

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st March 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.P.Rattigan	
	Cllr.Mrs.S.Stewart	
	Cllr.L.Turner	
	Cllr.K.Yates	
	Cllr.Miss L.Wright	
	Miss P.Harrison	Executive Officer

County Cllr.Hotham and District Cllr.Denaro were in attendance.

Attending as members of the public were Mr.Alan Griffin, WCA; Dr.C.Whittaker and two residents of St.Mary's Park.

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.Mrs.C.E.Webb MBE

County Cllr.Kent had tendered his 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.Mrs.Hession)

Current Dispensations held by these Councillors in respect of WCA.

Cllr.Miss Wright Susan Giles Acquaintance

3. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Cllr.Kent had provided a written report contents of which were duly noted - attached.

Cllr.Hotham reported on the following items:

No Meetings had been held at County council since he had last attended the Parish Meeting.

The concerned resident of Houndsfield Lane(Lower) had been reporting to him and he was working on all complaints.

Cllr.Turner commented that no Planning Application had been registered in relation to the work being carried out on this particular site.

Cllr.Hotham was dealing with a problem with trees on Station Road.

Cats-eyes had now been replaced on the A435.

Footpaths on the Alcester Road were to be reinstated.

The Safety Roads Partnership could not find a suitable location on Station Road to park the“van“ but agreed there was definitely a speeding problem and the road was too fast and dangerous to even use their motorbike to deal with speeding.

Hand-held speed equipment would be used.

Cllr.Mrs.Hession queried whether any more permanent measures were planned on Station Road – Cllr.Hotham was not aware of any.

Cllr.Mrs.Taylor raised a query as regards extra railings outside Meadow Green School.

Cllr.Hotham said more were to be installed using his Divisional Fund(Highways) and he had asked the Governors to raise this matter again with County Council.

4. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Cllr.Denaro referred to the incursion of “travellers” on land to the rear of the Rose & Crown (Beoley Parish Council) again reporting that an 8 week extension had been granted in respect of the Planning Application.

No further work had been carried out on the land on the Alcester Road opposite the Village Hall. No Planning Application had been received at Bromsgrove DC as yet.

He also referred to St.Mary’s Park, Chapel Lane and the fact that two residents had set up their own Association and 96 people had already signed up. This was giving advice to everyone as to what they could do to safeguard their interests in respect of the new owners of the site. No Licence had been issued on the site but a formal visit by the Authority had been arranged for the 16th April. The site was being monitored daily.

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 other than the business rates paid following Council vacating the former District Council premises in Burcot Lane had totalled £230,000 with a £45,000 reduction in the ensuing year.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Resolved 9/2019:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th January 2019 (amended) and 21st February 2019 were accepted as being an accurate record of matters discussed.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Noted.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution 10/19:

- (a) to accept the Notes of the Cemetery Working Party Meeting held on the 7.3.2019 and the recommendation going forward to the Finance Policy & Resources Committee.
- (e) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7.3.2019 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

FINANCE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution 11/19:

- (a) to accept the recommendation from the Cemetery Working Party/Community Services Committee (Meeting held on the 7.3.2019)
 - (i) Fees: Not to increase them at the present time but possibly review in six months.
 - (ii) Reservations for Non-Residents: Not to take bookings from non-residents for plots.

NOTE: The reasoning behind these decisions being that, with revenue from the Cemetery as low as it is at the present time, this could, in future, affect the Council's Tax.
- (b) to note and accept the figures in respect of monthly bank reconciliation (Income/Expenditure) for February 2019
- (c) to award a grant of £100 to the new Lego Club at Wythall Library enabling the purchase of two sets of Lego. This grant being awarded under the provisions of the General Power of Competence (Local Government Act 1972 Section 7).

ACTION: As above.

- (d) to respond to a request for funding from Woodrush Youth Club seeking assistance for the current financial year with a recommendation they apply after 1st April 2019 as the present Council were not in a position to consider grants on a forward basis and the grants process would not commence until the 1st April 2019.
Cllr.Mrs.Hession would give a report at the May Council Meeting as Council's Representative for the Youth Club.

ACTION: As above.

- (e) to accept the schedule of payments in respect of March 2019 including the instalment to the Wythall Community Association as per agreement.

There were two abstentions relating to the WCA payment – Cllr.Bibbings and Cllr.Mrs.Hession.

- (f) to ratify in retrospect a transfer of funds from the Investment Account to the current account totalling £10,000.
- (g) to approve the three-year projected forecast forming part of the Budget 2019/20.
- (h) to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th March 2019 having noted and endorsed the interim actions taken by the Committee.

PLANNING:

Resolved 12/2019:

- (a) to note the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11/3/2019 and the applications dealt with under Standing Orders for Committees (4(d) Parish Standing Orders.

8. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY:

Cllr.Mrs.Taylor reported that at the latest event two new people had attended. She Again expressed her personal thanks to Cllr.Peters for driving people to and from the event. A meeting was being held at the Parish Office on the 4th april 2019 to get Wythall recognised as a Dementure Friendly Village.

9. ITEMS OF PAROCHIAL INTEREST FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- (a) Cllr.Mrs.Hession queried whether enforcement could be carried out on Shawhurst Lane now the new parking enforcement lines had been installed.
- (b) Cllr.Cleaver reported her surprise when Smartwater signs were attached to lighting columns fronting her property when she had not been offered Smartwater.

- (c) Cllr.Footman expressed concern that spoil had been piled on the verge in Silver Street by Severn Trent whilst carried out the installation of the new mains service, together with the fact that barriers were forcing pedestrians into the road.

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 13/2019:

- (a) to approve in retrospect the decision to obtain a market review and rent opinion(market) from Shephard Commercial Ltd at a fee of £150 plus VAT.

Executive Officer and Assistant:

- (a) to note Miss Harrison had now indicated her desire to retire as soon as possible having served the Council for 36 years.
- (b) to ratify in retrospect the appointment of Mrs.S.Giles on a temporary self-employed basis as Assistant to the EO paying £10 per hour.
- (c) to delegate to the Personnel Committee all necessary actions to obtain replacements for both vacancies.

ACTION: All as above.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 18th April 2019 at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

DATED: 18th April 2019