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KINLET PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024 IN THE PARISH HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mr. P. Kirton, Mr. K. Shepherd, Mrs J. Rowley, Mr. P. Horsfall, Mr D. Haywood, Mr. R. Crawford, Mr P. Robinson, Mr. R. Oakley and Mrs J. Burgess (Clerk)
Also in attendance – Mr. S. Harris.

0. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. There were no members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES. These were received from Mr. C. Lloyd (Work commitments – approved reason) and Mr. G. Butler.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Mrs. J. Rowley declared an interest in item 9.

3. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING were taken as read and unanimously approved by all present at that meeting and signed after being proposed and seconded.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

1. HIGHWAY MATTERS. Updates – **1. Road Counter on B4194** – Currently in position.

2. Bus Stop Pull In – No response at present from Diamond Buses. PCC's Office unable to help but matter taken up with W. Mercia Road Safety Team. **3. Dropped Edge of Road**

between Catsley Corner and Lewis Garage – Small amount of repairs carried out but main problem not addressed. Strong representation to be made to various parties at S.C.

4. Blocked Drains by Tanwood and Nortons End – No progress. **5. Road Sweeper**

Attendance - Had been put on FMS and awaiting update from S.C. **6. Button Oak Leakage onto B. 4194** – Appears to have been rectified. **7. Work on Mad Brook Bridge** -

Confirmation of whether this work had been carried out to be confirmed. **8. Pothole Above Village Hall** - Now repaired.

Any Other Highway Matters. – Arising or New, **9. Ditch Clearance by Lengthsman.**

Weather had prevented work as yet on ditches but work carried out making sure drains were clear. **10. Removal of W.C.C. signs** – S.C. had confirmed that W.C.C. would be carrying out this work at some stage within next few weeks. **11. Litter Pick signs** - Highley Parish Council had enquired about the possibility of borrowing these signs for their forthcoming Litter Pick – Mr. Kirton was dealing with this matter. No objections raised as long as it did not clash with our own litter pick which was arranged for Saturday 23rd March – Mr. Kirton would progress.

Other General Matters Arising. **12. Possible Beacon Site for 6th June plus consideration of special Flag purchase** – It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that one of the special Flags would be purchased at a cost of £28.80 inclusive in place of a beacon.

'Tommy Silhoutte' Location. Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the present location was satisfactory.

2. ENFORCEMENT MATTERS. Any updates had been circulated during month Mr. Harris updated re one current matter. Agents details would be obtained re properties for sale at Beechwoods to confirm that the occupation restrictions were properly recorded.

5. CORRESPONDENCE. All applicable correspondence had been emailed to councillors during the month . Also discussed Consultation re Public Space Protection Order (Dogs)| - Agreed that this was not really applicable to our current situation.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. There were no planning applications to hand. Refusal by S.C. had been given to 23/05227/FUL for proposed affordable dwelling NW of Tip House Farm, Billingsley for erection of an affordable dwelling in response to an identified local need and detached garage and formation of a new access and associated works. Also refused was 24/00089/OUT for outline permission for demolition of church and erection of a dwelling at St. Andrews Church, Button Oak.

7. FORMAL APPROVAL OF ANNUAL DONATIONS AS RECOMMENDED IN FEBRUARY. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that these donations would be made.

8. RE-APPROVAL OF AUDIT LOG & SUBJECT ACCESS POLICY - Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that these be re-approved.

9. UPDATE RE POSSIBLE DONATION TOWARDS PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR AT WORCESTERSHIRE MARBLE. No update available.

10. UPDATE RE GRANT POSITION FOR INSULATION IN VILLAGE HALL.

No updates were available. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the £1650.00 grant to the Village Hall included in the 2023/2024 Budget would *be* ring fenced and kept in the Parish Council's account.

11. ANY PARISH PLAN UPDATES. None were raised.

12. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' UPDATES. The monthly update had been circulated. Mr. Harris spoke about the difficulties re the £60 million cuts to be made and which services were under threat. No decisions had been yet been taken but Adult and Child care services were considered of importance by most of the consultation responders.

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO HAND. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the following payments would be made. 1.Mrs. J. Burgess - £588.62 (Monthly salary £319.58/T.E. £9.00/£260.04 – (approved backdated salary increase to £15.75 per hour from 1/4/2024 – cheque no.001854) 2. C.M. Smith/Stretton Creative - £100.00 (Feb. Website work- cheque no.001855). 3.Kinlet Playgroup - £150.00 – cheque no. 001856. 3. S.A.R.A £100.00 – cheque no.001857. 4. Severn Hospice and Severn Hospice at Home - £100.00 each - cheques nos.001858 & 001859. 5. Midlands Air Ambulance £300.00 – (cheque no. 001860). 6. Highley First Responders - £100.00 – (cheque no.00062.) 7. Kinlet School - £150.00 – (cheque 000063)

14. ITEMS NEXT AGENDA None were raised.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This was arranged for Monday April 8th 2024 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. with Public Participation time and the meeting closed at approximately 8.40 p.m.