

WEST KNOYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk – Mrs. L. C. Wood

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 4th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in West Knoyle Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Jinny Brockway (Chairman), Tony Davis, Andre Filleau (from 7.38 pm), Cathleen Randall & Paul Yates.

Also Wiltshire Councillor George Jeans

Meeting convened at 7.30 p.m. with Public Session

The Chairman will re-convene the Parish Council meeting after the public session (please note that members of the public are no longer permitted to speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman).

- None

Apologies for absence – Wiltshire Councillor George Jeans had sent his apologies for late arrival

74. Minutes – **RESOLVED** to approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 18th September 2018 on proposal made by Cllr. Yates, seconded by Cllr. Davis and carried with a unanimous vote of those present on 18.9.18.

75. Matters Arising

a) Centenary of the end of the First World War (Minute 66c) – The Chairman confirmed that an event had been held in the evening in the village hall which had been carried out with respect. Community members had read poems and the church bells had been rung.

b) CCTV cameras in layby on C297 New Road (Parish Church to Willoughby Hedge - near weather station) (Minute 69d) – response from Highways England – In view of the information received at the last meeting, the Clerk confirmed that she had written to Highways England informing them of the frequent problems with fly tipping in this vicinity and raising concerns that their recent clearance work in the area may worsen this problem and asking if they would be prepared to erect some ‘No Fly Tipping’ signs and possibly some CCTV signage to act as a deterrent. Highways England and responded to say that under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 local authorities are responsible for litter and fly tipping on the all-purpose trunk roads and Highways England is only responsible for the motorway network

c) Electoral Review of Wiltshire: Warding Arrangements (Minute 72a) – The Clerk confirmed that she had written a letter to both the Boundary Commission and Wiltshire Council stating that the Parish Council would like the Mere Ward boundary to remain unchanged. After considering all representations made during the consultation period, the Boundary Commission will publish draft recommendations in February 2019 and there will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations.

76. Planning (All applications can be viewed on Wiltshire Council’s website

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline/planningsearch.htm> – and type in the relevant application number)

- a) Applications to consider at the meeting:
 - None
- b) Applications considered/determined since last meeting:
 - None

c) Review of Wiltshire Core Strategy (renamed Wiltshire Local Plan) for the period to 2036 – Report on consultation event – the Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting in Trowbridge on Thursday, 18th October. The event was aimed at rural parishes and many of the representatives present came from small

villages which was quite evident in the issues raised. It was a workshop-type event where we were asked to think of issues that affected us and how policies in the new Local Plan could address those issues and support proportionate housing growth outside named market towns and principal settlements (the rural area) and support the role of neighbourhood plans. A lot of parishes raised the sustainability issue and the effect this has on the small villages as they cannot provide housing for young local families. There was a talk about how to get Community Led Housing, which can be delivered in a number of ways and parishes were encouraged to undertake rural housing needs surveys to understand the need for housing in their areas. The review of the Wiltshire Local Plan will be an ongoing process and there will be more consultation documents and events over the next few months.

77. Reports

a) Wiltshire Councillors report – Cllr. Jeans reported that he sits on the Standards Board Committee and has noticed that more and more members of the public are reporting town and parish councillors for breaches of conduct or not declaring pecuniary interests which could, in some circumstances, be a criminal offence. Wiltshire Council has funding for council housing and they are almost certainly going to build some more in Mere.

b) Neighbourhood Police report - None

78. Footpaths, Highways, Traffic & Transport

a) Highway & footpath issues for Parish Steward, Wiltshire online reporting & street lighting faults – Cllr. Davis reported that the Parish Steward is gradually getting railings painted on the bridge and the Parish Council extended their appreciation for the work carried out by the Parish Steward.

b) Cllr. Wayman's Highways Newsletter – members noted the information in the newsletter which had been distributed with their agenda papers.

c) Willoughby Hedge junction/B3089 issues - Report on meeting held between Chairman & Service Station Area Manager & subsequent Community Issue raised with Area Board/CATG - The Chairman reported that there was now a new Area Manager who she had met and explained the situation and concerns of local residents and the Parish Council. The Area Manager had agreed to put bollards from garage to end of chevrons outside the toilets and agreed to stop the Spa lorry from leaving his trailer there. The Manager pointed out that they had just opened a garage at Weyhill which they think will take away 10 – 20% of trade from Willoughby Hedge. Members confirmed that the layby seems to have been clear lately.

d) Report on Community Speedwatch Scheme – The Chairman said that she had not asked the team for a report.

79. Play Area

a) Report on Annual RoSPA Play Area Inspections and apply a schedule to carry out actions identified – The Chairman confirmed that she had read the report and was relieved that there was nothing major identified. She had now passed on the report to Cllr. Mrs. Randall. Members noted that there was a hole in the chicken wire on the bridge which could cause a trip hazard and it was agreed to take some action on this. It was agreed to review the RoSPA report again in the spring. Cllr. Filleau said he would make some enquiries with Abbots regarding installing Astroturf around the posts and thereby ceasing the need to strip around them.

80. Finance

a) Payments – RESOLVED to approve the following payments on proposal made by Cllr. Filleau, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Randall and carried with a unanimous vote.

T. J. Thornley	Updates for website (adding year end account info)	25.00
Rob Pearce Ground Maintenance	Playing Field – Grass cutting	90.00
L. C. Wood	Salary Q2	160.00

HMRC	PAYE Q2	40.00
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b) Annual Budget – to consider annual budget figures for 2019/20 – RESOLVED to approve the draft figures prepared by the Clerk and distributed to members prior to the meeting without amendment, on proposal made by Cllr. Yates, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Randall and carried with a unanimous vote.

c) To approve Precept on Wiltshire Council for 2019/20 – RESOLVED to approve a precept of £4,400.00 from Wiltshire Council for the 2019/20 financial year. The precept requirement form was signed by the Chairman & Clerk in the presence of the Council.

d) Purchase of Solar Panelled Speed Indicator Device – the Clerk informed members that Mere Town Council had purchased a solar powered Speed Indicator Device in June this year. The total cost was £1867.00 + VAT. The Town Council had received a grant from the SWW Area Bboard for £1500 who had an initiative running to provide grants for SIDS, preferably on a parish sharing basis. The Clerk had made an initial enquiry with Stephen Harris who had confirmed that there was still funding available for one more Speed Indicator Device and who had suggested that if West Knoyle is interested, they should contact him and register an interest and then apply for funding. RESOLVED to apply for grant funding for a solar powered Speed Indicator Device to be purchased from SG Manufacturing Ltd on proposal made by Cllr. Filleau, seconded by Cllr. Davis and carried with a unanimous vote. The Chairman said that she would contact Stephen Harris to register an interest and inform him that the Parish Council will be applying for a grant.

81. General Items

b) Date of next meeting – It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, +12th March 2019

11. Forthcoming meetings/events

- None

Members are reminded that the Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.