

# MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 at 7.30 pm. in Mathon Parish Hall

**Present:-** Cllr S Harte, Cllr T Ainscough, Cllr N Walker , Cllr P Davies, Cllr R Lawrence

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

**Apologies for absence: None received**

### **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.**

Cllr S Harte declared an interest (as a neighbour) in the Planning Application Agenda Item 10(b)

**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
- (b) **PCSO/Police** – Nothing to report for Mathon, but there appeared to be an increase in rural crime in nearby Bosbury/Coddington, with a number of break-ins (tools, chainsaws, mowers, bicycles etc.) and farm thefts (electric fence, horse tack). Residents should review their security.
- (c) **Herefordshire Councillor** - No Report
- (d) **Malvern Hills Trust** - Mr Chris Rouse & Mr David Baldwin reported to the meeting. The re-organisation of the management structure now has to be approved by the whole Board. Paths and benches on the hills are now being inspected. The proposed cuts to the Hereford & Worcs Fire Brigade would have an impact on the safety of the hills. Goats have now been introduced onto the hills on a trial basis.

### **The Chairman re-opened the Meeting**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr S Harte.

### **1416/17 REPORTS**

Cllr S Harte reported that he had attended a HALC Eastern Area Meeting in Ledbury. The speaker was the Manager of the Balfour Beatty Locality Stewards. Complaints included road signs being left out after work had been completed, and fly posting.

### **1417/17 MATHON PARISH HALL**

- (a) Parish Map - Cllr T Ainscough reported that the Parish Map was at present being stored at Cradley Heritage Centre.
- (b) Parish Hall - a water leak in the pipe under the car park had been discovered. This had now been repaired.

### **1418/17 FOOTPATHS**

Cllr T Ainscough reported that the whole of the footpath bridge at Badgers had now been replaced. The Council noted the proposed Public Path Creation Order for MA12. Cllr P Davies reported that two new stiles would be put in with gates.

### **1419/17 FINANCE**

To consider payment of Accounts:-

- (a) Clerk's Salary - June/July 2017 - £337.50 - Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr R Lawrence.
- (b) Mr E Stewart – Footpaths work - £591.50. Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr R Lawrence.
- (c) Hadley Brothers – timber for footbridge - £160.00. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr N Walker

### **1420/17 PLANNING**

The Council considered the following Planning Applications:-

- (a) Ref No: 172079  
Site: Netherley Hall, Mathon, Malvern WR13 5LW  
Description: Proposed 2 bedroomed log cabin for farm worker accommodation  
Applicant: Sir Geoffrey Vos  
Grid Ref: OS 3734848,246625  
App Type: Planning Permission

The Council did not have any objections to this Application.

- (b) Ref No: 172070 & 172071 (Listed Building Consent)  
Site: Lane End Cottage, Mathon, Malvern WR13 5NY  
Description: Proposed extension to house. Proposed garage & tack storage with first floor amenity space. Proposed hay store. Proposed Stable Building.  
Applicants: Mr & Mrs James  
Grid Ref: OS 374229,245338  
App Type: Planning Permission

The Council did not have any objections to this Application.

### **1421/17 HIGHWAYS**

- (a) Potholes by the entrance to Rooks View, Moorend Cross. A number of potholes still needed repair. The Clerk to report this to BB/Hfds Council.
- (b) Overhanging trees below Knell cottages, alongside the stream. Cllr S Harte to investigate as BB/Herefordshire Council insisted these trees were the responsibility of the landowner.
- (c) Potholes had re-appeared in Harcourt Road. The Clerk to report this to BB/Hfds Council
- (d) Cllr S Harte to look at the problem of water by Mill House coming up out of the drain and liaise with the Clerk to report this to BB/Hfds Council.

### **1422/17 CLIFFE ARMS**

Nothing to report at the moment

**1423/17 CORRESPONDENCE** - all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs.

**1424/17 NEXT MEETING DATE** - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30 pm.

..... Chairman

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