

Hammerwich Parish Council Minutes

16 January 2019

In attendance: Councillors Wasdell, Mrs Greenway, Campbell, Mrs Taylor, Place, Mrs Gittings, Mrs Smith and King.

Also in attendance:

4 Members of the Public

Ellen Bird – Parish Clerk

1.	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ho Noted
2.	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.
3.	Approval of Parish Council Minutes and Annual Meeting Minutes held on 19 December 2018.
	Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 19 December 2018 as a correct record. These were signed by the Chair.
4.	Matters Arising
	<u>Flooding</u> Councillor Mrs Greenway said she would forward the flooding report over the next few days. Noted
5.	Chairman's Announcements
	There were none.

<p>6.</p>	<p>Launch of Chasewater Friends Volunteering Group</p> <p>Councillors discussed the Chasewater Friends Volunteering Group.</p> <p>2 Councillors were attending the launch of the group and agreed to report back.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>3 consultation meetings were held in December on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The formal consultation process would start in February 2019.</p> <p>It was noted comments had been received from development company.</p> <p>Resolved to ask Councillors to send the Clerk the final version of the plan for the website.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Speedwatch</p> <p>The Speedwatch sessions were paused over the Christmas period but they would resume shortly.</p> <p>The permanent speedwatch signs were now up and these made completing the sessions easier to set up.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Parks and Open Spaces</p> <p><u>Hammerwich Green</u></p> <p>The work had been completed on the hedge on the green. Councillors were pleased with the work and how smart the area now looked.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p><u>Bench at Stonnal</u></p> <p>Councillor Mrs Greenway had researched the company who had provided a War Memorial Bench at Stonnal.</p> <p>She felt the costs of circa £700 + VAT was something that the Council could consider.</p> <p>Resolved to ask Councillor Mrs Greenway to circulate the details of the bench company.</p>

	<p><u>Best Kept Village</u></p> <p>Councillors discussed whether they should enter the best kept village competition.</p> <p>They felt there were difficulties in taking this on as the Parish stretched beyond the village.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Taylor was keen to start a group working on cleaning up the village. It was agreed that this would be a good starting point to progress towards the Best Kept Village in the future.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p><u>Traffic Islands</u></p> <p>Councillor Wasdell reported that work needed to be done at the traffic islands on the junctions at Church Lane and Hall Lane and also Pingle Lane and Burntwood Road.</p> <p>It was suggested that the local Gardening Club may be interested in tidying the traffic islands up. The Council were willing to consider a budget for plants and materials if they were interested in doing the work.</p> <p>Resolved to ask Councillor King to approach the Gardening Club about doing this work.</p>
10.	Highways and footpaths
	<p><u>Overton Lane Weeds</u></p> <p>Councillors were very pleased with the excellent work done to clear the weeds on Overton Lane.</p> <p>Resolved to ask the Clerk to thank Lichfield District Council Officer's (LDC) for their work.</p> <p><u>Hammerwich Sign</u></p> <p>It was reported that the Hammerwich Sign at the junction between Hospital Road and Copsy Nook Lane had moved.</p> <p>Resolved to ask the Clerk to ask LDC Officers to straighten the sign.</p> <p><u>Hospital Road Playing Fields</u></p> <p>It was noted that there was an increase in parking again on Copsy Nook Lane from parents of Children attending training/events at Burntwood Dragons.</p>

	<p>Resolved to ask the Clerk to email Burntwood Dragons about the parking issues. Councillor Place raised concerns about signs regarding the number of dogs people could walk on the playing fields.</p> <p>Resolved to ask the Clerk to explore the rules about dog walking in public spaces.</p>
11.	Public Participation
	<p>Standing Orders were suspended.</p> <p><u>Cricket Club</u></p> <p>Brian Fisher, Chairman of Hammerwich Cricket Club attended the meeting to provide an update to the Council on the work being done in the Club.</p> <p>Councillors were interested to learn about the work the club did and thanked Mr Fisher for the improvements around the Bonfire Night Parking over recent years.</p> <p>Councillors were keen to maintain a positive relationship with the club and to have an ongoing conversation about how the Council and the Cricket Club could work together for the benefit of the local community.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p><u>Thanks</u></p> <p>A local resident thanked Councillors for addressing issues on dogs, speedwatch, Hammerwich Green, Overton Lane, Green belt.</p> <p>She said the drains in the village had not been cleaned by Staffordshire County Council (SCC).</p> <p>Resolved to ask the Clerk to chase SCC regarding the drains.</p> <p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p>
13.	Planning Applications
	<p><u>18/01844/COU Owl Glade Farm</u></p> <p>Councillors had no objections to putting horses on the land but were nervous about approving a change of use as previously applicants had used this as a way to begin a process for further development.</p> <p>Resolved to ask the Clerk to report Councillors did not object but were concerned about further developments following this application.</p> <p><u>Notification of Planning Appeal – 18/00086/FUL</u></p> <p>Councillors had no comments.</p>

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14.	Correspondence Report																								
	<p>The Clerk reported the correspondence that had been received and sent since the last meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>																								
15.	Accounts for Payment																								
	<p>The statements for the Business Current Account and Savings Account as at 9 January 2019 were £52,449.57 and £8,265.60 respectively.</p> <p>The Parish Council were asked to approve the following payments at their meeting on 16 January 2019:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Cost</th> <th>Invoice No</th> <th>Cheque Number</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WI Hall</td> <td>£63</td> <td>0094</td> <td>101072</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hammerwich Gardening Guild (Grant approved dec meeting)</td> <td>£150</td> <td>-</td> <td>101073</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erasmus Darwin trading Ltd</td> <td>£36</td> <td>SINV 651</td> <td>101074</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Wages January</td> <td>£471.99</td> <td>EB17/18/19</td> <td>101075</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's Expenses</td> <td>£23.85</td> <td>EB18/18/19</td> <td>101076</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There was no income to report.</p> <p>Resolved to approve the accounts for payment.</p>		Cost	Invoice No	Cheque Number	WI Hall	£63	0094	101072	Hammerwich Gardening Guild (Grant approved dec meeting)	£150	-	101073	Erasmus Darwin trading Ltd	£36	SINV 651	101074	Clerk Wages January	£471.99	EB17/18/19	101075	Clerk's Expenses	£23.85	EB18/18/19	101076
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15.	Items for Discussion at Future Meetings																								
	<p>Councillors requested information about the Election process.</p> <p>Noted</p>																								

Meeting closed at 9.10pm