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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 31st October 2019**

**at the Pavilion, Millmoor Avenue, Armitage at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Councillor S Hyden Councillor A Castle

Councillor T Marshall Councillor A Maddocks

Councillor R Cox CCouncillor M Tittley

Councillor A Kirkbride

**Apologies:** Councillor B Rayner Councillor I Hodgson

Parish Clerk - Samantha LaPlanche Administrator – Charlotte La Planche

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**Public Participation:** Adrian Jones said he has setup a Community Speed watch Group with the support of Safer Roads Partnership. The group has 7 members and 3 members are trained to use the gun provided by Staffordshire Police. The Clerk said the Parish Council have another gun available at the office. CCllr Tittley said he will ask the County Council for a radar to be positioned on the New Road in the next few weeks. Cllr Marshall thanked Adrian for his hard work and the Chairman said the Parish Council could advertise for further volunteers once the Parish Council goes live. Adrian said a Facebook page had been setup to encourage support and for information to residents. Adrian asked for the Parish Council support on the scheme and asked if we could order the small 30mph restriction stickers for the wheelie bins. The administrator said she will investigate this and notify Adrian accordingly. Wayne Mortiboys from the Armitage Scout Group asked for permission off the Parish Council to relocate the proposed storage container, from the rear of the Village Hall to their land on Millmoor Avenue.

**Declaration of Interest**: Point 9 on the agenda, Cllr Cox declared an interest as a resident of Yeoman Way.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday the 26th September 2019 were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. Police Matters –** Cllr Marshall said he was concerned over the amount of recent dog thefts reported around the County.

**2. Planning Matters** – Application 19/00753/OUTMEI Rugeley Power Station, CCllr Tittley said the Highways Department have issues of the shared entrance to the site. The Chairman said the developer has confirmed they will be keeping the small railway track and some sports facilities. Cllr Cox said application 19/01341/OUT The Mount, Pike Lane, that the Highways Department had no objections with the access onto the lane.

**3. Highway Matters** – CCllr Tittley said the work required to the pedestrian crossing on the New Road, had been completed. The works to repair the footpath on Armitage Lane, is halfway along completion. The Chairman read out a Traffic Order diversion of roads within Rugeley. Charlotte said the Highway reports had not made any progress this month. The Clerk said the County Council had confirmed ownership of the overgrown land on Greenfield Avenue and will progress with the work required.

**4. District Council land transfers to Parish Council –** The Clerk has been notified by our solicitors that the process is proceeding. The Chairman asked the Clerk to inform them that the Parish Council request the areas be cleared of overgrowth before handover would be accepted.

**5. Request from Armitage Scouts to relocate the storage container –** The councillors all agreed for the Scout Group to approach the Lichfield District Council with this proposal to satisfy the planning department and Section 106 obligations, along with the approval of the Village Hall Committee.

**6. To approve quote for works –** The councillor all approved the quotes and for works to be scheduled as soon as possible.

**7. To approve the new Financial Regulations 2019** – Cllr Cox proposed the councillors adopt the new document. Cllr Marshall seconded the proposal. All agreed.

**8. 64a Uttoxeter Road –** The Chairman read out the letter from the resident about surface water coming off the St Barbara’s play area and onto his driveway. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Severn Trent Water for an investigation into possible leaks from their pump house nearby and to seek information and costs for an independent surveyor to view the area, if Severn Trent Water cannot establish fault.

**9. To review the planning obligations required to the Bowling Green lights –** The Chairman said he will ask a second contractor to quote for the works required and the Clerk will ask Andrews Electrical to quote.

**Financial Matters –** Cllr cox proposed the approval of the report handed out to the councillors by the Clerk. Cllr Castle seconded the approval. All agreed.

**Correspondence received -** No concerns.

**Date of the next meeting -** Thursday 28th November at 7.00pm in the Pavilion.

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairman

Cllr S Hyden

28th November 2019