

Pillerton Hersey Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at St Mary's Church

Present:

Sara Cichocka (SMC) Sian Case (SC) Clive Fidler (CF)

Izzi Seccombe , County Councillor

Public: Chris Rimell,

Minute taker SC

Public Session

Chris Rimell thanked councillors for the work they had done for the community over the last 4 years

1. Apologies were received from Nigel Walker, Alec Hitchman and Penny Anne O'Donnell, District Councillor.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October were approved. Minutes of extraordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January were approved.
3. Matters arising from these minutes:
  - a) There has been no response to the advertisement for a clerk, despite SC arranging for it to be advertised on the WALC site, placed in local newsletters and social media sites and sent directly to the clerks she contacted last summer to assist with researching this role.
  - b) N.W. returned the grant to the National Lottery to administer the parish plan
  - c) No councillor has received any response following the note in the newsletter asking for anyone interested in stepping forward to be a councillor to speak to current councillors.
  - d) The planning application for land off Oxhill Bridle Road has been withdrawn as SDC removed the charge they had on the land, which was

withdrawn from sale.

4. No declarations of interest were received from any councillors in respect of this agenda.
5. District Councillor not present.
6. Cllr Seccombe updated the council on the following issues:  
Tomorrow the Warwickshire budget should be approved, the last in a 4 year cycle managing nearly £67m savings and she anticipated that WCC would close the year very slightly under budget (approx. £1m)  
Children's Services, Looked After Children and Waste would close with slight overspends  
The core aims for the budget will be Independence, Prevention and Community Resilience and the core priorities are;  
1 Building our economy  
2. Looking after our most vulnerable

SMC then asked Cllr Seccombe to pass on our sincere thanks to Penny Anne for her sustained support for both parish council and village in the time consuming efforts to respond to the Oxhill Bridle Road stables planning application. SMC also stressed how helpful and thoughtful the SDC planning councillors were

SC also asked Cllr Seccombe to express our disappointment with the poor service the village felt we had received from Warwickshire Highways about this application. IS agreed that they had not helped to clarify matters. SMC also explained for IS that SDC definitely had a conflict of interest in potentially granting this change of use application, but luckily that charge no longer existed and the application has been withdrawn.

7. SMC presented some notes on behalf of N.W. :  
Balance of Parish Council Bank Account currently stands at £3,289.68

Transactions since the last meeting are:

29th Jan: Payment of Annual Zurich Insurance Premium £257.60. Same premium as last year and still representing good value when compared to other insurers

4th Feb: Return of Lottery Award for Parish Plan: £2600

Presentation of Poors Allotment Trust Draft Accounts for 2018, to be minuted as received by the Parish Council. Note: Two of the trustees come up for re-election in 2019 (Elizabeth and Terry) and therefore the Council should re-elect, or follow due process for election of nominees.

Precept form submitted to Stratford DC before deadline setting level of precept for 2019 at £1500 p.a. as agreed at October Council Meeting

8. No current planning applications
  
9. It was noted that since last summer various cars belonging to visitors to and owners of Bunkers Hill properties were being parked on village green grass. After discussion, it was agreed that:  
Continued use of the village green outside the war memorial to park cars is both unsafe and damaging to the grass and might potentially encourage further parking on other areas of village green, therefore should be actively discouraged.  
S.C. would check all historical documentation held to clarify the exact agreements between both Bunkers Hill house owners and the parish council to inform an email for these residents to be drafted by SMC  
CF would speak to owners of both Bunkers Hill houses  
If needed, SMC and family could offer to help clear driveway leading to rear of 2 Bunkers Hill that may be preventing that owner from parking at the rear of the property.
  
10. It was confirmed that the following councillors intend to stand down at the end of their current term of office on 7<sup>th</sup> May:  
S.C., S.M.C., N.W.  
A.H. not present to confirm and C.F. unlikely to stay on.  
To encourage other parishioners to volunteer, SMC will place a notice explaining the councillor role in the newsletter and on the noticeboard, adapt the notice to create a leaflet and all current councillors will take a section of the village to post the leaflets and discuss the issue with as many parishioners as possible to encourage new councillors to step forward.  
SMC holds information on the SDC nomination process  
SDC will publish notice of the new elections required for all Parish

Councils on 19<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> April is the deadline to nominate yourself as a new councillor

11. Correspondence-

VASA letter. It was agreed that the council would donate £100 towards the VASA request for councils to support them with £500 donations. C.F. proposed, S.M.C. seconded, S.C. voted in favour.

SDC Broadband bid. S.M.C. replied to the SDC letter requesting that the village is included in the SDC bid for faster broadband as an expression of interest. We should hear shortly what this actually means for our village.

12. Suggested date for next council meeting to be 8<sup>th</sup> May

13. AOB.

C.F. said that the Church had requested a further donation for upkeep. Councillors agreed that they were happy to donate but needed to seek clarity about what the donation was intended for. C.F. will return to churchwardens to agree a clarification of purpose of donation. Councillors agreed that past ad hoc donations towards mower costs should be increased, suggesting £100, pending further discussion with churchwardens.

Separately S.C. suggested that the Church should be formally paid for hire of the space, as we do for Priors village Hall to record that we meet correctly and formally in the only public space in the village. S.M.C. proposed and all agreed that we should pay £10 for each evening we use the church, not as a donation.

C. F. notified the council that William Forsyth intended to clear rubbish threatening the structure of the footbridge over the brook between his land and Home Farm.

C.F. will chase Warwickshire Highways again to probe further the source of water leaks down from the church gate towards the war memorial as it is an ice risk.

S.C. gave examples of far too much dog mess still being left on paths throughout the village and will make one final attempt to prompt more

responsible dog ownership by posting in the newsletter and the noticeboard such requests to clear up.

S.M.C. will clean the phone box noticeboard again.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm