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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 27th August 2020**

**at the Village Hall, Shropshire Brook Road,**

**Armitage at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Councillor I Hodgson Councillor A Castle

Councillor T Marshall Councillor A Kirkbride

Councillor I Hodgson DCouncillor N Binney

CCouncillor M Tittley

**Apologies:** Councillor A Maddocks

Parish Clerk - Samantha LaPlanche Charlotte La Planche - Administrator

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Participation:**  Power for All representative – a gentleman came to give the Parish Council a small talk on the groups work around the Power Station area of Rugeley, with a representation of 50 members. They have met with ENGIE on several occasions and are active in all the current planning applications for the site. He stated that he did not represent any political party and nor does the other group members.

Rugeley Angling Club – Thanked the Parish Council for all their support and the club was re-opened on 8th June with a good amount of new members. The Parish Council were invited to visit and come fishing at any time.

The Chairman addressed the 2 members of the public, requesting to join as councillors, Mr Bob Bell and Judith Israel. Both members gave a short talk on their interests and their reasons for joining the Parish Council.

Cllr Kirkbride proposed to the co-option of Judith Israel. Cllr Yearsley seconded the proposal.

Cllr Marshall proposed to the co-option of Bob Bell. Cllr Hodgson seconded the proposal.

Both the new councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form provided by the Parish Clerk.

**Declaration of Interest**: None.

**Minutes:** Cllr Marshall proposed the approval of the minutes. Cllr Kirkbride seconded the proposal. Majority vote. The minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 30th July 2020 were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. Police Matters –** Cllr Marshall mentioned the United Reformed Church being used as an industrial cannabis farm and that a gentleman had been arrested for the offence.

**2. To consider reports from District and County Councillors –** Cllr Marshall said all District Council meetings were now on Zoom, as the staff were still working from home. Telephone calls to the officers is difficult, so best practice is to email. Cllr Castle said the Power Station development to completion will be done by 2041.

**3. To consider updates on Hawksyard Community Building** – Cllr Castle said from the documentation provided by LDC, he cannot see where there would be space for a building and the councillors all agreed. Cllr Marshall said he would speak to Craig Jordan, Head of Economic Growth at LDC, for a way forward for the Parish Council.

**4. To consider updates on the War Memorial Restoration project –** The Chairman said we need to consider the 3 quotes received for the work, as they are quite varied in costs. The Chairman proposed MCL Ltd but would like to know the timescales for all tenders. The Clerk will ask the architects for this information. Cllr Castle said we need to remove a deadline date for completion and just concentrate on getting the project moving forward. The architects have submitted the plans to LDC and we are waiting to hear back with any proposals.

**5. To consider Electronic Banking for the Parish Council** – The Clerk produced the forms from the Solicitors. The Chairman and Clerk signed the form and this was witnessed by Cllr Marshall. The Clerk will return the forms, which will be received by LDC Solicitors, Anson’s. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council consider investing in a mapping system or/and Land Registry system, so that the Clerk can access information quicker about land ownership. All councillors agreed to the proposal, which the Clerk will seek costs and come back to the councillors at a future meeting.

**6. To set a date & time for a meeting with HS2 Ltd and Balfour Beatty Vinci –** This will be referred for the September meeting.

**7. To receive updates from Cllr Maddocks on the Old Ford Community Group**

**8. To consider volunteers working on Parish Council land and public liability cover –** All councillors agreed with the document and thanked Charlotte for her quick work on this document.

**9. To consider the War Memorial site receiving a more regular maintenance schedule -**

**Financial Matters**

**10. To approve the cheque payments for the end of August 2020 –** Cllr Maddocks proposed the councillors accept the payments. Cllr Castle seconded the proposal. All agreed. Cllr Maddocks wanted the councillor to be aware that he has signed a cheque payable to himself for the purchase of the subscription for Go Daddy, this was noted, as we only have two signatories for our cheque payments. Cllr Kirkbride said he would be willing to be a cheque signatory. The Clerk will prepare the relevant forms, for the next meeting.

**Correspondence received.**

**Dates of the next meetings –**

Thursday 24th September 2020 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

Thursday 29th October 2020 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

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 Castle – Vice Chairman

24th September 2020