

Wednesday, 21st Apr 2021, 7.15p.m.

1.0 TO CONFIRM MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr P Alcock - Chairman
Cllr K Coyne (KC) – Vice Chairman
Cllr T Wood (TW)
Cllr G Byrne
Mrs K Brown (KB) – Clerk

2.0 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES

Cllr M Darnell

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF ANY MEMBER'S INTEREST/S

None

4.0 TO CONFIRM OTHER ATTENDEES

None

5.0 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON 8TH Mar'21

The minutes of this meeting, as circulated, were confirmed to be a true record of matters discussed, and decisions reached, by the Parish Council.

6.0 PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 New Applications:

28/03/21, 21/00586/FUL, Grazing and change of use for installation of a ménage,
The Elms, Walcote Rd, SK – PC had no comment

06/04/21, 21/00640/FUL, Erection of single storey rear extension, 2 Grange
Gardens, North Rd, SK – PC had no comment

**6.2 Planning decision/s rec'd: 21/00173/FUL, Holly End, Welford Road, SK – HDC
approved 15/04/21**

7.0 PARISHIONERS TIME

7.1 Re the problem of dog fouling on The Belt, raised in the SKN Parish Council Q&A section. PA confirmed he had also received emails from concerned parishioners on this matter as well, a perennial problem in the village that seems to have got worse during lockdown. PA did reply to the email explaining that whilst the PC will continue to reinforce the message that this is completely unacceptable in our village, all 'enforcements' powers rest with HDC. The parishioner had also contacted HDC through the local councillor, and the response had been very supportive – new signs were put up on the Belt, and the situation has been brought to the attention of the Dog warden who will focus on this area during his rounds. The latest feedback was that the situation appears to have improved a little since then.

There was a request to install another bin at the bottom of the Belt, but HDC confirmed this wouldn't be possible as the Belt isn't publicly maintained by HDC

We will ask if we can republish some of the notices on this in SKN, and when the new website is up and running make sure this matter is prominent in an effort to reinforce the message.

- 7.2** Re Parishioner's request (via SKN) for a sign reading 'Welcome to South Kilworth – please keep our village tidy' to be erected near the reservoir – KB to contact LCC regarding what permissions may be required for this to happen, and to look at costings.

8.0 ACCOUNTS/FINANCE MATTERS

- 8.1** The PC approved the following payments:

Payee	Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
HDC	822.76	164.56	987.32	Grass Cutting/Dog and Dual Purpose Bins
HMR&C	200.80	0.00	200.80	PC's PAYE Re Jan-Mar'21 payroll
Karen Brown	318.74	0.00	318.74	Clerk's Mar'21 payroll plus expenses
Online Toolbox Ltd	95.00	0.00	95.00	Website Hosting Mar'21-Feb'22
LRALC	214.00	0.00	214.00	LRALC/NALC Membership 2021/2022
Astley Computers	120.00	0.00	120.00	Cloud Back-up annual charge
UK Debt Mngmnt	937.32	0.00	937.32	Loan Repayment re bdg of Village Hall - DD

- 8.2** KB reported on the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 31/03/21 - PC approved.
- 8.3** PC agreed that KB and PA would liaise re applying to UK Land Registry for confirmation of Title with regard to the SK Village Hall Building and surrounding outside spaces. Pending.

9.0 PARISH COUNCIL PROCEDURES

- 9.1** Community Emergency Plan update – Action: KC is dealing and will report back at the next meeting.

10.0 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- 10.1** Further resurfacing of Church Lane pathway – Action: KB to monitor for a response from LCC as to why this work was not carried out on the scheduled date of 26th Mar'21.
- 10.2** Kissing Gates at Grange Gardens – It was reported that a fence has now been fitted, adjacent to the gates, filling the gap. Resolved.
- 10.3** Hole opened up on grass verge, Welford Road, Oct'20 – PC confirmed that a manhole has now been fitted, to make safe. Resolved.
- 10.4** Following on from complaints received from the Neighbourhood Plan group re the poor tarmacking of the layby outside the village school – KB reported that LCC have carried out an inspection of the area. They confirmed that the poor tarmacking on the layby had not been carried out by themselves, and the source is unknown. They

have concluded that, whilst the area is unsightly, it is fit for purpose and therefore, taking budget constraints in to consideration, they do not intend to carry out any remedial work on the area at this stage. Resolved.

- 10.5** Re the proposed removal of planters situated on verge opposite the school (originally placed there to prevent hazardous parking on the area) – PA has not been able to have a discussion with the school to date. Action: PA to update at the next meeting.
- 10.6** Blocked gully on Walcote Road, at the village green end, notified to PC by resident – KB has reported the issue to LCC, ref FS319877797, and clearance work is due to be carried out by the end of April. Action: KB to monitor.

