

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th SEPTEMBER 2016 at 7.30 pm. in Mathon Parish Hall

Present:- Cllr S Harte (Chairman), Cllr T Ainscough, Cllr N Walker , Cllr C Green, Cllr P Davies

In attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk), Mr Chris Rouse (Malvern Hills Conservators)

Apologies for absence – Cllr R Lawrence, Mr David Baldwin (Malvern Hills Conservators)

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. No requests had been received by the Clerk relating to any items on the present Agenda (Sec 33 of the Localism Act 2011).

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (a) No questions
- (b) **PCSO/Police** – Nothing to report.
- (c) **Herefordshire Councillor** - No Report
- (d) **Malvern Conservators** – Mr Chris Rouse reported to the meeting. The rebranding and re-organisation of the Conservators was still ongoing. A new grazier was grazing his sheep and Galloway cattle on Perseverance Hill. A Drone policy was now in place, with drone users having to get permission from the Conservators. The next meeting of the Conservators would be held on 8th September.

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd August 2016 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr S Harte.

1361 ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING - (all covered by the Agenda)

1362 FOOTPATHS/P3

Cllr T Ainscough reported that secure storage for footpath materials had been obtained, thanks to the good offices of Cllr N Walker. The problems with footpaths at Hackney Cross and the Roman Road were being resolved. A short discussion took place regarding the responsibility of landowners to provide gates/stiles etc. in the future, especially as there did not appear to be a minimum standard for the quality of these fittings.

1363 MATHON PARISH HALL

- (a) Parish Map - As previously reported, due to the redecoration of the hall, the Parish Map needed to be removed from the wall and had slipped inside its framework. Cllr T Ainscough was launching a support appeal for the Map in order to secure a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. The cost for housing the map in a purpose built frame would be in the region of £7,000. He would be asking all organisations within the Parish and those who use the hall, to document their support for the application to the Big Lottery Fund by sending him a letter of support.

- (b) Hall building & fabric - the refurbishment of the hall had been completed. With the increased use of the hall, it was now self financing.

1364 FINANCE

To consider payment of Accounts:-

- (a) Clerk's Salary - August/September 2016 - £313.38 (net) - Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr P Davies
- (b) Footpaths P3 work – R Hadley – oak gateposts & waymarker post - £129.00. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr N Walker. (already paid but to be approved)
- (c) HMRC – PAYE for July/Aug/Sept 2016 - £117.00. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr N Walker
- (d) Clerk's Office – Apr – Sept 2016 - £70.00. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr C Green
- (e) **Updated Financial Regulations 2016** - These had been circulated to all Councillors. Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr C Green that the Council adopt these updated Regulations.

1365 PLANNING

- (a) Tree House Farm - The Clerk gave an update on this situation. The Council were not impressed with the way this had been handled by Herefordshire Council and instructed the Clerk to send a letter to the Chief Planning Officer outlining their concern and frustration that Planning rules had been totally disregarded.
- (b) To consider the following planning application:-
App No: 162038
Location: 2, Old School House, Mathon, WR13 5PW
Description: Proposed porch to side entrance
Applicant: Mrs Armitage
App Type: Listed Building Consent
The Council considered the above application, and had no objections to it.

1366 HIGHWAYS

- (a) The damaged signpost at Hackney Cross had been reported to Neil James by the Clerk, and was now scheduled to be repaired or replaced.
- (b) Potholes Harcourt Road & Lane – Ref CAS-55472-P4J3K9 – these were in the process of being repaired.
- (c) Hackney Cross - it was noted that repairs had been made Cllr C Green to monitor the situation.
- (d) Very bad potholes at Stockton Farm. These had been reported to Hfcs Council/BB Ref No CAS 595024-W6D2H2
- (e) Hedge at Tree House Farm – the Clerk had taken this matter up with Neil James BB's Locality Steward who had been out and inspected. He agreed that this was a safety issue as the hedge needed to be cut back and would cause a problem for grit lorries in the future. Cllr C Green agreed to speak to the landowner's Agent.

1367 CLIFFE ARMS

After sending a second letter, the Clerk had received a response from Mr T Hayes to the effect that work being done on the Cliffe was ongoing maintenance. He also stated that flytipping had taken place in the stream adjoining the site. The Clerk to advise him on the correct procedure to take in the future.

1368 CORRESPONDENCE - all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs.

1369 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Precept 2017/8

1370 NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.30 pm

..... Chairman

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