**Minutes of the meeting of the Armitage with Handsacre**

**Parish Council held on Thursday 25th February 2021**

**via Microsoft Teams at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Councillor A Maddocks Councillor A Castle

Councillor T Marshall Councillor J McGill

Councillor J Yearsley Councillor J Israel

Councillor I Hodgson Councillor A Kirkbride

DCouncillr R Cox

**Apologies:** DCouncillor N Binney CCouncillor M Tittley

**Parish Clerk** Samantha LaPlanche Charlotte La Planche - Administrator

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Participation:**  Sam and Adrian from the Armitage Community Speed Watch group and Georgina Salt from Ideal Standard attended. Sam said the group has concerns over the amount of HGV’s passing through the village, they have approached some individual hauliers asking them to note the direction in which they should be using to Ideal Standard. They have not been able to take the radar out during lock down but will be as soon as the guidelines permit them to. Sam said the Parish Council need to view the proposed new signage for the scheme within the Parish. The Clerk will place this on the agenda for next months meeting. Georgia said not all the hauliers are employed by Ideal Standard but they are sending out maps and guidance to all vehicles entering the site. She is working closely with Sam to produce a new larger sign for directional traffic and liasing with the Highways Department. The Chairman thanked them for all attending the meeting and helping the community to solve these issues.

**Declaration of Interest**: None.

**Minutes:** Cllr Marshall proposed the approval of the minutes. Cllr Yearsley seconded the proposal. Majority vote. The minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 28th January 2021 were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. Police Matters –** No report provided for the meeting. The Clerk said the overtime agreement is due for renewal, she will approach the PCC for a response on Parish Council reports in the future.

**2. Planning Matters –** Application 20/00296/FULM land adjacent to Hayes Meadow school, the councillors had no objections to the application. The War Memorial application is still outstanding whilst a couple of questions are answered by the architects.

**3. To consider reports from District and County Councillors –** DCouncillor Cox said the District Council master plan for car parking in Lichfield is up for consultation. The Friary Grange centre repairs are all completed and will be available for the May opening. Cllr Marshall said HS2 are working around the area.

**4. To consider the quote for bollards around Yeoman Way –** The councillors asked the Clerk to adjust the bollard spacing to 1.7m so even smaller vehicles cannot access the open space. The Clerk will contact the contractor to amend the quote.

**5. Advertisement for the Casual Vacancy –** The Clerk has notified the District Council and they have issued the notice of the vacancy, the deadline for submission or to call an election is 8th March. If this is not called for, then we can co-opt a new councillor.

**6. To discuss the Ford Way rejuvenation project** –The Chairman asked the Clerk to find the owner of the area and sought permission from the Parish Council, for the Clerk and Chairman to work through the worksheet prepared by the group. All approved.

**7. Summary of the Environmental Committee –** Charlotte has prepared a list of play area where the councillors need to inspect once a month. A rota system has been put in place and Charlotte will contact the councillors who volunteered to help. All medium risk works have been completed or are being dealt with. Samantha and Charlotte will prepare a map of the Parish Council land, to identify the mass tree areas which need dealing with, as they are too close to some of the houses around the Shropshire Brook Road. Samantha confirmed we have had no response from English Heritage regarding the works required on the Handsacre Hall site but she will continue to pursue a response from them.

**Financial Matters**

**8. To approve the cheque payments and bank balance for February 2021 –** Cllr Castle proposed the councillors accept the payments. Cllr Marshall seconded the proposal. All agreed.

**Correspondence received.**

**5. SPCA Training –** Cllr Israel asked for the schedule to be sent out again. Clerk to action.

**6. HS2 invitation of meeting –** All councillors agreed to an online meeting the Clerk will send out the proposed dates of availability for the Parish Council.

**7. HS2 consultation –** No comments from the councillors, at this time.

**Dates of the next meetings –**

Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7.00pm.

Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed and approved on behalf of the Armitage with Handsacre Parish Council

Cllr Maddocks – Chairman

25th March 2021