

HAMMERWICH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on **Wednesday 16th July 2014** at **7.30 p.m.** at the WI Hall, Hammerwich

PRESENT: Councillors V. Wasdell (Chairman), Mrs. M. Greenway, R. Campbell, D Bayliss, Mrs J Pope, Mrs R Bailye, Mrs J Davies, Mrs V Richards, Viv Evans (Parish Clerk), and 15 members of the public

APOLOGIES Cllrs P. Chapman, J. Turnbull

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Action
- 1.1 As above
- 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- 2.1 Cllr Mrs Richards in her capacity of a member of the Planning Authority committee
- 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
- 3.1 Cllr Mrs Greenway proposed and Cllr Campbell seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record
- 3.2 **RESOLVED:** the minutes are accepted as a true record
- 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- 4.1 None
- 5 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 5.1 The Chairman advised that he had attended the Parish Forum at LDC on 14 July and there was a very good presentation on the Code of Conduct
- 6 RURAL SERVICES NETWORK – VIEWS ON RURAL HOUSING**
- 6.1 Members felt that the Neighbourhood Plan might pick up issues on rural housing so this matter will not be taken further at present
- 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATON**
- 7.1 Cllr Bayliss proposed and Cllr Mrs Richards seconded that Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak
- 7.2 A couple of residents complained about bus services in the village
- 7.3 The Clerk asked if this was service no 15 and on receipt of confirmation advised that she had written to Arriva following complaints expressed at the last meeting
- 7.4 The Clerk was asked to contact SCC who subsidised the service and to also contact Cllr D Smith (SCC) VE
- 7.5 Most members of the public attending were doing so to complain about a proposed development in Highfields Rd (14/00508) a back garden development
- 7.6 They were concerned about , overlooking, parking and highway issues, a number of inaccuracies in the supporting documentation provided with the application and rights of light but Cllr Mrs Davies pointed out that this was not a legitimate planning consideration
- 7.7 The Chair asked the Clerk to ensure that further comments were made on behalf of the parish council in time for the deadline of midnight that evening VE
- 7.8 Cllr Mrs Richards was able to assure the residents that the application would be called in should officers recommend acceptance which would allow the matter to be fully debated and also offer residents the chance to make direct representations to the Planning Authority
- 7.9 PC Passmore was in attendance and introduced PCSO Lovatt
- 7.10 He reported some vehicle related threats but was also able to report on speed monitoring on Highfields Rd where 4 offences were logged in 40 minutes
- 7.11 The Chair thanked the police for attending and both officers left the meeting at that point
- 7.12 Burntwood Town FC reps were again in attendance and advised that they were working on a business case for taking on the management of Hospital Rd Playing Fields
- 7.13 The reported that the 6 a side tournament that they organised for the previous weekend had been very successful but when they mentioned that they might be looking to sublet the pitches, Cllr Mrs Richards advised that the majority of the playing area was the responsibility of LDC and they had a duty to be even handed in their approach to any applicants

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- 7.14 The Chairman advised BTFC to continue working on their business plan
- 7.15 The BTFS reps then asked for confirmation that they would get revenues currently going to LDC if they were to run the facility and they were advised this would be the case
- 7.16 They advised that they would be playing at Hospital Rd for the coming season
- 7.17 A resident had 3 issues;
- 1 The state of the duck pond now that there were no ducks
 - 2 Ingress of vegetation onto Pouk Lane
 - 3 The lack of consultation for individuals on the Staffordshire Minerals plan on which subject he had written to Nick Bell, CEO of SCC
- 7.18 He was advised that the duck pond had been sold but one of the former owners was a Parish Councillor and he would be asked if he was able to assist in this matter PC
- 7.19 The Clerk thought Pouk Lane was in Cllr David Smith's home parish and so she would mention this when she wrote regarding the bus service (see point 7.3 above) VE
- 7.20 The Chairman advised that the Council responded to and monitored local applications of which they were aware such as Anglesey Quarry

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 8.1 14/00254 re-application for 7 houses on the Triangle Tavern site was generally well received as it had addressed most previous concerns
- 8.2 Cllr Mrs Bailye commented that, positively, it was on a brownfield site but on a negative note it was for expensive 4 bedroomed houses when what was needed was affordable housing
- 8.3 14/00508 for Highfields Rd was discussed in the knowledge of views expressed by residents earlier in the meeting
- 8.4 The Chairman mentioned light goods delivery vehicles potentially having to reverse onto the highway, Cllr Bayliss mentioned bus service issues and he and the Chairman both commented on the misinformation with regard to quiet lanes for cycling
- 8.5 Cllr Mrs Davies felt that the Council should not be supporting backland development but Cllr Mrs Greenway wondered if legislation permitted this as there had been some backland development at 91/95 Highfields Rd
- 8.6 Cllr Campbell felt that the current amenity enjoyed by residents would be destroyed if this development went ahead and Cllr Mrs Bailye suggested smaller scale houses might be acceptable
- 8.7 Knowing the short time scale Members précised their comments to be relayed to LDC Planners

9 REPORTS UPDATE

- 9.1 The Clerk advised that there had been 485 responses from 1557 questionnaires and they were currently being analysed
- 9.2.1 The Chairman updated members on the contract meeting with Neil Turner and John Smith of LDC at Hospital Rd Playing Fields
- 9.2.2 LDC would look at the feasibility of installing footpath signs, they would litter pick and undertake fencing repairs
- 9.2.3 Cllr Mrs Richards asked if the PC could plant some trees to replace those which had been lost in Gorse Rd and on the corner of Warren Rd
- 9.2.4 Cllr Mrs Richards agreed to contact LDC arboricultural officer to progress this matter VR
- 9.3.1 Disappointingly the poppies appear not to have grown but to have been crowded out by more aggressive vegetation
- 9.3.2 The landowner was not happy with the seeds supplied but the Chairman hoped that, ultimately, some poppies would be visible
- 9.4 Cllr Mrs Greenway reported that the potholes outside Gartmore had been repaired and some attempt had been made to level the carriageway where there had been subsidence

10 ANY MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 10.1 Cllr Campbell asked for the matter of SCC's consultation on libraries to be put on the next agenda as this service was well used locally and should be preserved

11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 11.1 The Clerk reported that Network Rail had contacted her saying they would inspect the bridge
- 11.2.1 The Clerk advised members that SCC had responded to her initial letter with regard to AngleseyQuarry but that the promised update had not been received

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11.2.2 Members asked the Clerk to follow up on this matter

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12 CORRESPONDENCE SENT

12.1 None other than that which generated the responses above

13 FINANCE

13.1.1 Cllr Mrs Davies proposed and Cllr Campbell seconded that the accounts be approved

13.1.2 **RESOLVED:** to approve accounts for payment for July/August

13.2. The Clerk had printed out a scan of the bank statement and an extract from the cashbook which reconciled to July 2

13.3.1 Cllr Mrs Bailye proposed and Cllr Bayliss seconded delegation of powers to the Chair and Vice Chair during the Council's recess

13.3.2 **RESOLVED:** to delegate power to the chairman and vice chair

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14.1 17th September

Chairman _____ 17th September

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm