

# 2019/1 Withybrook Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of a meeting of Withybrook Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.45 pm**

## **Present**

Present were Cllr M. Hydon (Chair), Cllr L. Ollier, Cllr M. Dunderdale, Cllr J. Harman and T.C. Moore (Clerk).

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hewitt and Cllr Gillias

## **Declaration of Interests**

There were no interests declared against any of the items on the agenda.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed as a true record.

## **Matters Arising**

1. Flooding of the brook. The Clerk had spoken to a local contractor and was awaiting STW's specification for the work so that discussions could proceed further.
2. New Haven Rugby Road. The Clerk had spoken with RBC planning enforcement who advised that they were still experiencing difficulties in contacting the owner.

## **Public Participation**

Six villagers were present.

1. It was remarked that the verge at the corner of Overstone Road and Main Street would benefit from strimming as well as being mown to improve the sightlines for vehicles turning into Main Street. It was agreed to contact WS Gardens.
2. It was remarked that the newly laid turf at the side of the pumping station in All Saints Close was growing quickly and would benefit from being cut more frequently. It was agreed to contact WS Gardens.
3. It was explained that residents in All Saints Close had contributed plant pots and plants to enhance the newly rebuilt car parking and garaging area in All Saints Close. It was asked if the WCC Councillors grant that had been applied for could be used instead to purchase two wooden benches for the area within the original budget. The Parish Council agreed.
4. It was noted that the guttering and drains to the newly constructed garages in All Saints Close had been unable to cope with the recent heavy rain, resulting in a large pool of water in front of the garages. It was agreed to contact RBC, and also STW who had built them.
5. It was noted that weeds were now growing in sections of the gutters in All Saints Close. RBC regularly experienced difficulties in sweeping the Close because of parked vehicles. It was agreed to discuss the problem with RBC.
6. It was asked if some slabs could be laid in front of the allotment in All Saints to improve access to it. The request was agreed.
7. Cars had been seen speeding through the village. It was asked if a speed camera could be loaned to the village to enable villagers to carry out their own speed monitoring and one villager volunteered to be part of the team. It was agreed to investigate with Warwickshire Constabulary.

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8. It was reported that two motor bikes had been seen doing wheelies along Main Street. No details had been recorded but it was agreed to contact Warwickshire Constabulary.
9. It was also noted that there were no carriageway white line markings by the Village Hall and at the junction of Main Street and Shilton Lane. Both are difficult bends and vehicles had been observed crossing the centre of the carriageway. It was agreed to contact WCC.
10. It was noted that further erosion of the brook bank was taking place near the Shilton Lane junction, despite repairs having been carried out by STW. It was agreed to contact WCC.
11. It was also noted that two trees on All Saints Close Green were dead. The Clerk had already been made aware of the problem and had notified RBC.
12. A villager provided additional information in respect of a planning application at Withybrook Stables.

## **Correspondence**

1. A letter had been sent to most villagers by Western Power, advising of essential work in Main Street on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September
2. An email had been received from WCC advising that the Parish Council had received a grant of £250 for improvements to the area around the garages in All Saints Close.
3. An update to the register of electors had been received from RBC.
4. Various agenda, minutes of meeting and circulars.

## **Accounts**

1. An invoice for £180.00 had been received from WS Gardens for amenity grass cutting in July and was approved for payment.
2. An invoice for £192.00 had been received from WS Gardens for amenity grass cutting in August and was approved for payment.
3. An invoice for £60.00 had been received from WS Gardens for pruning the commemorative oak tree at Overstone Road car park and was approved for payment.
4. An invoice for £36.00 had been received from CPRE for renewal of the Parish Council's membership and was approved for payment.
5. A remittance of £250.00 had been received from WCC in payment of the WCC Councillors grant award

## **Any Other Business**

1. Cllr Harman reported that the beech trees lining Church Lane were now intruding on the electricity lines and it was agreed he should contact Western Power.
2. Cllr Dunderdale noted that water was still emerging through the surface of the carriageway at the corner Kirby Lane. The Clerk had already lodged a complaint with STW and it was agreed to pursue it further.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.45 pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.