**LITTLE DEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Little Dewchurch Parish Council held via Zoom Platform, during the Covid 19 Virus Pandemic, on Tuesday 10th November 2020 from 7.30 pm No. LDPC/AW/061**

**Present:**

Cllr. Phil Williams (Chair) (CPW)

Cllr. Jane Lisle (Vice Chair) (JL)

Cllr. Tom Straker (TS)

Cllr. Florin Tatoiu (FT)

Cllr. Bob Mason (BM)

Cllr. Sue Daynes (SD)

Cllr. Jo Hawthorne (JH)

**In attendance:**

Parish Clerk; Alison Wright (AW), Ward Cllr; David Summers (DS)

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|  | **Public Question Time**  There were no matters raised during the Public Question Time. |  |
| **1.0** | **Apologies for absence**  The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting. There were no apologies. |  |
| **2.0** | **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**  There were no declarations of interest. |  |
| **3.0** | **To receive, adopt and sign** the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2020  The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true and correct record of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th October 2020. |  |
| **4.0** | **To Receive Reports from:**  **Ward Councillor:**  Ward Cllr David Summers updated the meeting regarding the fact that he was trying to get answers about various topics but was not getting information through. He did not anticipate having the answers required before Christmas and would probably find out more in 2021. The issues surrounding the 106 monies and works outstanding needed to be pushed forward and carried through.  A new drainage clearance machine had been purchased and would be tested out on drainage issues in Dinedor. It had not been seen out in action, as yet.  The Ward Cllr left the Zoom Meeting at this point – 7.36 PM.  **4.2)** Locality Steward – bulletins had been received each week. was  **4.3)** Locality Policing Team – updates on local crime trends had been circulated when received. It was noted that a further Smart Water sign was required at Hoarwithy (near the tee pees) or by the village sign. CPW would speak with Estelle from the Smart Water Team. | DS  CPW |
| **5.0** | **Finance and policies**  5.1) **Confirmation of bank balances**  The current account balance stood at £16433.20.  5.2) **Receipts**  The October precept tranche of £5184.50 had been received.  5.3) **To agree Invoices for payment (list of proposed payments to be provided)**  To resolve to accept payments as per listing:  Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract for November and December 2020)  HM Revenue & Customs (Tax due on salary) £88.60 and £84.20  Longfield Services (Lengthsman, dog bins etc.) £117.10  Longfield Services (Purchase of parts and repairs to play area) £243.99  Mr R Simpkins (grass cutting) £140.00  First Rescue Training & Supplies (defib battery & pads) £240.16    The payments were resolved to be paid unanimously. In addition it was agreed that the Christmas tree would be purchased for the green and that a donation of £150.00 would be made towards the running costs of Dore Community Transport. |  |
| **6.0**  **7.0** | **Roads and Footpaths**  6.1) **Lengthsman** - to discuss matters requiring attention on roads and footpaths  The Lengthsman to carry out seasonal maintenance – grips and gullies clearance, sign washing. There were several stiles needing attention. Further details to be supplied and liaison for stile kits and relevant access to fit them would be carried out.  6.2) **To receive** Play Area Working Group update  The broken child swing seat and damage to shelter roof plus damage to the table tennis table had all been replaced or mended. The parish council agreed for the replacement of the second child swing seat which was in a poor condition with disintegration of some of the rubber components.  **Planning Matters**  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. | Lengths  man/Cllrs  Lengths  man |
| **8.0** | **Information Sheet/Correspondence and Village updates**  The contents of the sheet were noted and included:   * Road closures and highways works * Covid19 Community Leaders update * Licensing Policy 2020-2025 Consultation and covid signs in city and market towns * Covid-19 recovery - visitor economy   **Civic Voice**   * Civic Voice's White Paper Webinars and further updates |  |
| **9.0**  **10.0**  **11.0** | **Village Matters**   * 1. **Climate Emergency – to receive any update**   **Letter to Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP**  The Clerk had written on behalf of the PC (letter drafted by TS) Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP with TS’s summary of the LDPC actions and aspirations regarding Climate Change and ecological issues. The MP had responded and the Clerk had circulated his reply. He had assured the PC of his attention to the matters raised.  **9.2) St David’s Rise – parking and access – to receive any update**  No further developments or progress had been made at the time of the meeting. There was an excess of cars etc. reported and difficulty parking was impacting residents and in particular those with mobility issues. It was noted that parking at the Church was available if required. The idea of a residents parking permit system was suggested and may be something to give consideration to.  Zoom Session 1 ended at this point 8.10 PM.  Zoom Session 2 commenced at 8.15 PM.   * 1. **Heath and Well-being Resilience**   Cllr Hawthorne gave a comprehensive update on how the group would build further on initiatives that had been introduced. The Group were not currently as busy as they had anticipated but were still providing support for appointments, medicine collections etc. Some residents did not have resources and were struggling. A resilience plan would be a way forward with “siege fund” available to support the group functions and to provide equipment for co-ordination etc. (JH to lead and circulate mere details). The time banking idea would be explored further as a mechanism for delivering services and repayment. The Parish Council agreed that they would be in support of application being made to maximise availability of funding and to grow the hub provision.   * 1. **Tree Warden - Update**   TS updated that quite a few of the hedging plants around the green that had appeared to be dead were in fact alive. An opportunity for free replacement plants to supplement the gaps had presented. Mulch would be required to stop the grass growing up and advice would be needed on the best type of mulch to use. TS would speak to the nursery to locate additional whips and to check regarding the mulch. Some Black Poplar tees were available (2 x females in pots). Also some information had been obtained regarding disease resistant Elm trees. TS wild look into habitat suitability for the Black Poplars. A collective order could be made up. BM would prune the apple trees.   * 1. **Parish drainage issues – update and way forward**   CPW had contacted Welsh Water regarding the ongoing leak, and the flooding problem, by the bus stop that was still persisting. A lorry and gang had been seen at the location but they had stayed for around an hour and then had left. Nothing further had been seen to be happening since then.  **9.6) Road safety improvements, 106 monies and timeframe**  Road safety improvements were being chased up again as they were still outstanding. The Ward Cllr would be continuing to push for a resolution.  **9.7)** **Community Action Group – update**  Details in the Health and wellbeing update. The time banking idea would be grown further and a possible talk on this arranged for the January 2021 Meeting.   * 1. **Village defibrillator**   The new defibrillator pads and battery would be delivered by the Clerk to FT who would very kindly install them to the unit. Both FT and SD were trained in first aid. A check up of volunteers would be instigated and training followed up regarding the defibrillator use.  **Matters to be raised on the Agenda of the next Meeting**  All usual items to be on the Agenda for October plus Defibrillator  **Confirmation of date, time and venue of next Meeting**  The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 from 7.30pm via Zoom.  ***The Meeting closed at 8.54 PM***  Signed: ……………………………………………Chair Date……………………..  Website link: [**https://www.littledewchurch.org.uk/**](https://www.littledewchurch.org.uk/) | JH  BM  DS  JH  Clerk/FT  FT |