

Hammerwich Parish Council Minutes

16 September 2020

In attendance: Councillors Wasdell, Greenway, Ho, Place, Ennis, Grundy, Thurlow, Taylor, Smith and King.

Also in attendance:

0 Members of the Public

Ellen Bird – Parish Clerk

Councillor David Smith, Staffordshire County Council, (SCC)

Councillor Silvester-Hall, Lichfield District Council, (LDC).

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Wasdell was unable to chair the meeting due to internet and technical problems which were only resolved towards the end of the meeting. Councillor Greenway was appointed as Chair in his absence.

Noted and accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Grundy declared her husband sometimes worked with LDC officers who the Council used for contracts.

Noted

3. Approval of Parish Council Minutes held on 15 July 2020

The minutes were approved.

Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2020

4. Matters Arising

There were none.

5. Chairman's Announcements

The Chair emailed his announcements (as he had been initially been unable to access the virtual meeting), and the Clerk read these to the Council.

He reported he would be attending the Parish Forum on 16 September.

A poppy wreath had been purchased in advance of Remembrance Sunday and he was working with the local Church on how acts of remembrance would be conducted this year.

Noted

6. County/District/Police Reports

Councillor Silvester-Hall (LDC)

The LDC Councillor had no items to raise with Councillors.

Councillor Smith (SCC)

Councillor Smith had no specific items for the Council.

He discussed sources of funding for local organisations with Councillors. He agreed to forward any funding streams for organisations struggling with the Covid restrictions to the Clerk.

Noted

7. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Councillor Greenway updated the Council on plans to consult local residents on the latest version of the Plan.

Noted

8. Parks and Open Spaces

ROSPA Reports on Mansion Drive and Coppy Nook Play Areas

Councillors discussed the reports on the play areas.

There was a specific problem raised regarding the sea saw at Coppy Nook Park and Burntwood Dragons had put measures in place to prevent the sea saw being used. Given the financial difficulties that all local organisations were in following Covid-19 restrictions, the Council discussed how they could help Burntwood dragons deal with the repair works required.

The Council agreed to ask LDC Officers to quote for the necessary work and then Councillors could determine how much they wished to contribute.

Netherton Green

Councillor Thurlow reported that the resident who normally cut the grass at Netherton Green was moving away. Her husband had volunteered to do this in his absence.

Resolved to ask the Clerk to establish the insurance arrangements for this.

The Triangle

A local resident suggested hedgehog houses be situated on the Triangle.

Resolved to ask Councillor Greenway to discuss this with LDC Officers.

9. Highways and Footpaths

Councillor Taylor reported that she had reported potholes and other Highways issues to SCC Highways.

She also reported that speedwatch had worked with the Police on Operation Lightening which targeted 8 roads for speeding over 2 days.

Councillor King reported that he was still working on options for speed reduction devices and would report back to a future meeting.

He also reported that he had emailed concerns regarding Charrington Island to SCC Highways.

Noted

10. Planning Applications

Following a request from the Chairman, Councillor Silvester-Hall reported that she had established that the Stop Notice and Enforcement notice were still in place at Springhill Cemetery.

Councillors reported further concerns that work at Barracks Lane was continuing despite an enforcement notice being in place. Councillor Silvester-Hall said LDC Officers were monitoring the situation.

- 20/00017/ENF – Appeal against Enforcement Notice, Land adjacent to Coppice Lane Farm

It was noted that this appeal would be determined by the Planning Inspector.

- 20/01080/FUL - 172 Lichfield Road

Councillors had no objections

- 20/00734/FUL - Walsall Burial Park, Burntwood Way

Councillors voted regarding whether they had objections to this application.

2 Councillors abstained and all other Councillors voted to say they had no objections.

- 20/00852/FUH - 6 Copthorne Avenue

Councillors had no objections.

11. Correspondence Report

The Clerk reported on correspondence received and sent since the last meeting.

Noted

12. Accounts for Payment

The statements for the Business Current Account and Savings Account as at 9 September 2020 are £56,327.44 and £8,288.37 respectively.

The Council were asked to approve the following cheques at their June meeting:

	Cost	VAT	Invoice No	Cheque Number
Clerk's wages August – Overtime payment	£75.09	-	5	1164

	Cost	VAT	Invoice No	Cheque Number
Clerk's wages September	£509.74	-	6	1165 - £500 1166 -£9.74
WCAVA (Payroll – August)	£22.80	£1.10	2020516	1167
WCAVA (Payroll – September)	£6.60	£1.10	2020548	1168
Playsafe Ltd (ROSPA Playground insp)	£214.80	35.80	51350	1163
Staffordshire playing fields assoc	£20	-	-	1170

The Parish Council are asked to note the following income:

Source	Amount	Reference
No income		-

Resolved to approve the accounts for payment

13. Public Participation

There were no items.

14. Items for discussion at future meetings

- Speedwatch to be added back as a regular agenda item
- Administration Items – risk register, asset register, standing orders, financial regulations to be brought to future meetings.

15. Clerk's Pay Review

Resolved to appoint the Clerk on SP 29 from the 2020 NJC paycales.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm