

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 7.30 pm. in Mathon Parish Hall

Present:- Cllr S Harte, Cllr R Lawrence, Cllr P Davies, Cllr C Green

In attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk); Mr C Rouse & Mr D Baldwin (Malvern Hills Trust)
Mrs Sam James (Footpath Officer)

Apologies for absence - Cllr N Walker

DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) or other DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS falling within the terms of para 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct.

Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) - No requests had been received by the Clerk relating to any items on the present Agenda

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting for Public Question Time/Participation.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (a) No public questions received
- (b) **PCSO/Police** – The CSO had reported to the Clerk that a burnt out transit van had been left at the entrance to Old Country Farm. It had been set alight around 9.30 pm on 18th August. He had since established that the vehicle had been stolen from Gloucester.
- (c) **Herefordshire Councillor** - No report
- (d) **Malvern Hills Trust** - Mr David Baldwin and Mr Chris Rouse reported to the Meeting. A great deal of financial work had been taking place with the finances looking healthy at the moment. The MHT precept would be set in January 2019. A leaflet showing the sites of various butterflies on the Hills had been produced and a Mountain Biking Trail had been set up. The Trust was trying very hard to get more grazing on the commons and hills, but unfortunately there had been a spate of electric fence cutting on the hills by some users who oppose this fencing. A Board Meeting would be held next week.
- (e) **Footpaths P3 Scheme 2018/19** - Mrs Sam James reported to the meeting. She had attended a Footpaths Officers Training/Meeting on 7th June where it had been stressed that the P3 Scheme would cease at the end of March 2019. Mathon PC had taken up the maximum grant available (which also had to be supported by the Council). It was imperative that landowners with footpaths issues i.e. repairs, maintenance etc. contact her so that the Council can use all the grant available in this current year. She was planning to contact landowners to inform them of this opportunity.

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th July 2018 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr R Lawrence.

53/18 MATHON PARISH HALL

Nothing to report on the Hall at the moment. Cllr S Harte to speak to Tom Ainscough re the Parish Map.

54/18 FINANCE

To consider payment of Accounts:-

- (a) Clerk’s Salary - August/September - £348.20 (net) Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr C Green
- (b) P3 Footpaths Invoices - £360.00 - Proposed by Cllr C Green and seconded by Cllr S Harte
- (c) Rotary Printers Ltd - £132.00 (Domain name renewal 1 year £24 + Website Hosting renewal £108) Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr S Harte
- (d) HMRC – PAYE £130.80 (July/August/September 2018) Proposed by Cllr R Lawrence and seconded by Cllr P Davies

55/18 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk reported that she still had not received any applications for this vacancy. The vacancy to continue to be advertised on the Parish Council website.

56/18 VILLAGE GREEN (Rundlemead)

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from GigaClear together with an Agreement for the company to install ultrafast broadband across the village green (underground). As the Parish Council owned the land, the Council had been invited to sign this Agreement. A small one off wayleave payment had been offered. After some discussion, the Council authorised the Clerk to sign this Agreement. Proposed by Cllr C green and seconded by Cllr P Davies

57/18 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Hackney Cross/Ditch by Stubby Pleck - The Clerk had received an e-mail from BB/Hfds Council stating that work had been done to rectify this problem. Cllr C Gren reported that she could still see the gas pipe and the road was giving way. The Clerk to follow this up again with Neil James.
- (b) The culvert, pipework and ditches near to the tennis club in Harcourt Road which appeared to be blocked. This work had now been done.
- (c) Overhanging trees – Harcourt Road. The Chairman to investigate this further.
- (d) Partially blocked brook – rear of the Cliffe. Cllr S Harte had investigated this. The tree blocking the stream had come out from the bank near to the Cliffe. Cllr S Harte to follow this up.
- (e) Blocked road gully from Pitts Cottage to Half Acre. Ref: CAS-68243-PIG2N3 This work has now been done
- (f) Potholes along West Malvern Road. Some of the potholes had been filled in.
- (g) Cllr S Harte reported that the warning posts at Rose Farm were lying flat on the ground. Cllr S Harte and the Clerk to report this to BB/Hfds Council
- (h) Cllr S Harte reported that the culvert further up the road from the Tennis Club was blocked. He and the Clerk to report this to BB/Hfds Council

58/18 CLIFFE ARMS

Nothing further to report at the moment.

59/18 CORRESPONDENCE - all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs.

60/18 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA (a) Mathon Church (b) Precept 2019/20

61/18 NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30 pm.

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