

23rd March 2020

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Minutes of the Handley & District Parish Council Meeting held in the Coddington Rooms on Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

As there were four prospective candidates for the two vacant Councillor places, Councillors had been asked to assemble half an hour earlier.

Prospective candidates outlined their reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council and then existing Councillors assessed and then cast their votes.

Mr Rory Lea and Mr Nigel Johnson were successful and Cllr. Pleavin proposed Mr Lea and was seconded by Cllr. Thomas, Cllr. Wells proposed Mr Johnson and was seconded by Cllr: Thomas. The 2 unsuccessful candidates were thanked and invited as members of the Parish to remain for the rest of the meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WAS READ

Co-option of Councillors

The two successful Councillors nominated were then asked to join the Parish Council. Their declaration of acceptance of office forms were signed and recorded.

Apologies

Helen Bateman - holiday

Present

Chairman Mary Pleavin, vice Chair Hilary Wells, Cllrs Rosemary Thomas, Rory Lea, Nigel Johnson and Clerk Barbara Spragg.

Declaration of interests

There were no declarations.

To approve minutes

The minutes of 16th January 2020 were approved and signed.

New Clerk/RFO

Councillors discussed applications received for the position of a new part time Clerk/RFO to take over from Mrs Spragg on her retirement on 31st March 2020. Cllr Wells proposed Ruth Shackleton

for the position and this was carried by a show of hands. The clerk will advise Mrs Shackleton of the Parish Council's decision. It was agreed the appointment to be w.e.f. 1st April 2020 anticipated 10 hours monthly at the hourly rate of £12.815 paid monthly in arrears plus approved expenses terms reviewable in 6 months. Mrs Spragg will work closely with the newly appointed clerk to allow a smooth transition of data and work in progress.

Highways Issues

It was noted some progress had been made hedges cut/bus timetables erected and some effort to "Street Clean" along the A41. However other matters remain unresolved despite direct contact with Highways and Street Care Services.

It was agreed to join with Tattenhall Parish Council in escalating these matters to CWAC executives.

Reports NEW

CCP Depot update

There had been another Working Group Meeting with Andrew Jamieson CWAC and Ryan James ENGIE. There was good progress with the appointed Architects regarding designs we were informed. The next stage will be a planning application for Full approval will be submitted and it was hoped a presentation to the community would take place in due course, however with the current CORVID 19 measures in place which are subject to rapid changes this might not be possible. Updates will be placed on the Parish Council Website.

Planning applications – update

19/03781/FUL Land opposite Lordships Cottages. Golborne David.

THIS HAS BEEN APPROVED

19/03597/FUL The Cottage, Whitchurch Rd, Milton Green, Not discussed

No decision up to date.

Planning applications NEW

There are no new plans at present.

Finance

Precept request 2020/21	Has been approved.
Clerks six months salary	£ 650.00. cheque issued
Clerks expenses	£ 42.90. “ “
Broadband Rental	£ 100.00. “ “

Received Correspondence

S106 Update

Handley Parish Council are awaiting a 50% refund contribution of £2500.00 for a joint venture with CWAC Highways Division - speed activated warning signs erected in Milton Green.

Notice Boards – future maintenance

Mr Nick Robertson has informed Handley PC that he is no longer in a position to maintain the three notice boards that we currently hold. It was suggested to enquire from the Bolesworth Estate if they were in a position to help at such time repairs are needed.

Internal Audit

Councillors were asked to approve Mr Steve Wells to do our internal audit for 2019-2020. All agreed .Copy Bank statements would be requested from Natwest to cover all transactions for the current tax year.

Signage - Golborne David

Chairman Mary Pleavin is still pursuing this matter.

Remittance advise Notices

Cheques were issued for:

Chairmanship Training	CHALC	£ 35.00.
Leaflet Printing	HW	£ 10.00.
Mileage claim	HW	£ 36.00.
Mourning paper/binding	MP	£ 13.50.

Councillors were asked to agree hiring a shredder to enable the outgoing Clerk to facilitate declutter of all unwanted materials. **Agreed**

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 28TH MAY 2020 [BUT LIABLE TO CHANGE DUE TO CORVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS.]

