

BROWN EDGE PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st. October 2018 at Brown Edge Village Hall, School Bank, Brown Edge, Stoke on Trent.

Present: Councillor A. Basnett (Chair).

Councillors J. Sherratt, J. Shufflebotham, D. Spooner.

County Councillor K. Flunder.

Eleven Members of the Public.

103:18. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Cooper (Family), C. Holdcroft (Domestic), L. Lea (Incapacity), N. Owen (Work), P. Turner (Work), S. Turner (Work), P. Woodward (Family) & District Councillor C. Jebb.

104:18. Adjournment of Meeting for Public Participation.

Members of the public raised concerns about the safety of schoolchildren crossing the road at Clay Lake when on their way to Endon High School. They had started a petition suggesting among other things a reduction in the speed limit on the road and they were undertaking a census of the number of pupils who crossed the road. The Chairman suggested that they continue with the petition and forward it the Staffs. County Council with the Parish Council's support.

County Councillor Flunder gave a brief outline of meetings which had taken place on the subject.

County Councillor's Report.

County Councillor Flunder gave a report that the County Council would have to make around £18million in savings in the coming financial year and he feared that the County Councillor Local Community Scheme could be in jeopardy.

District Councillors Report.

There were no District Councillors' reports.

105:18. Declarations of Interest.

Councillors Basnett and Spooner declared an interest on matters pertaining to the Holly Bush Inn.

106:18. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd. September 2018 had been circulated and they were duly approved and signed as a true record.

107:18. Matters Arising.

The results of the tests on the water from the Sytch Road spout had been obtained. They showed that the sulphate levels in the water were rather high but suggested that it was drinkable.

The Chairman reported on the issues regarding the apparently unregistered vehicle which had been parked on the grass verge in High Lane for a period of time.. Staffs. Moorlands District Council had reported that they could not be involved so the Chairman reported that the next step was to involve the DVLA.

The owner of the possible site of a mirror at the junction of Hough Hill and Sandy Lane had been approached and was not particularly happy with the proposal. A question was asked if the Parish Council could be held responsible if the mirror was the cause of an accident. It was agreed to obtain legal advice on the matter.

District Councillor Lea had received a complaint about an overgrown hedge obstructing the road in Sandy Lane. A polite letter had been sent to the owners.

A report was given on responses received from Staffs. Moorlands District Council on the possible future registration of ownership of Marshes Hill Common land. Maintenance of the land is being transferred to Staffs. Wildlife Trust but the trust has asked if the land could be officially registered. It was agreed that a meeting with the Moorlands Council would be advantageous and this would be arranged.

It was reported that:

a letter of thanks had been sent to the family who had retired from Keith's Supermarket.
an further offer of sponsorship for the Council's website had been received.

108:18. Other Matters Reported for Discussion.

The Chairman reported on a meeting which he had with a representative of Staffs. Wildlife Trust. They had met in the cemetery, the new cemetery field and the field adjacent to the allotment site. Before any information could be obtained the Trust asked for a map of the areas. This had been forwarded.

A form had been forwarded to Staffs. Moorlands District Council requesting renewal of the Holly Bush Community Asset Registration.

County Councillor Flunder gave a report on the issues with the pupils crossing the main road at Clay Lake. Various ideas had been discussed with Endon Parish Council with the main suggestion that a crossing be formed near to the Broad Lane junction with a paved footpath formed on the South side of the road. This could possibly be done but would funding be available.

The question was raised whether the Parish Council would again provide the refreshments etc for after the Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday 11th. November 2018. This was agreed.

109:18. Reports & Actions.

The Cemetery Recorder reported that there had been one interment at double fees and one scattering of ashes fee received.

He reported that the excessive mounds of soil left on graves after interments had been removed by the Council's contractor.

The contractor had suggested that the attention to the missing rails be left until the school playing field conifers had been reduced

The replacement seat had been ordered and the family had agreed to make a donation towards the cost.

The successful tenderer for the tree felling and stump grinding of the conifers had met with some of the Cemetery Committee. They had been assured of his ability to carry out the work at the price which he had quoted and so confirmed that he should start the work. He had asked if some of the felled timber could be brought to the car park rather than transferring all down to the bottom of the cemetery and the Committee agreed. These actions were sanctioned.

The Chairman reported that the further meeting where developers and their representatives who had not attended the last arranged meeting had had to be postponed. The meeting would now be held on Sunday 4th. November 2018.

110:18. Planning.

No planning applications had been received.

111:18. Finance.

There were no business under this item.

112:18. Orders for Payment.

It was agreed that the following items be paid:

Adrian J. Mason.	£ 80 – 00.	Litter Picking Fee.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 684 – 49.	Maintenance Contract (8 th . Cut).
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British Gas.	£ 46 – 11.	Cemetery Electricity Supply.
John Bourne.	£	Clerk's & Cemetery Recorder's Salaries.
John Bourne.	£ 132 – 29.	Clerk's Expenses.
GeoXphere Ltd.	£ 55 – 20.	Parish Online Fee.
Wood, Goldstraw & Yorath.	£ 3,817 – 10.	Architect's Fees.
Paul Gowans.	£ 3,690 – 00.	Work in Cemetery.
H.M. Revenue & Customs.	£ 239 – 40.	P.A.Y.E.

113:18. Correspondence.

Information received under this item was;

Royal Mail – Scam Mail, to be posted on the website,

114:18. Matters to be Discussed on Notice.

There were no Notices of Motion received.

115:18. Matters for the District Council.

There were no items for the District Council.

116:18. Matters for the County Council.

There were no items for the County Council.

117:18. Items to be raised at the Next Meeting.

Concrete Flower Tubs for Bank End.

Parked Vehicle in High Lane.

Mirror at Sandy Lane / Hough Hill junction.

Playground Inspection.

Tree Planting in the cemetery.

118:18. Items for the Website.

Royal Mail – Scam Mail.

119:18. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS.

Information was given on correspondence which had been received from Staffs. Moorlands District Council regarding the Holly Bush Car Park.