

HEATH HAYES AND WIMBLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 4th March 2020

Hayes Green Community Centre, Heath Way, Heath Hayes

Present:

Cllrs. M.Buttery (Chair), J.Aston, D.Baker, J.Bernard, P.Dadge, P.Ferraby, A.Fitzgerald, P.Haden, P.Hewitt, D.Todd

In Attendance:

No attendees.

Temporary Clerk for Meeting: Mrs.L.Florence

Public Participation:

No public participation took place.

1. Apologies, Consideration of any apologies received in writing before the start of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr.Mrs.S.Thompson and L.Bullock.

Resolved: To accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from:

Cllr.D.Todd - District Council Planning Committee (Agenda item)

Cllr.A.Fitzgerald – District Council Planning Committee (Agenda Item)

3. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on the 5th February 2020 and consideration of any matters arising

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 5th February having previously been circulated were agreed.

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes.

4. Planning

In the absence of Cllr.LBullock the Chairman referred to the following planning applications which Cllr.Bullock had reviewed and made the following comments:

Freemantle Drive - Delegated Powers

CH/20/0033 - Freemantle Drive – No objections

CH/20/072 - Chapel Street - No objections

CH/20/0055 - 50 Dickens Croft – Possible objection to over development and recommends a site visit.

5. **Remembrance Sunday 2020**

No report.

7. **Newsletter**

Cllr.P.Dadge said that a draft newsletter was not yet available as he was awaiting suggested content from Councillors.

8. **Cannel Mount**

The Chairman referred to an email that had been received which follows a visit from the Forest of Mecia.

Discussion ensued on the content of the email and what action the Parish Council needs to take. With reference to the Lease of Cannel Mount, Cllr Baker did comment that there had been great difficulty in obtaining a Lease from The County Council but felt that plans were place regarding this site which the previous Clerk was taking forward. Due to the terms of the Lease the Parish Council is responsible for the site and is under the Parish Council insurance. This item now sits under the Open Spaces Committee to take forward. It is acknowledged that some of the trees do need maintenance work and that Cllr Dadge suggested that 3 quotes be obtained to undertake this work. Question raised as to whether anything needs to be done in terms of risk to the children on this site, particularly if Blake School will be providing some support in the clearing of this site. It was agreed that a programme of what is required and to prioritise the work involved.

There is an opportunity to do a project with Blake School and maybe the Prince's Trust which could be looked into by the Open Spaces Committee to report back to full Council.

Action:

(1) To obtain 3 quotes for the work required on the Cannel Mount site.

10. **Audit and Governance Committee**

11. **Environment Issues**

Open Spaces -

Litterpick –

Information Leaflet -

Walking Bus -

Cycle Routes –

Heath Hayes Park

Cllr Mrs.D.Todd asked for this to be an agenda item as she felt that there was scope make improvements to the Park. Cllr Todd said that there was interest from the Lawn Tennis Association in developing tennis Courts and from Heath Hayes Football Club. Discussion ensued following which it was felt that a Strategic Plan would be required but accepted that there are a number of challenges in the process. Cllr Todd asked if Councillors would consider funding the expenditure for such a Plan. Other Parish Councils have developed park areas in other parts of the County and we should look into how this has been achieved. Cllr Hewitt stated that fundamentally he felt that Councils should work together and in principle agrees that this could be looked into. The key to this is to get a commitment from the District Council to spend money but if this is not in place it will be a challenge. Suggestion made to look at if there are any S106 money that may be available. It was agreed that members of the Open Spaces Committee meet with Mike Edmonds from the District Council to discuss the improvements for the Park.

Dementia Friends

Cllr Mrs.D.Todd gave feedback on the things that have been happening in the Heath Hayes group. She reported that Tesco had donated food items for the group which was really appreciated and have agreed to donate on regular basis. Currently looking at other funding streams to continue the work of the group.

13. Reports from Councillors

Miners Chain – The Chairman reported in the absence of Cllr.Bullock that contact had been made with Lichfield District Council and it was hoped to have some news within the next few weeks.

Audit and Governance Committee

- (i) Clerk Vacancy - Cllr.J.Bernard reported that the closing date for the applications was the 28th February and there was one applicant interested. Arrangements are being made to interview the candidate. Should this applicant not be suitable we would need to re-advertise the post again on the SPCA and in the local press.
- (ii) Parish Office – Cllr.J.Bernard outlined the things that have been done so far in terms of providing a new office space at the Community Centre. Quotations are being requested for the electrical,plumbing and carpentry work that needs to be done. Permission from the District Council needs to be given before we can proceed to put a new window in the building. There is still a lot of things to be sorted to get the office up and running including internet, computers etc.

(iii)

14. Accounts for Payments

Accounts for February as per circulated list were authorised.

Proposed: Cllr.L.Bullock

Seconded: Cllr.D.Baker.

Resolved: To authorise the listed payments.

15. Items for Future Agenda

To consider the grant applications for 2020

(a) Consideration re use of technology and public engagement

(b) Heath Hayes Park

Consider the paper circulated by the SPCA re Parish and Town Councils' role in tackling loneliness and homelessness.

(c) Community First Responders

16. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th March 2020

SIGNED: **DATE**

