

MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3rd JULY 2019 at 7.30 pm. in Mathon Parish Hall

Present:- Cllr S Harte, Cllr N Walker, Cllr P Davies

In attendance: Mrs D Taylor (Clerk), Mr D Baldwin & Mr C Rouse (Malvern Hills Trust)

Apologies: Cllr M Malsbury, Cllr C Green, Mrs Sam James (Footpaths)

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 P Davies declared a disclosable interest in Item 12(d) – Highways – Grass Triangle problem

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) Public questions – none
- (b) **PCSO/Police** – PCSO David Alexander had reported to the Clerk that two further shed burglaries had been reported. On 12th June a shed break in at a property in Moor End Cross, Mathon. Offenders approached from across field at the rear and stole a ride on lawn mower, strimmer, chainsaws and leaf blowers. On 25th June a shed break in at a farm in the centre of Mathon. The shed was not very secure and again the offenders approached from across the fields and stole a lawnmower, strimmer, hedge cutter and a chainsaw.
- (c) **Herefordshire Councillor - No Report.**
- (d) **Malvern Hills Trust** - Mr David Baldwin and Mr Chris Rouse reported to the meeting. The next meeting of the Trust would be covering staffing matters. The Health & Safety issues relating to the Hills were very extensive, every tree has to be inspected and if necessary landowners informed of any action needed. Elections would be held on 31st October for the Trustees. Forthcoming projects included pond restoration and hedge laying.
- (e) **Footpaths P3 Scheme 2019/20** - Mrs Samantha James had e-mailed the Clerk a short report. The Footpath Plan through the summer will be to walk and review the paths and ensure they are accessible, checking stiles etc.. Cllr S Harte to speak to Mary Stewart about the memorial plaque for Ted Stewart.
- (f) Village Sustainability Project - Samantha James was hoping to get the group keen on a community event together later in the summer and get an event in place early Autumn.

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2019 were approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr P Davies.

44/19 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk had not received any applications so far. She would re-advertise on the PC website.

45/19 MATHON PARISH HALL

Nothing to report on the Hall at the moment. Cllr S Harte agreed to find out more information relating to the Parish Map.

46/19 FINANCE

To consider payment of Accounts:-

- (a) Clerk's Salary - June/July 2019 - £367.06 (net) Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr P Davies
- (b) HMRC PAYE – April/May/June 2019 - £137.40. Proposed by Cllr N Walker and seconded by Cllr S Harte
- (c) Rotary Printers – updates to website May 2019 £33.60. Proposed by Cllr S Harte and seconded by Cllr P Davies.
- (d) The Cllrs confirmed that they would not be taking part in any Allowances Scheme for Parish/Town Councillors

47/19 PLANNING

The Council considered the following planning applications :-

- (a) App No: 191865 (re-submission of App No 184331/F)91374
Site: Land at Croft Bank Road,
Proposal: New Field Access
Grid Ref: OS 374491,245458
App Type: Planning Permission

The Council considered this application and had no objections.

- (b) App No: 192172
Site: Hollings Hill Farm, Bosbury Road, Cradley WR13 5LY
Proposal: Application for hedgerow removal notice
Grid Ref: OS 371471,245735

The Council considered this application and had no objections.

48/19 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Hackney Cross/Ditch by Stubby Pleck -. Ref: CAS-658355-V4M1C4. *(this has been forwarded to the Asset team at B/B. Clerk to chase Neil James again)*
- (b) Blocked road gully between Pitts Cottage to Half Acre. Ref: CAS-70096-YOB 4P9)
This was re-reported by the Clerk, along with other blocked drains. Cllr S Harte to revisit the problem area.
- (c) Ongoing pothole/road surface problems by Rooks View Drive. *(Neil James is following this up with Cllr C Green)*
- (d) South End Road - complaint from residents of South End Road re damage caused to the triangle of grass at the head of South End Lane junction with Mathon Road. *(The Clerk had forwarded this complaint, together with photos to Neil James asking for action)* Following on from this, Giga Clear had provided some topsoil and had re-seeded some of the triangle. The residents wanted the Council to purchase hardcore and extra top soil to increase the height of the triangle and to provide some sort of boundary to retain this. However, Cllr P Davies had declared an interest in this item and could not, therefore, be involved in any resolution or discussion on this matter. This made the Council inquorate and unable to make any financial decisions. The Clerk was asked to follow up the actions of Giga Clear with a further request for extra topsoil to level up the area.

49/19 CLIFFE ARMS
Nothing to report

50/19 CORRESPONDENCE - all relevant correspondence had been e-mailed to Cllrs.

51/19 MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
Co-option of Councillor

52/19 NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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