**Hammerwich Parish Council Minutes**

**20 January**

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

**Also in attendance:**

0 Member of the Public

Ellen Bird – Parish Clerk

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| **1.** | **Apologies for Absence** |
|  | An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ho.  **Noted.** |
| **2.** | **Declarations of Interest** |
|  | Councillor Grundy declared her husband sometimes worked with LDC officers who the Council used for contracts.  Councillor Ennis declared that she sat on the Planning Committee at Lichfield District Council. Councillors Ennis listened to planning debates but did not express any opinions and abstained from any planning votes.  Councillor Greenway declared she was a neighbour to the 11 Coppy Nook Planning Application. She did not take part in the discussion or the decision on this application.  **Noted** |
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| **3.** | **Approval of Parish Council Minutes held on 16 December 2020**  It was noted that there was a spelling error for The Gartmore Riding School. |
|  | **Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2020** |
| **4.** | **Matters Arising** |
|  | There were none. |
| **5.** | **Chairman’s Announcements** |
|  | There were none.  **Noted** |
| **6.** | **County/District/Police Reports** |
|  | No Councillors from the District or County were present and there was no Police Report. |
| **7.** | **Planning Applications** |
|  | 21/00034/FUH – 1 Forge Close  No comments.  21/00015/FUH – 11 Coppy Nook  No Comments.  Councillors asked the Clerk to enquire with Planning officers if there was any specific planning rules regarding granny flats – numbers of bedrooms etc that needed to be taken into consideration.   20/00031/REF – Overton Farm  Appeal ref APP/K3415/W/20/3263751  Councillors asked the Clerk to report that existing comments this planning application remain applicable.  **Resolved to ask the Clerk to report any Comments to the planning authority.** |
| **8.** | **Neighbourhood Plan Update**  Councillor Greenway updated the NHP  Councillors thanked Councillor Greenway for her efforts and hard work to move the plan forward.  **Noted** |
| **9.** | **Speedwatch** |
|  | Councillor Taylor reported the Speedwatch team was still unable to operate because of lockdown.  She reported that the Police’s Speed Van had been parked in the Parish on 11 January and that several fines had been issued.  **Noted** |
| **10.** | **Parks and Open Spaces**  Fallen Tree Oakfield Park  Councillors noted that a tree had fallen on Christmas Eve onto a Parishioner’s garage and fence. The Clerk had been able to arrange for the tree to be inspected that day and arranged for its removal shortly after Christmas.  **Noted** |
|  | The stream in the Triangle  Councillor Taylor reported residents concerns regarding the colour of the water in the stream.  **Resolved to ask Councillor Taylor to monitor the situation and report any further concerns to the Clerk.**  Parking at The Triangle  Councillors noted that the Police were unable to assist with problems with people parking on the verge at the Triangle.  **Noted** |
| **11.** | **Highways and Footpaths** |
|  | Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)  Councillor King provided an update on the SIDs project.  **Resolved to note the update and thank Councillor King for his work on this.** |
|  | Road Sign Damage Coppy Nook  Councillor Greenway reported damage to a road sign on Coppy Nook.  **Resolved to ask Councillor Greenway to report the matter to Staffordshire County Council and to send the report number to the Clerk.**  Fence Damage Hospital Road Field  Councillor Greenway reported that a pig had escaped and caused some minor damage from the field in Hospital Road where the fence was broken.  **Resolved to ask the Clerk to contact the landowner to request the fence be fixed**  Potholes  Councillor Taylor reported that despite requests to re-do the repair to Potholes on Hospital Road this had not been done.  **Resolved to ask Councillor Taylor to forwatd the report number on this matter to the Clerk. The Clerk would then ask Councillor Smith (SCC) to assist in this matter.**  Blocked Drain  Councillor Taylor reported blocked drain near the cricket club had still not been cleared.  **Resolved the Clerk to forward concerns to Councillor Smith (SCC)**  Hanney Hay Road Hedges  **Resolved to ask Councillor Taylor to circulate pictures showing the problem with hedges on Hanney Hay Road.**  Bypass Repairs  Councillor Greenway enquired whether there had been a timeframe given for completing the highway repairs on the bypass which had been missed by SCC Highways.  Councillor King felt this represented an ideal opportunity to alter the road markings to assist drivers.  **Resolved to ask Councillor King to draft an email on his proposals for the Clerk to submit to Councillor Smith (SCC) on behalf of the Council.** |
| **12.** | **Correspondence Report** |
|  | The Clerk reported on correspondence received and sent since the last meeting.  **Noted** |
| **13.** | **Accounts for Payment** |
|  | The statements for the Business Current Account and Savings Account as at 8 January 2021 were £52,932.20 and £8,288.58 respectively.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | Cost | VAT | Invoice No | Cheque Number | | Clerk’s wages January | £529.10 | - | 10 | 1189 - £400  1190 -£129.10 | | WCAVA (Payroll – jan) | £11.20 | £1.10 | 2020676 | 1191 | | Mazars External Audit | £240 | £240 | 1787878 | 1192 | | Staffordshire County Council (SIDS Posts) | £2743 |  |  | 1193 |   The Parish Council are asked to note the following income:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Source | Amount | Reference | | No income |  | - | |
|  | **Resolved to approve the Accounts for Payment.** |
| **14.** | **Public Participation** |
|  | No public were present. |
| **15.** | **Items for discussion at future meetings**  No Items |

Meeting closed at 8.30pm