11.0 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

- 11.1** Maintenance, weed killing etc on village hall car park – KB reported that LCC were unable to offer a maintenance service but had supplied the name of a contractor that they had used in the past. Action: KB to forward details to PA for consideration.
- 11.2** Aspects donation to the village re their using of the car park during the building period – KB confirmed that a payment of £450 had been received from Aspects. Resolved.
- 11.3** Re the replacement of two village litter bins, of concrete and pebble dash design, which are untidy looking and in need of repair – Action: PA will send exact location details, along with photos, to KB. KB will then request LCC to consider replacing.
- 11.4** Re the updating and possible replacement of the playing field notice board, to emphasise the ‘no dogs on the field’ rule, and hi-light the possible penalties for misuse of the field. Action: GB will liaise with MD and report back at the next meeting.

12.0 RECREATION

- 12.1** Proposed ‘Zip Wire’ installation in children’s play area – TW confirmed that he, along with KC, had met one of the suggested contractors on site for further discussion. The PC agreed to accept Wicksteed’s revised quote, £8886.41 plus vat, (subject to project funding confirmation) which includes the removal of two existing pieces of equipment in the playground. Action: TW to forward the revised quote to KB in relation to the S106 application for part funding of the project.
- 12.2** The Bowls Club’s proposal for the building of a Petanque Court on the site, adjacent to the existing Bowling Green was discussed at length. Having previously expressed support for this initiative at the conceptual stage, the PC expressed surprise at the potential costs, which are now significantly more than anticipated, and are also concerned that no plans are in place for who will take responsibility for managing the court and connected facilities once they were built – both the Bowls Club and VHC have said they said they will not be taking this responsibility on.

Considering these concerns, it was proposed that support for this initiative is now put on hold, and this vote was carried with GB abstaining.

Moving forward, if this initiative is to proceed the long-term responsibility for managing this facility needs to be resolved, and if an application for S106 funding is to be supported by the PC this has to be opened up to a village wide consultation –

this application would consume the majority of the 106 funding for Sports Facilities, and the application will need to show there is broad support from the parishioners relative to other initiatives.

12.3 PC agreed to continue with HCYC youth club for the summer '21 term. Resolved.

12.4 PA reported that he had had communication from one of the residents on 21st April, informing him that fencing debris that had been thrown in to their field, from the children's play area. Action: PA/GB agreed to inspect the area on the day following this meeting.

13.0 VILLAGE WEBSITE

13.1 The upgrading of the Village website – KC reported that progress is continuing with the new website. Action: KC to update further at the next meeting.

14.0 FUNDING FROM S106 FUND

14.1 Re article to be published in May'21 edition of SKN, raising awareness amongst villagers of the S106 fund – PA confirmed that he would be submitting an article for printing.

15.0 FUNDING FROM THE CIC (EIGHT PARISHES)

15.1 PA reported that the village school had made a request for funding to help with building an outdoor building/room. Looking at the criteria for S106 funding it doesn't look like the school would be eligible under any of the ringfenced funding categories. The school has received two previous grants from the CIC fund and this year's allocation will be used up by the youth club and the balance of the Zipwire project.

KC raised the potential issue of the school's academy status in effect making it a 'business' now and considering the legal advice we received when looking to support the pub we need to clarify if this restriction would apply. Action: PA will write to L&RALC /Wellers Hedleys Solicitors to get clarification before we discuss this request any further.

16.0 SOUTH KILWORTH NEWS

16.1 The PC discussed the SKN's request for photographs of each of the Councillors and Clerk, for publication in the newsletter. PC agreed that whilst they wish to make themselves available to village residents, offering support, assistance and/or advice around village issues and concerns, they did not feel that photographs were necessary. Villagers are welcome to contact the PC directly via the email address, southkilworthpc@hotmail.co.uk or, via the SKN's Parish Council Q & A section. Resolved.

17.0 VILLAGE MEMORIAL CLOCK

17.1 Re Clock winding payment – the PC agreed to increase the annual payment for the clock winding to £250 per annum.

18.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 GB reported that he had been advised of a resident's concerns around a large outbuilding being constructed in a village garden, possibly without planning

permission. PC agreed that this was a matter for HDC as the PC has no control over planning applications. GB will advise the resident accordingly. Resolved.

- 18.2** GB reported that one of the village bus shelters had been vandalised. PC agreed that GB would contact the bus company and request that repairs are carried out asap. Pending.

**19.0 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY’21, 7.15 P.M.
This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

Meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

A copy of these minutes will be published on the South Kilworth Website, no later than thirty days from the date of the meeting.

Signed: Phil Alcock

Date: 05/05/21