Council seeking advice as to a possible rent increase together with obtaining prices for the external/internal work identified by the Agent.

Executive Officer and Assistant Vacancies:

Resolved 19/2019:

to accept the Minutes of the Personnel Meetings held on the 14th and 28th March 2019 together with 8th April 2019 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 16th May 2019 following the Statutory Meeting of Electors commencing at 7pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

DATED: 16th May 2019