

KENSWICK AND WICHENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd November 2015 in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford.

Present

Cllr G Britten-Long (chairman) Cllr J Panton, Cllr H Rendall, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Andrews, and Mrs S Sanders (Clerk to the Parish Council)

County Councillor P Grove also present.

15/86 APOLOGIES and APPROVAL of absence

K Randall (unwell) D Richards (work) B Williams.

15/87 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

Councillor Rendall contacted the district council to tell them that she has given in her form and emailed them but has not heard anything back.

Democratic half hour/public question time.

None present.

15/88 APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

No applications were applied for.

15/89 MINUTES

It was proposed to accept the minutes of the 14th September as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Rendall and seconded by Councillor Panton.

15/90 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nothing to report.

15/91 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Grove reported that the chancellor wishes to see improvements to infrastructure in various areas of the country. The county council was criticized for the survey they did regarding the Carrington Bridge but evidence is now being used to support the project which will cost £70,000,000. We are waiting for the autumn statement and hopefully it will be mentioned and will happen.

The County council is getting £100,000 from the arts festival which will ensure that every library in Worcester will have free wi-fi.

Wcc also obtained a grant for Green fingers and they will get funding for the next 5 years.

The educational minister is visiting Worcester, funding for each child in Worcester is the 6th lowest. The proportion of grant each child gets needs to be increased and we will be asking for extra money for the children.

The world class Worcester event was very successful for the city, and brought a lot of new investment.

The Kenswick signs are now up.

Councillor Grove was told that the temporary road signs along the C2243 have still not been removed even though Gerry Brienza has been told. He agreed to speak to him.

We also asked if he could help with the problem we are having at Kenswick Stables as it appears the environment agency do not want to know. He asked the clerk to forward him the email and he will speak to them.

15/93 PROGRESS REPORTS

Update on Kenswick Stables.

The environment agency was contacted about this case at the end of July and nothing has been heard since. The clerk was asked to contact them again. Worcester

Regulatory Services replied to say that they do not cover health and safety on Farms. We seem to be getting nowhere and asked Councillor Grove to take up the matter.

Wichenford web site

This is still on going. The clerk was asked to contact Calc to ask what can/cannot go on the site. This will hopefully comply with the transparency code that is coming into force shortly.

Councillors arranged to meet on 5th November to look at similar sights and decide what they would like on it.

Peg house wood.

The parish council cannot find out who owns Peg house wood after the previous owner sold off plots of wood. The PC are going to ring him to get what information they can. It was agreed to contact the agent who sold off the plots to ask if they could contact the owners directly. If we cannot find out who owns the plot with the overhanging trees then we will have to put it in the hands of the district council who can cut the branches and will charge the owner for doing it.

Parish Defibrillator

We have lots of information on this and have spoken to the surgery and Martley Pc who have done the same thing we are looking to do. The clerk was asked to put this on the next agenda.

15/94 PLANNING

A letter was read to the council from Kenswick Ltd to thank them for the hard work and countless hours spent on the Woodhall Farm Solar application. Special thanks were mentioned to Mrs Britten-Long and Mrs Rendall for their contribution.

Applications pending since the last meeting. (For information only)

15/01033/FUL. Installation of standalone PV modules and associated infrastructure. Land at Green Farm and Bush Farm, Monkwood Green.

Applications refused/approved/withdrawn.

15/00670/OUT. Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 2 dwellings and associated works. Rear of 25 & 26 Queens Estate. **(Refused)**

15/00730/HOU Two storey extension, Greenwood, Willow Road **(Approved)**

15/00386/FUL. Installation of solar PV panels and associated infrastructure for Allsetts Farm Broadwas. **(Approved)**

Applications to be considered.

None.

15/95 FINANCE

A letter requesting a donation from the day centre was discussed. It was decided that as the parish council has already purchased them a new fridge freezer that this would be their donation for this year.

The balance at the end of August stands at £18,661.34

There were no outstanding payments.

The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

The parish council were asked if they would consider sending flowers to Councillor Randalls wife. After discussion it was agreed that a food hamper would be more appropriate and it was a unanimous decision to spend £50.

The clerk explained that she has had several invoices from MHDC for payment of uncontested election. The parish council paid this in September and has asked MHDC to look into as why we have 2 invoices, but to date has not had a reply.

15/96 BUDGET

The parish council went through the finances and agreed to keep the precept the same as last year at £7500.

15/97 LENGTHSMAN

Usual duties plus strimming at the junctions, clearing leaves especially in the village. Councillors asked if he could clear all the moss and gullies on the Venn lane junction as it is very slippery. He will be asked to check the grit boxes and fill them up or report them to the highways to do.

15/98

COUNCILLORS TRAINING

Councillor Panton attended the Parish Conference on 5th Oct at County Hall, and the SWDP meeting on 10th September along with councillor Rendall'. The new consultation is out but you can only comment on the changes that are proposed and not the original document.

15/99 TO REPORT ANY URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

None

15/100 CORRESPONDENCE

For decision by the parish council (Information only)

All Correspondence is now emailed to councillors.

15/101 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS and ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The chairman is meeting with Ian White to discuss various types of outside security measures including smartwater. He would like to make Wichenford a Smartwater village as a pilot scheme. A Smartwater event is to be held in the Memorial Hall on 28th November between 10 -12, where Smartwater can be purchased at a reduced price.

15/102 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 21st December 2015, the chairman will contact the Memorial Hall to see if we could bring the meeting forward to December 14th.

All will be in the memorial hall at 7.40pm.

PLEASE CHECK DATES and BRING YOUR DIARIES.

Signed.....

Dated.