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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 29th July 2021**

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

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

Councillor T Marshall Councillor W Bennett

 Councillor J Israel DCllr Richard Cox

 **Apologies:** Councillor J Yearsley Councillor A Kirkbride Councillor I Hodgson

**Absent:** Councillor J McGill

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Participation:**  Andrew Faulkner stated he has registered with the Speed Watch group for the village as he is concerned with the speeding traffic on the New Road. He asked if the Parish Council had any plans for a traffic calming scheme, the Chairman replied that we are restricted in installing speed humps or chicanes as confirmed by our previous Local County Councillor. He added that we are looking into gated entrances for the village and are reviewing the designs and costs available, along with waiting for approval of installation by the Staffordshire Police and Safer Roads Partnership Scheme. Mr Faulkner said could the Parish Council install more dog bins along the canal, Charlotte said the problem with bins along the canal means that the District Council collector does not have access by vehicle to these areas, therefore all bins are located at the entrances and exits. Samantha said she will contact LDC and Canal & River Trust for further guidance on a suitable location and permission to possibly install a new bin. The Chairman said a dog bin would be helpful at the footpath in Targate Court, Samantha will investigate who owns the land and go back to Mr Faulkner with the information as it is not Parish Council land.

**Declaration of Interest**: Cllr Maddocks, Marshall, Bennett and Israel all declared an interest on correspondence point 8 Village Day Committee.

**Minutes:** Cllr Castle proposed the approval of the minutes. Cllr Marshall seconded the proposal. Majority vote. The minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 24th June 2021 were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. Planning Matters –** Application 21/01120/REMM Former Rugeley Power Station, 21/01284/FUH 92 Lichfield Road and LDC Local Plan 2040 Regulation 19 Consultation all councillors had no objections to these applications.

**2. To consider reports from District and County Councillors –** Cllr Marshall said the Lichfield Festival was well attended. The temporary Chief Executive at LDC is leaving the post as the new Chief will be in post later in the month. DCllr Cox said DCllr Binney has resigned his post at LDC. District Councillor funds are available for any local groups to apply upto £300, CCllr funds of upto £2500 and HS2 funds are still all very active. He said he is looking into setting up a new Parish Forum for all Parish Councils to meet regularly and share information through the Clerks and/or councillors.

 **3. To receive comments on the Local Plan 2040 Regulation 19 Consultation** **–** Cllr Castle said there were no changes from the previous document on planning matters, so he is happy to approve the document. No other comments from the councillors, Charlotte will return a response back via the online portal.

 **4. To review the Councillors use of private email addresses –** The suggestion came from the Parish Councils Association that all councillors do not use private email addresses. The Chairman said he will review the costs of providing each councillor with a new parish council email address, for the next meeting.

 **5. To review the ongoing works on the War Memorial project** –Cllr Castle said the project was going well and on target for completion. He said the Parish Council will need to review later in the year, how the car park is provided back to the public.

 **6. To approve the matters raised by the Employment Committee –** The minutes of the meeting had been distributed to all councillors before the meeting. All councillors agreed to the matters raised and these will come into place from 1st August.

 **7. To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch training –** The Chairman said he had attended the course and has been out with the radar. Cllr Bennett volunteered to join the scheme and Cllr Marshall apologised for missing the last course and is willing to attend the next scheduled course. The Chairman will inform the CSW group.

**8. To review and discuss the S106 monies can be re-spent and remaining consistent with the terms of the S106 agreement –** Samantha said she has achieved a line of communication with Stephen Stray, Spatial Policy & Delivery Manager at LDC, to ask if the S106 document can be reviewed and the funds be used for another project within the Parish. The Chairman asked if a meeting could be arranged with Stephen so the councillors can have an opportunity to discuss further. All councillors agreed that if the monies could not be spent on projects through the Parish Council, then they are happy to return the funds to LDC.

 **Financial Matters**

**9. To approve the cheque payments and bank balance for July 2021 –** Cllr Castle proposed the councillors accept the payments. Cllr Bennett seconded the proposal. All agreed. Cllr Bennett offered to review the bank accounts in reference to the FCS insured quantities.

**Correspondence received.**

**4. HS2 invite to events and webinars -** Cllr Maddocks said he is attending an event in Lichfield on 3rd August, he will return any Parish related information at the next meeting.

**8. Village Day Committee request for bi-annual funds** – The committee have requested a donation of £4000 for the event in 2022. The Parish Council approved the request and agreed to increase the contribution by 20% for future events.

**Dates of the next meetings –**

Thursday 30th September 2021 at 7.00pm

Thursday 28th October 2021 at 7.00pm

Thursday 25th November 2021 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 Maddocks – Chairman

30th September 2021