

# DORDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of Dordon Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in the Meeting Room, Dordon Village Hall  
commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors: A Curtis, S Curtis, W Whitmore, T Pritchard, and J Winter

Also Present: Mrs D C Downs, Caretaker  
Reverend A Simmons  
R Young, Clerk to the Council

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## **406) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Hanratty, P Morson, C Morson and N Chapman.

## **407) DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

Councillors A Curtis and S Curtis declared a pecuniary interest concerning disciplinary or contract of employment issues relating to the Caretaker.

Councillor J Winter declared an interest in relation to planning applications received.

## **408) CARETAKER'S REPORT**

The Caretaker, Mrs D C Downs, reported the following:

- Waiting for contractor to review condition of roof.
- Require padlock on gas meter box.

## **409) REVEREND ANNE SIMMONS**

The following matters were mentioned:

- Thanked Parish Council for contribution / donation.
- Refurbishment of War Memorial would cost in the region of £3,800 (including lettering). The Clerk to check if the Parish Council has a responsibility to assist in renovating the War Memorial. A Simmons quoted the War Memorial Act 1923 and 1948.
- Commemorative service to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 – church to be open throughout the day. A visitors book will be available.
- Contribution of £26K to Birmingham Diocese.
- Annual cost need of £52K.

**The Chairman, A Curtis, thanked the Reverend Anne Simmons for attending the Parish Council meeting.**

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## **410) MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were approved as a true and correct record.

### **Resolved:**

- **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **411) PATHS IN FRONT OF THE SHOP – BROWNS LANE**

This matter was ongoing.

### **412) DORDON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Chairman, A Curtis, commented as follows:

- Year 6 leavers “prom” organised.
- Severn Trent checking regarding surface water.
- Full Governors meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014.
- Update regarding Ofsted review.

### **413) FREASLEY COMMON**

This matter is ongoing. Details sent to alternative solicitors to advise. Councillor T Pritchard declared an interest.

### **414) PARISH WEBSITE**

A Curtis reported no further enquiries had been received via the website. Minutes to be included on website.

### **415) HALL HEATING SYSTEM**

The Caretaker or Clerk to contact GNR Heating regarding balancing the heating system.

### **416) NOISE AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON THE PLAYGROUND AREA**

It was reported that NWBC may install CCTV to monitor the situation.

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### 417) PARISH LITTER PICK

- Parish litter pick to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- Leaflets to be distributed to parishioners.
- Clerk to request loan litter pickers from NWBC.
- Details to be included on website, Twitter and Facebook.

### 418) GRIT BIN

The Clerk confirmed he would order a 200 litre grit bin for ESE Direct Limited at a cost.

### 419) BOB HUB - DORDON

The Clerk confirmed a meeting had been arranged with Bob Trahern for 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.

### 420) CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed or circulated to Councillors:

NW Volunteer Centre	Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2014
WCC	Transport and Highways update, Issue 9, Summer 2014
WALC	Report that WCC may reduce the amount of grass cutting undertaken due to budget cuts
NWBC	Site allocation plan – preferred options consultation – comments required by 5:00 pm on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2014
St Leonard's Church	Confirmation that Parish Council comments regarding Freasley Mission and Cottage had been received
Rural Services	Various publications
WCAVA	Local events and updates

### 421) PLANNING

#### a) Planning Applications Received

- i) PAP/2014/0315  
23 Hillcrest Road, Dordon  
Two storey side extension
- ii) PAP/2014/0285  
83 Whitehouse Road, Dordon  
Retrospective application for erection of canopy

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- iii) PAP/2014/0362  
Dordon Service Station, Watling Street, Dordon  
Display of illuminated signage

### **b) Planning Decisions**

- i) MIA/2014/0014  
Plot 4, Phase 2, Birch Coppice Business Park, Watling Street, Dordon  
Non-material amendment to PAP/2012/0620 – minor changes to elevation and variation to fencing

*Permission Granted*

- ii) PAP/2014/0294  
The Woodlands, Watling Street, Dordon  
Retention of fence along western boundary

*Permission Granted*

- iii) PAP/2014/0168  
Ivy Cottage, Freasley  
Retrospective application for change of use of land to mixed use equestrian and allotments

*Planning Permission Refused*

### **422) FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **a) Payments**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the following cheques should be issued:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT £</b>
C Downs (Telephone)	17.50
G Jones	25.00
R Young (Expenses)	27.40
D C Downs (72 hours @ £7.32)	475.80
D Sullivan	56.79
R Young	394.80
C Blewitt (Ground Maintenance)	120.00
British Telecom	145.92
EON (Electricity)	317.89
EON (Gas)	323.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,904.69</b>

**Resolved:**

- **To issue the above cheques.**

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b) Hall Receipts

ITEM	AMOUNT £
GKR Karate	75.00
Children's Party	35.00
Artworld	200.00
Slimming World	120.00
NWBC – Bob Hub	3,330.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,760.96</b>

423) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm

**A Curtis**  
**Chairman of the Parish Council**