**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF**

**DRYBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2022**

**AT THE BAND ROOM, DRYBROOK ROAD at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr M Garland (in the Chair), R Moore, C Blake, G Meek and J Print. Also District Councillor J Fraser. The minutes were taken by the Clerk Mrs D Smith.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Bardo – unwell

Cllr Weaver – recovering from operation

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 19 JULY 2022**

It was proposed by Cllr Print, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record and they were duly signed by the Acting Chair.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, NOT ON THE AGENDA**

An update from Cllr Hale is needed regarding the hedging issue at Hillside Road.

Cllr Moore requested another grit bin to be ordered. He will check if Brierley has a grit bin and a list of grit bins in the parish will be requested from Cllr Hale.

Following rumours that the Doctors surgery had now been sold, it was agreed to invite the practice manager to attend the next meeting to provide an update on the situation.

**5.** **REPORTS, including CHAIR**

Cllr Fraser reported on the Forestry Commission update regarding the future of Cannop Ponds. The report advised of the ongoing issues and potentially devastating problems that could occur with any future extreme weather and outlined the available options to prevent and deal with this. A decision on which course of action to take is yet to be made but is likely to cost iro £4-5mn. The next public engagement exercise will be in December and the decision will be made by mid 2023 with a view to work starting in 2024.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None.

**7. PLANNING MATTERS**

 **i) Allowed - 2 applications**

**ii) Disallowed – None**

**iii) New**  - dealt with by the planning committee.

Objections have been made regarding the application for multiple houses in Brierley – recommended only 1 house due to access.

The Springfields Kennels application is still being considered as there have been objections.

The application at Quabbs Lane was passed despite over 30 objections from residents.

The local plan was discussed and the expectation of additional planning extending the Mannings Farm estate.

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**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

It was agreed to make the following payments

i) Payment of accounts: D Smith (Oct salary) - £308.67, Expenses (Sept/Oct), £33.00, J George ( toilet opening Sept/Oct) - £100, N Baker (toilet cleaning Sept/Oct) -£480, Complete Landscape Gardeners (grass cutting Sept/Oct ) – £2,208, Complete Landscape Gardeners (street cleaning Sept/Aug ) - £460, VAT for kiosk - £5, PKF Littlejohn (Audit fee) - £240

It was agreed to allow Cllr Moore to purchase the telephone kiosk once released to the parish council

ii) Agree quote for clearance work – it was agreed to accept the quote from Steve Moore for the clearance work near the recycling area. Cllr Fraser will check if we could have one bin for glass recycling rather than sorting the different coloured glass.

**9. NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Christmas Lights – the committee are aiming for 300 residents to attend and would like £3000 (possibly with an additional £2000) to provide the event which would include stalls, Santa’s grotto, snow machine, choir and band and refreshments. This was proposed by Cllr Print, seconded by Cllr Blake and agreed with one objection. There will be a competition for the school children to win the chance to turn on the lights. There was concern raised that the other areas of the parish should be included and the committee will try and include these areas in the advertising.

A request had also been put forward for providing fish and chips for the Memorial Hall Luncheon Club – it was agreed to make a Christmas donation instead to both Hall Luncheon Clubs. Club 55 also requested a banner and it was agreed to provide this.

Cllr Moore will chase Cllr Hale about the car park light and also for the sign at Nailbridge.

Parking outside the Co op was again discussed and painting “No parking” on the pavement was suggested.

The Clerk confirmed she had met with the street warden about vehicles parked for long periods in the car park and had been advised that nothing can be done as long as they are taxed.

It was noted that there had been drug evidence found by the litter pickers in Hazel Field – the Clerk will report this to the police.

The crown sculpture will be moved to the newly cleared area by the recycling area and it was agreed to ask Steve Moore to produce a scroll with wording to give the sculpture context.

**12. CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15th November.

 Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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