

HAMMERWICH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on **Wednesday 18th June 2014** at 7.30 p.m. at the WI Hall, Hammerwich

PRESENT: Councillors V. Wasdell (Chairman), Mrs. M. Greenway, R. Campbell, P. Chapman, J. Turnbull, Mrs J Davies, Viv Evans (Parish Clerk), and 7 members of the public

APOLOGIES D Bayliss, Mrs J Pope, Mrs R Bailye

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Action
- 1.1 **As above**
- 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- 2.1 None
- 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
- 3.1 Cllr Chapman 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 Cllr Chapman asked about progress on arranging a meeting with Neil Turner and the Chairman had advised that he and the Clerk had finally found a date and time which could be accommodated in the LDC timetable
- 5 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 5.1 The Chairman advised Cllr Mrs Greenway had been invited to join the Crime Prevention Panel for Lichfield District but she could either join as an individual or as the PC rep
- 5.2 All Members, aware of Cllr Mrs Greenway's experience within the justice system, had no hesitation in requesting her to act as the PC representative
- 6 PLANNING AND LICENSING**
- 6.1 There were no objections to the plans for 13 Gorsey Lane
- 6.2 Members had concerns with regard to 14/00552/ful which was to retain a wall erected without benefit of planning permission
- 6.3 Cllrs felt this wall did affect the visibility splay and were surprised at the mention of the difficulty for the owners when exiting the property – as this was a difficulty entirely of their own making
- 6.4 The original wall is visible on the plan and a number of properties still have walls of this nature thus making this property a very prominent exception *and setting a possible precedent*
- 6.5 *Cllrs objected in the strongest possible terms to this application*
- 7 REPORTS UPDATE**
- 7.1.1 The Chairman asked about the return rate for questionnaires and was advised, by the Clerk, that so far there had been one internet response and approximately 24% return rate for hard copies
- 7.1.2 The meeting was advised that the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting would be on 7 July commencing at 7.00 pm
- 7.1.3 Cllr Chapman advised that there was a legal challenge to LDC's Local Plan and that this might affect the Neighbourhood Plan
- 7.2.1 Cllrs Mrs Greenway and Chapman were keen to clarify that the contract meeting with Neil Turner would also discuss the state of the fencing and the Chairman assured them that it would
- 7.3.1 The Chairman advised that the poppies were growing but not yet in flower
- 7.4.1 Hall Lane had been flooded again under the rail bridge and both the Chairman and Cllr Mrs Greenway were so concerned about structural issues that the Clerk was requested to write to Network Rail requesting urgent attention with regard to track drainage and the soundness of the bridge
- 7.4.2 Cllr Mrs Greenway reported there were still potholes outside Gartmore Riding Stables and the road also appeared to be subsiding in one area VE
- 7.4.3 Given the often poor response from SCC, the Clerk was asked to write to the Cabinet member with responsibility for highways VE
- 7.4.4 Dark Lane f/p is overgrown and needs clearing VE

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7.5.1 The Clerk reported that she had received a general response from Cllr Smith with regard to the progress of his survey but nothing specific for Hospital Rd at this point

8 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

8.1 Composition and terms for the Planning Committee

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

9.1 Cllr Mrs Greenway proposed and Cllr Mrs Davies seconded that Standing Orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak

9.2 A resident raised the issue of the appalling bus service provided by Arriva and the Clerk was asked to contact them for comments VE

10.1 Andy Bullock, Dave Cox and Mike Gentles from Burntwood Football Club were offered the opportunity to speak in public participation

10.2 They advised that they were seeking a permanent home for the club which they hoped to build up to include other teams and advised that they were holding a 6 a side tournament on July 12 to which all were invited

10.3 They outlined what they would need in terms of eg fencing and dugouts appropriate to their league and listened to what the PC required in terms of keeping public access to the park

10.4 Members welcomed the chance to discuss the club's eventual take over of the running of Hospital Rd and they were asked to maintain contact with the Clerk with a view to progressing this matter when the land swap has been finalised

10.5 Cllr Chapman expressed a concern about the limited parking at the venue but the club indicated that they did not have a large crowd of supporters

10.6 The Chairman felt the group should be aware of dog fouling but the club reps felt this was an issue with which they already had some experience and that they could deal with it

10.7 Both residents and Cllrs were concerned that the group would not monopolise the facilities and were advised that the football club had no intention of doing this

10.8 The Chairman thanks the football committee reps for their attendance and asked if there were any other matters to be raised

10.9 Cllr Mrs Greenway proposed and Cllr Mrs Davies seconded the reinstatement of Standing Orders

11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

11.1 Cllr Chapman proposed that 30 trees be requested from the Woodland Trust to fill in gaps in the hedging at Cobby Nook Lane and this was agreed VE

11.2 Cllr Bayliss had sent an email asking for action to tidy up Anglesey Quarry.

11.3 Members advised that there had previously been licensing issues and felt that the Clerk should pass the matter to SCC as the minerals extraction authority VE

11.4 Cllr Bayliss also wanted to make the point that the LGBCE should be contacted again to ensure that district boundaries ran co terminus with parish boundaries VE

12 CORRESPONDENCE SENT

12.1 None

13 FINANCE

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

13.1.2 **RESOLVED:** to approve accounts for payment for June

13.2. The bank reconciliation to June 9 was presented and approved

13.3. The Clerk advised of the reductions for the coming two years in the LCTS grant which would have an effect on the precept calculations

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14.1 16th July 2014

Chairman _____ 16 July 2014

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm