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

**Parish Council held on Thursday 26th November 2020**

**via Microsoft Teams at 7:00pm.**

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

Councillor T Marshall Councillor A Kirkbride

Councillor J Yearsley Councillor J Israel

DCouncillor N Binney Councillor J McGill

DCouncillor R Cox CCouncillor M Tittley

**Apologies:** Councillor I Hodgson Councillor B Bell

Charlotte La Planche - Administrator

**Parish Clerk** Samantha LaPlanche

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Participation:**  Sam Lee and Adrian Jones gave a short presentation on the work of the Community Speed Watch Team. They have 7 volunteers and hope to be back out in the Parish in December. They state that a recent increase in HGV’s through the village, is due to the new vehicle restriction signs in place in Kings Bromley. They would like the Parish Council and County Council to consider further 30mph restriction signs within the Parish. Sam said she would like the Parish Council to consider the installation of 3 new Speed Watch Area signs to be installed within the Parish. Sam will seek the costs involved in the purchase and installation of the signs and provide to the Parish Council. Cllr Maddocks and Cllr Marshall offered their services for the scheme as a volunteer. CCllr M Tittley said the radar boxes will be put out this month by the Post Office and these will check for volume and speed for a 48 hour period. He stated that Armitage Shanks vehicles do have access to their depot via Rugeley Road and that any vehicles that are tracked not accessing the depot need reporting to the Police. He confirmed that recent reports stated that the traffic travelling down Shropshire Brook Road, were keeping to the speed limit. He stated that humps in the road are not favourable with the Highways Department on “A” roads but mini islands, could be considered. He suggested a pedestrian crossing could be considered on the New Road by the railway bridge, to reduce the speed of the traffic but this would cost £100,000. The Chairman confirmed he has arranged to meet with CCllr Tittley to discuss a village gated effect at all 3 entrances, once this has been viewed as a possibility with the County Council, then it will be discussed further at a Parish Council meeting in the future.

**Declaration of Interest**: None.

**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 29th October 2020 were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

**1. Police Matters –** No report provided for the meeting, officers sent their apologies.

**2. Planning Matters –** Application 20/01236/FUL land adjacent to The Crown, The Green, installation of access gate to the field. The councillors made no objections to the application.

**3. To consider reports from District and County Councillors –** Cllr Tiitley said we are in Tier 3 restrictions and the County Council are suffering financially through increased support needs for the vulnerable and lonely. Cllr Cox said LDC is supporting grants for businesses suffering during COVID-19 restrictions and that the vaccination process is very welcoming. He said litter and fly tipping had increased during the pandemic. Cllr Marshall said the positive covid cases had risen to 300+ for our area and that Track & Trace contact was causing business issues as many workers were needing to isolate for 14 days. Ridware House in Lichfield, suffered a major fire and LDC were short-term housing the effected residents.

**4. To consider dates for meetings in 2021-** The councillors approved the dates.

**5. To consider the Precept budget for 2021.2022 –** All councillors had received the report via email from the Clerk in the previous weeks. The Chairman proposed the councillors consider a 5% increase for this coming period, to cover any slight increased charging costs and no large projects would be considered until 2022. Cllr Castle seconded the proposal. Majority vote for the proposal. The Clerk will complete the forms for LDC and send out the adjusted budget for the councillors.

**6. To review the Risk Assessment for the Parish Council and play areas for 2021 –** The risk assessments have been sent to all the councillors. Cllr Castle offered to review the documents and bring his evaluation comments to the meeting in January, for Parish Council approval. All agreed.

**7. To consider updates on the War Memorial Restoration project –** The architects are preparing the final documents and quotes for works for the planning application submission to the LDC. They have requested a final meeting so the councillors can review and approve the submission documents. The Chairman said he will make arrangements for a Teams meeting and confirm a date for this to be completed in early January.

**8. To consider further road names for the development land adjacent to Hayes Meadow Primary School -** The councillors reviewed the proposed suggestions by the Chairman, all agreed to the proposed names. The Clerk will submit to the LDC.

**9. To consider the update from Play Dale on the broken beam at Millmoor play area –** The councillors agreed to have the work covered under the warranty, the administrator will contact the company and place the order for delivery and installation.

**Financial Matters**

**10. To approve the cheque payments and bank balance for November 2020 –** Cllr Marshall proposed the councillors accept the payments. Cllr Kirkbride seconded the proposal. All agreed. The Chairman said he will view the bank statements online as he has access to the system. All agreed for this to be completed.

**Correspondence received.**

4. Emails from HS2 – The Clerk reminded all councillors to view the proposed online meetings with HS2 for further updates.

**Dates of the next meetings –**

Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm. This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Cllr Maddocks – Chairman

28th January 2020