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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 24th February 2021**

**at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillor W Bennett Councillor J McGill

Councillor T Marshall Councillor J Yearsley

Councillor J Israel Councillor N Hawkins

Councillor A Kirkbride Councillor I Hodgson

**Apologies:** Councillor A Castle

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Participation:**  None.

**To receive Declarations of Interest**: None.

**To receive requests for Dispensations under the Localism Act 2011** – None.

**Minutes:** Cllr Yearsley proposed the approval of the minutes. Cllr Kirkbride seconded the proposal. Majority vote. The minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 27th January 2022 were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. Planning Matters –** Application 22/00187/FUH 49 Hazel Drive, ground floor extension/garage conversion and application 22/00273/FUH erection of orangery. The councillors had no objections to both of these applications.

**2. To consider reports from District and County Councillors –** Cllr Marshall said LDC are conducting a survey for the public usage of Beacon Park, Lichfield, asking the public what they would like to see and make use of within this area.

**3. To review the completion work on the War Memorial project –** (i) Electrical connection - Cllr Yearsley completing forms required for permissions and connection. He has a meeting with Axis and the installer next week. (ii) Fencing repair quote – Cllr Kirkbride proposed the councillors accept the quote for the whole fencing work around the area for continuity. Cllr Bennett seconded the proposal. Majority vote of approval. The Clerk will instruct the contractor. (iii) Notice Board and (iv) Height barrier – these are on order by Wigwam Ltd and should be arriving in early April. The Parish Council all agreed to the dark green colour for the surround of the notice board.

**4. To receive an update on the Bowls Pavilion, survey report pending –** The Bowls asked if they are permitted to still use the pavilion for their matches, the Parish Council all agreed at this time unless the report indicates any building failures, then we would have to close. The administrator said the report was due back to the office mid-March, this will be sent out to the councillors straight away and immediate action works would need to be reviewed as soon as possible, if the report indicated. The Parish Council all voted unanimously to keep the facility for just the Bowls Club and The Scout Group.

**5. Additional appointment of the sub committee, Village Hall representative –** Cllr Hawkins asked if she could be the nominated representative for both the Village Hall and the Churchyard Committee. Cllr Marshall proposed the councillors accept the nomination. Cllr Israel seconded the proposal. All agreed. The Clerk will notify the secretary and chairperson of the Village Hall Committee and the PCC secretary.

**6. To discuss the Hawksyard Community Project, update from S Stray –** Cllr Marshall offered to approach Mr Stray and the Chief Executive of Lichfield District Council to try and escalate the urgency to get this matter resolved.

**Financial Matters**

**7. To approve the cheque payments and bank balance for February 2022 –** Cllr Hodgson proposed the councillors accept the payments. Cllr Bennett seconded the proposal. All agreed. The Clerk read out an email from LDC Operation Services, the updated invoice for the litter & dog bin collections for 2022. The councillors all approved the increase charges invoiced to the Parish Council for 2022. The Clerk will notify the sender.

**Correspondence received**

**8. Email request from resident of Rowan Drive to purchase Parish Council land -** The Clerk will review the deeds for the area of interest which the Parish Council adopted in April 2021. The Clerk believes she has read that the land is for public use only and not for resale. She will update the councillors next week by email and then notify the resident, if the information is correct.

**Dates of the next meetings –**

Thursday 31st March 2022 at 7.00pm

Thursday 28th April 2022 at 7.00pm

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm. This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Cllr Thomas Marshall – acting Chair

31st March 2022