

LITTLE DEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Little Dewchurch Parish Council held via Zoom Platform during Covid 19 Virus Lockdown on Tuesday 16th June 2020 from 7.30 pm No. LDPC/AW/057

Present:

Cllr. Phil Williams (Chair) (CPW)
Cllr. Jane Lisle (Vice Chair) (JL)
Cllr. Tom Straker (TS)
Cllr. Jo Hawthorne (JH)
Cllr. Florin Tatoi (FT)
Cllr. Bob Mason (BM)

In attendance:

Parish Clerk; Alison Wright (AW), Ward Cllr; David Summers (DS) and Paul Wright (Lengthsman) for part

	<u>Public Question Time</u> There were no matters raised during the Public Question Time.	
1.0	<u>Apologies for absence</u> The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting. There were apologies received from Cllr. Sue Daynes (SD)	
2.0	<u>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
3.0	<u>To receive, adopt and sign</u> the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 th March 2020 The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true and correct record of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10 th March 2020.	
4.0	<u>To Receive Reports from:</u> <u>Ward Councillor:</u> Ward Cllr David Summers updated the meeting regarding the current situation with the Herefordshire Council being “broke” and being unable to get funding for the Fownhope road repairs. Avenues for funding were being explored. There would be a parish summit, for all parish councils, planned for July. MP Bill Wiggin had made a statement regarding the flooding funding (Bellwyn Fund) that had fallen through. The Herefordshire Council had purchased the Maylord Orchards Shopping Centre for a figure of £3.1million which was described as being “way below market value”. The Ward Cllr advised that “this patch” had some of the best roads right now and had had a lot of work done. The Ward Cllr left the Zoom Meeting at this point.	

<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>Finance and policies</u></p> <p>5.1) <u>Confirmation of bank balances</u> The current account balance stood at £16979.27.</p> <p>5.2) <u>Receipts</u> The precept payment had been received £5184.50.</p> <p>5.3) <u>To agree Invoices for payment (list of proposed payments to be provided)</u></p> <p>To resolve to accept payments as per listing: Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract for April, May and June)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>HMRC Tax</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£80.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Longfield Services (Lengthsman, dog bins etc.)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£115.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr R Simpkins (grass cutting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£275.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Herefordshire Council (Election 2019 recharge)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£81.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Came & Company (Parish Council Insurance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£626.45</td> </tr> </table> <p>The payments were resolved to be paid unanimously.</p> <p>The Social Committee funds had been repaid and the balance held on account as at the meeting date, 16/06/20 was £0.00.</p> <p>5.4) <u>To approve exemption form for accounting statements and appoint internal auditor for end of year accounts 2019 - 2020</u> The appointment of the Internal Auditor was approved. The accounts would be submitted for adoption once completed.</p> <p>5.5) <u>To receive any update re Smartwater Kit distribution</u> The kits had been distributed and the parish had qualified for the complementary signage. CPW would liaise regarding positioning of the signage and the installation.</p>	HMRC Tax	£80.40	Longfield Services (Lengthsman, dog bins etc.)	£115.00	Mr R Simpkins (grass cutting)	£275.00	Herefordshire Council (Election 2019 recharge)	£81.17	Came & Company (Parish Council Insurance)	£626.45	<p>CPW</p>
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<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>Roads and Footpaths</u></p> <p>6.1) <u>Lengthsman</u> - to discuss matters requiring attention on roads and footpaths Clearance required around signs and grit bins. Grips to clear etc. Drain by the bus shelter was blocked again. E mail to be sent to Balfour Beatty. Various issues with footpaths and stiles were noted. Councillors to assemble a list of key points for referral to the landowners or to Balfour Beatty. Some items were in hand with landowners already following contact by councillors. CPW would make contact with landowners where issues found.</p> <p>6.2) <u>To receive Play Area Working Group update</u> The swing would be installed on the 22/06/20. Quotes had been obtained</p>	<p>AW ALL CPW</p>										

	for the fitting and a contractor selected. A new sign would be sent to BM for the Playing Field concerning Covid 19.	AW
7.0	<u>Planning Matters</u> 7.1) To consider response to Planning Applications, as notified, and then determined by Herefordshire Council There were no new applications for consideration of comments.	
8.0	<u>Information Sheet/Correspondence and Village updates</u> The contents of the sheet were noted and included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for trees for Parish Councils - The Tree Council Branching Out Fund is now open! • Volunteer Survey • Short Breaks Capital Funding - Round 2 • Local food/deliveries and warmer homes update • Planning for phased returns to schools for some pupils from 1 June • FLOODING – Ongoing support to you and the community • Safeguarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Bulletin • Talk Community Covid-19 Response Opening Times 	
9.0	<u>Village Matters</u> 9.1) Climate Emergency – to receive any update and to appoint Working Party It was agreed that TS, JL plus Vey Straker would form the initial Working Party with a view to showing leadership within the parish, on climate related issues and with resilience tied in, and also instigating a meeting to see who else may wish to join the group. 9.2) St David’s Rise – parking and access – to receive any update No further developments or progress at the time of the meeting. The traffic calming installation was still awaited and CPW was awaiting a response to his enquiry concerning timescales. 9.3) Heath and Well-being Resilience Cllr Hawthorne, Health and Wellbeing Officer gave an update that the well being hub was going really well. JH would also complete the HVOSS/ Hereford Communities questionnaire. 9.4) Tree Warden - Update The Tree Warden advised that there would be a Black Poplar tree available for the next planting season. The need to water the hedging plants round the village green was mentioned.	JH
10.0	<u>Matters to be raised on the Agenda of the next Meeting</u> All usual items to be on the Agenda for July plus adoption of the accounts for 2019 – 2020.	

11.0	<p><u>Confirmation of date, time and venue of next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday 14th July 2020 from 7.30pm via Zoom.</p> <p>Website link: https://www.littledewchurch.org.uk/</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm

Signed:Chair

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