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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 28th April 2022**

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

**Present:** Councillor W Bennett Councillor A Kirkbride

Councillor J McGill Councillor N Hawkins

Councillor T Marshall Councillor J Yearsley

Councillor J Israel

**Apologies:** Councillor I Hodgson DCouncillor R Cross Charlotte Leach-La Planche

**Parish Clerk:** Samantha LaPlanche

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Participation:** Two residents from Armitage asked if the fir trees to the rear of their property could be considered for reduction. The acting Chair said that the Clerk would ask our local contractor to visit and prepare a quote for works. This would then be considered by the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact the resident with the outcome of their decision.

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

**Matters Arising:**

**1. To receive apologies –** Cllr Hodgson and DCllr R Cross.

**2. To receive Declarations of Interest**: Cllr Kirkbride declared a personal interest on point one of the agenda, he duly signed the declaration book.

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

**4. Election of a new Chair – Cllr Hawkins proposed Cllr Marshall. Cllr Yearsley seconded the proposal. Majority vote of agreement. Cllr Marshall accepted the position.**

**5. Election of a vice Chair – Cllr Marshall proposed Cllr Hodgson. Cllr McGill seconded the proposal. Majority vote of agreement.** Cllr Hodgson will be notified via email this evening and return the Declaration of acceptance of office to the Clerk.

**6. Planning Matters –** The Clerk produced a list of outstanding applications for the councillors to make their observations, these will be viewed and considered after the meeting. Cllr Kirkbride gave the councillors an update on the Hawksyard application for 10 lodges, which is due to be heard at Lichfield District Council on 9th May.

**7. To consider reports from District and County Councillors –** Cllr Marshall said District Councillor Doug Pullen has continued his support for the Ukraine relief and a Facebook page has been setup for information to residents. The Beacon Trail for children should be completed by the end of May. The District Council are looking for the public to view and make comments on the development for the town centre, this is available on their website and posters will be giving out the details soon. The new blue bag recycling scheme for cardboard is being rolled out and advertising is in full flow throughout the District. £94,000 is being spent to improve the public toilets in the town centre and the NMA. Cllr Marshall also thanked the County Council for their challenging work on the Swan Bank, it looks better than it ever has.

**8. To consider a new service plan for the Pavilion –** The Clerk said she would contact British Gas to see if we could be considered for domestic cover, if not then a quote from UKBoilerfit will be sought.

**9. To review the request by Acme Tree Services Ltd for an additional charge of the increased fuel costs –** The Clerk said a separate invoice has not been submitted by the contractor, as yet. Cllr Marshall said to review the invoice when it arrives, as prices have levelled considerably now.

**Financial Matters**

**1. To approve the cheque payments and bank balance for April 2022 –** Cllr Kirkbride proposed the councillors accept the payments. Cllr Yearsley seconded the proposal. All agreed.

**Correspondence received**

**1. Lloyds Bank –** The Clerk stated with Mr Castle’s departure, the Parish Council would need two new signatories for the cheque signing. Cllr Marshall and Cllr Hawkins offered their services. The Clerk will prepare the paperwork and contact the councillors direct.

**8. Mr Alan Castle –** The Chairman expressed his thanks to Alan in an email for his commitment and hard work on the War Memorial project.

**Reeve Close –** The Chairman asked the councillors to view the area and come back with some ideas for the May meeting or send them to the Clerk.

**Minutes:** Cllr Kirkbride proposed the approval of the minutes. Cllr Yearsley seconded the proposal. Majority vote. The minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 31st March 2022 were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 26th May 2022 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 Thomas Marshall – Chairman

26th May 2022