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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 26th May 2022**

**at 7:20pm at the Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor W Bennett Councillor Hodgson

Councillor J McGill Councillor N Hawkins

Councillor T Marshall DCouncillor R Cross

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Participation:** None.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. To receive apologies –** Councillor J Israel, Councillor A KirkbrideandCouncillor J Yearsley.

The Clerk reminded all councillors that the meeting dates for 2022 were distributed and approved in

December 2021. When apologies are given and received by the Clerk, the reasons for the apology of

non-attendance, should be approved by the Parish Council and can be refused.

**2. To receive Declarations of Interest**: Cllr McGill declared a personal interest on items 8 & 9 of the agenda. She duly signed the record book. Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Marshall declared a personal interest on item 7 of the agenda and duly signed the record book.

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

**4. To consider and agree the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2022.** Cllr Bennett proposed the approval of the minutes. Cllr McGill seconded the proposal. The Chairman duly signed the printed minutes and were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**5. Planning Matters –** The Clerk produced an application for 22/00714/FUH 3 Hill Top View, a single story side extension. Cllr Bennett will review the application after the meeting. No concerns. The Clerk had sent out to the councillors, some information on a consultation held by KTL Ltd for the upgrade of the existing radio base station at Lichfield Road. All the councillors agreed to the improvements. The Clerk will notify KTL Ltd.

**6. To consider reports from District and County Councillors –** Cllr Cross said the LDC has had a Cabinet reshuffle of staff. The elections are due in May 2023 for District Councils are open for applications. Cllr Marshall said the new blue bag recycling scheme is experiencing some problems with delivery of bags and collections.

 **7. To consider a request by the Village Hall Committee for shared Wi-Fi -** Cllr Hawkins explained the reason behind the request. The Clerk stated a few reasons for the Parish Council not to consider opening up for the general public, when hiring the Hall and suggested the Committee review costs for this facility. All councillors agreed to provide the Parish Council Wi-Fi for the staff of the Committee, so that they can continue to work from the office in the reception area.

 **8. To consider a request by the Lower Lodge Committee for the hire of tables –** All the councillors agreed to the loaning of the tables from the Pavilion. The Clerk will arrange for the building to be open for the Committee at the requested collection and drop-off times.

 **9. To consider a request by the Bowls Club for advertising sponsors on the green –** Cllr Hawkins explained where the banners will be displayed and confirmed this would not ruin the pleasing view of the green or Pavilion. All councillors agreed to the request. The Clerk stated that a request for a grant to provide more benches within the green, would require a statement of accounts and application from the Committee treasurer. Cllr McGill said she would pass this onto the Committee for thought.

 **10. 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 to the office.

 **Financial Matters**

**1. To approve the cheque payments and bank balance for May 2022 –** Cllr Marshall proposed the councillors accept the payments. Cllr Hodgson seconded the proposal. All agreed. The Clerk said all payments approved tonight, will be paid by Bacs as insufficient signatories are still pending with our Lloyds Bank application for additional signatories to the bank account. The Clerk said the internal auditor report is due for submission on 30th June 2022, so the accounts for the year ending have been sent to the external auditor this week, for pre-approval. The Clerk will forward any comments from the auditor, in time.

**Correspondence received**

**7. LDC Cil annual report form –** The Clerk said the Parish Council had not received any Cil payments in the last 12 months. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the form. This will be returned to the LDC this week.

**Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 30th June 2022 at 7.00pm

Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.00pm

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm. This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Cllr Thomas Marshall – Chairman

30th June 2022