

# 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

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

<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Launch of Chasewater Friends Volunteering Group</b></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><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></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><b>Resolved to ask Councillors to send the Clerk the final version of the plan for the website.</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Speedwatch</b></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><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Parks and Open Spaces</b></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><b>Noted</b></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><b>Resolved to ask Councillor Mrs Greenway to circulate the details of the bench company.</b></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><b>Noted</b></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><b>Resolved to ask Councillor King to approach the Gardening Club about doing this work.</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Highways and footpaths</b>
	<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><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to thank Lichfield District Council Officer's (LDC) for their work.</b></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><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to ask LDC Officers to straighten the sign.</b></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><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to email Burntwood Dragons about the parking issues.</b> Councillor Place raised concerns about signs regarding the number of dogs people could walk on the playing fields.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to explore the rules about dog walking in public spaces.</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>
	<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><b>Noted</b></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><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to chase SCC regarding the drains.</b></p> <p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>
	<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><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to report Councillors did not object but were concerned about further developments following this application.</b></p> <p><u>Notification of Planning Appeal – 18/00086/FUL</u></p> <p>Councillors had no comments.</p>

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<b>14.</b>	<b>Correspondence Report</b>																								
	<p>The Clerk reported the correspondence that had been received and sent since the last meeting.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>																								
<b>15.</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>																								
	<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><b>Resolved to approve the accounts for payment.</b></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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<b>15.</b>	<b>Items for Discussion at Future Meetings</b>																								
	<p>Councillors requested information about the Election process.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>																								

Meeting closed at 9.10pm