

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Eldersfield Parish Council held on 3rd March 2020 at Eldersfield Lawn School, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Dr L Reynolds (Chairman), P Chichester (Part-time), Mrs C. Joseph,
Mrs T. Owen.

In Attendance: District Councillor Bronwen Behan

**Members of the
Public:** -

In the absence of Councillor Chichester, Councillor Dr Reynolds took the chair.

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs D Holt.

2. Members' interests

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council (WCC) on 19th February reminding him of the Parish Council's letter of 7th September 2018 and subsequent letters in which he advised that the traffic warning lights outside the School should not flash during school holidays; despite that correspondence, no action has been taken by WCC. WCC had acknowledged his letter on 2nd March.

5. Reports

District Councillor Bronwen Behan advised the meeting that the Chief Executive of Malvern Hills District Council was to retire in the summer, and that a search was currently underway for his replacement.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

In the absence of Councillor Holt, Councillor Owen advised the meeting that the working group had studied the benefits and likely costs of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and recommended to the meeting that the project should be discontinued. The working group was, however, of the view that there was merit in producing a Parish Plan and would revert at the next meeting with more details.

The meeting accepted the recommendations and **RESOLVED that work on producing a Neighbourhood Plan be discontinued.**

8. Broadband

The Chairman advised the meeting that she had been informed by the Chairman of the Broadband Working Party that talks and negotiations were continuing with broadband providers, and that there remained good hopes that a service could be made available for a limited number of properties in the near future.

9. Moorend Road

The Council noted a report that a car had recently run off the road in Moorend Road and had gone into a ditch. It was pleased that there were no reported injuries but was concerned that the accident had taken place. The Council therefore instructed the Clerk to request Worcestershire Highways to consider whether the placing of additional warnings, such as bollards, along the road would reduce the probability of further similar incidents.

10. Lengthsman

The report of the Lengthsman was noted.

11. Authorisation of Disbursements

It was **RESOLVED that the following disbursements be made for goods and services:**

£183.68	J L Gabbott
£12.99	HMRC
£236.00	Jeremy Moore (Lengthsman, £118 Jan; £118 Feb)
£25.47	WCC (hire of hall 3 Mar)

12. Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 5th May 2020 at Eldersfield Lawn School commencing at 7.31 p.m. or immediately after the close of the Annual Parish Meeting, if later.

13. Any other business

The Chairman advised the meeting that the earth retaining wall near the church looked insecure and she recommended that both people and cars should keep a safe distance from it.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

JLG
8.3.20