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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 27th July 2023**

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

**Present:** Councillor T Marshall (Chair) Councillor I Hodgson (Vice Chairman)

Councillor J McGill Councillor N Hawkins

Councillor J Israel Councillor A Kirkbride

Councillor J Yearsley Councillor W Bennett

CCouncillor R Cox

**Parish Clerk:** Samantha LaPlanche

**Matters Arising:**

**1. To receive apologies.**

**2. Public Participation:** Kent, Samantha and Adrian Jones from Armitage Community Speed Watch. Samantha said traffic has increased on New Road this week as 1100 vehicles were recorded in one hour. All data will be sent to the highways Department and offenses sent to Staffordshire Police. Several vehicles have been seen overtaking other vehicles on New Road. The group have designed and sent out a resident survey with over 100 responses so far. The group are asking for ideas on how to alleviate speeding traffic. Suggestions so far are to change the Zebra crossing on New Road to a traffic light pedestrian crossing and chicanes on Lichfield Road. Cllr Marshall said Kings Bromley have the A513 passing through their village and they have had chicanes installed, so can Armitage be considered. CCllr R Cox said that residents in Kings Bromley are still complaining of speeding traffic, even though they have 2 chicanes installed on the A513. He added that 3 other parishes are having speed and noise issues. Adrian said the SCC were not taking the speeding issues seriously within the parish. Cllr Marshall thanked the group for their continued support and for bringing their concerns to the Parish Council meeting.

**3. To receive Declarations of Interest –** None.

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

**5. To consider and agree the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 29th June 2023 –** Cllr Kirkbride proposed the councillors approve the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Yearsley. All agreed. The Chairman duly signed the minutes and were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**6. To receive a presentation by CSW group on their Road Safety Plan-** The majority of this was covered under public participation and a separate meeting of the councillor and group will be arranged later in the year.

**7. To complete the Section 50 licence for permission of private apparatus to be installed on the highway in relation to the installation of the 3x SIDs and poles –** Cllr Marshall suggested the Clerk contact Lisa Hall at the SCC for the information required to complete the form. Clerk to action. Cllr Hodgson said the quote from Amey of £3,000 to install the 3 poles required for the S.I.D. devices, was ridiculous. The Clerk stated that a locally recommended contractor by the SCC was approached but did not want to quote for the works.

**8. To receive reports from District and County Councillors – C**Cllr R Cox said the Climate Action Fund was still open for applications until 22nd December 2023. The SCC have purchased a new “pothole pro” machine which fills in potholes much quicker, has been used for Hood Lane and Tuppenhurst Lane, this month.

**9. To receive an incident report from Staffordshire Police –** PCSO Lisa Anderson has sent a monthly report via email and the Clerk distributed to the councillors.

**10. To discuss the Planning applications received in July –** Application 23/00845/FUH 16 Greenfield Avenue, demolition of conservatory and replacement rear extension, observations are due to the Clerk by 9th August.

**11. Environmental Matters – To consider the publicity promotion for the public bulb planting event** – Samantha said the poster will be displayed in the Village Hall and Parish Council notice board. Advertised on the Village Hall Facebook page and forwarded to other local Facebook sites within the parish. All councillors and local groups will be sent a poster and invited to attend the event. Councillors are asked to put up the poster around their home, if possible.

**12. Office Matters – (i) To review the minutes from the Play Area Committee in July –** The minutes were discussed and the group will progress with receiving quotes for the proposed works. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd August at 6.30pm. **(ii) To review the staff interviews held on 10th July from the Employment Committee** – Cllr Marshall ran through the interviews and announced their chosen applicants for both roles. Start dates will be announced to the councillors once the Clerk receives confirmation. Work contracts have been created and will be given to the staff within their first week.

**13. To review the litter picking duties provided by the District Council –** Cllr Marshall said he felt that the duty was not being completed to a thoroughly, as he had spotted a lot of litter within the open space area. The Clerk produced an email from G Ogden, StreetScene Supervisor at the District Council confirming their attendance in the parish and that he had noted our concerns.

**Financial Matters**

**1. To approve the cheque and bacs payments and the bank balance for July 2023 –** Cllr Hodgson proposed the approval of all payments. Cllr Kirkbride seconded the proposal. All agreed. The documents were duly signed by the Chairman.

**2.** **To approve the Village Hall Committee request for S106 bacs payments for July 2023 –** Cllr Hawkins went through the payments due for payment and said a spreadsheet will be sent to the Clerk for information.

**Correspondence Received**

**7. Resident request to clear ivy from their fence in Warren Croft** – The Clerk confirmed that our contractor has visited the area and cleared the ivy, this week.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm. This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Cllr Thomas Marshall – Chairman

28th September 2023