

Meeting of Kinwarton Parish Council
Alcester Academy, Monday 8th April 2024

MINUTES

Update from District and County Councillors

Email update received from Cllr Thom Holmes.

Present

Cllr Moore

Cllr Loomes

Cllr Barnett

Cllr Rees

Cllr Langdon

Cllr Forman

Cllr Barley

MOP

Mrs. Z Illés-Cody (clerk)

AGENDA

1.Apologies

Cllr Holmes

Cllr Giddings

2.Disclosure of interests

None disclosed.

3.Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes signed as a true record of the meeting held in March 2024. Proposed GF and seconded NL.

4.Ongoing matters

a) The Pastures

-ownership of hedges. No further updates.

-speeding. No further updates.

b) Trees on Captains Hill central reservation. No further update from Cllr Daniell.

Thanks extended to Cllr Barnett for his cutting and mowing in the parish, particularly on the central reservation on Captain's Hill.

c) Private hedges around the parish. Letters to be sent to residents by ZIC.

d) St Mary's Park

- Pathway resurfacing. Pathway has been re-concreted. Thanks received from residents. Councillors very satisfied with the result.
- Mowing has recommenced despite wet conditions.
- Tree in river. Reported to Environment Agency.
- Motorbikes/quad bikes. Ruts flattened out by NL by foot followed by churning by bikes. Decision not to send letter to residents currently.

e) KPC Credit card. Awaiting telephone banking to be completed. ZIC to complete the form.

- f) Parking on central reservation on Captain's Hill. Awaiting update from PD/WCC Highways.
- g) Tree needing cutting near ATC boundary - Warwickshire Rural Housing. Land registry documentation provided by GF and advice from ATC clerk that this land does indeed belong to Warwickshire Rural Housing and they should deal with the tree.
- h) Grit bin – Coughton Fields Lane junction. Awaiting update from PD
- i) Hedge by gravel store on B4089. Dangerous trees still hanging over pavement. ZIC to report again to WCC and copy in PD.
- j) Planter replacement. Mags Payne to organise the ordering of the planter at £300 and KPC to pay for this.
- k) email address change (as advised by WALC).
www.parishcouncilwebsites.co.uk can assist KPC by:
 hosting the website, providing SSL certificate, daily backups, technical support and all email accounts (for clerk and all cllrs). No set up fee or migration cost. All councillors in agreement that switching website to new domain using parish council websites should take place. ZIC to set in motion.
 Website details to be included in next newsletter.
- l) DBS checks. Most councillors have started the process and are taking in their document to the school. Request from school that this process is completed by the next meeting.

5. Planning applications

- **Awaiting further information from SDC: 24/00183/FUL** Proposed change of use of offices (Class E Use) to hotel (Class C1 Use) for the creation of 30no. bedrooms, in addition to various extensions and other associated development.
- Cllr Juned objected, requesting restrictions in the planning to ensure that it would be approved as a hotel and not for any other use.
- Cllr Holmes objected, citing the impact of the removal of the tree line and parking provision.
- The fact that Highways have not objected is a problem for those who do not want this application to be granted.
- Environment agency – query as to whether there is a holding objection. If so and a survey has to take place, the process will be prolonged.
- Awaiting date for Committee meeting from SDC.

6. Financial Matters

a) Invoices:

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| • 1&1 internet (DD) March | £37.32 |
| • HSBC monthly charge (CHG) | £8.00 |
| • ZIC wages March (including pay increase from Feb) | £578 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) March | £416.58 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) March | £28.36 |
| • Limebridge inv 2965 | £925.56 |
| • Krowe Accountants (Vinings) inv 1968 | £202.80 |

- Mower repairs (reimburse WB) £113.56
- Petrol and brooms (reimburse WB) £34.79
- John Clarke - new concreted path at St Mary's £2,600

All payments approved. Proposed KR, seconded GF

b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) End of financial year and invoices, receipts, ledger and VAT claims being sent to accountants for preparation for audit.

7. Correspondence

- Query about hedge on Kinwarton Farm Road (to Cllr Rees)
- Thanks received from Martyn Davey on behalf of Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall for contribution to mowing.

8. A.O.B.

- Lighting maintenance quotation: £2.42 plus VAT per lantern for SOX/MBF/LED lanterns. Councillors in agreement to proceed. ZIC to accept quotation.
- Lawn mower. Broken part has been repaired and agreed by the Chairman.
- One way system on Gerard Rd, proposed by Alcester Academy Head Teacher. Real concern about lack of safety shown by some drivers and school pick-up time. Having had success at the end of term with requesting parents drive along Gerard Road in a one-way system, the Head Teacher is requesting that the Parish Council might support a permanent recommendation that Gerard road be a one-way system. After some discussion, councillors agreed that KPC cannot support a recommendation for a permanent one-way system in Gerard Road as this would have too much of an effect on local residents, but if the school would like to request parents to pick up using a one-way system on a daily basis, this may help the problem and would be acceptable to KPC.
- Blocked drains Captain's Hill. Report to WCC. Current high risk of flooding along B4089 between Alcester and Kinwarton and drains should be cleared to help mitigate this risk. Contact PD.
- Byelaws. Councillors considering introducing byelaws at St Mary's park to assist in dealing with the antisocial behaviour (driving of motorised vehicles in the park, damaging grass and creating noise/danger to other park users). This may be positive step by providing the public with a clear set of 'rules' for park use. However, having consulted WALC, other clerks have reported that they are not particularly helpful for those who do not wish to follow laws and must be enforced by the council, which may be dangerous. Cllrs to consider options. Cllr Moore to ask advice at next WALC meeting about byelaws. Next newsletter to mention that no bikes/go carts permitted in the park.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday May 13th 2024