

SMPC – Minutes of meeting 12 January 2017

1. Present

Elizabeth Attwood
Deb Ford
Ann Hill
Ron Hotchkiss
Max Speke

Mick Simpson – West Mercia Police
Matt Picken – Police
Jacqui Fletcher – West Mercia Police

2. Apologies

Sam Young – ill
Mark Taylor
Alan Chatham

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 November were accepted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

5fii) Community Tree Scheme

Elizabeth Attwood had made enquires with Star Housing re the grassed area in front of Brook View. Star Housing own the land but Shropshire Council maintain it. Martin Whiteledd (?) from the housing association had no objections to trees being planted but the parish council would have to plant and maintain them. Ron Hotchkiss would ask the Brook View residents for their views on this.

5. a) None

b) No news from Shropshire councillor

c) Planning

- Vicarage Lane Parking – nothing to report
- Grindle House – appeal has now been changed to a hearing.

d) Finance

- Precept for 2017/18. A 0% increase was agreed in the amount of precept applied for.

e) Village Hall Committee – The Village Hall was sold at auction in December for £44,000. It has been purchased by owners of the adjoining land, Mr & Mrs Dalton.

f) Recreation and Environment

- Shropshire Council's Community Tree Scheme – already discussed

6. Urgent items recently received – None

7. Other correspondence

- Smartwater. There were representatives from West Mercia Police at the meeting who explained their involvement in the Smartwater scheme and how it could be distributed to residents in the parish. An explanation of how the Smartwater marking worked was given. Mick Simpson explained his role in the 'We

Don't Buy Crime' police initiative. There is evidence that this approach is working and burglars are being deterred. If SMPC decide to proceed with the use of Smartwater the police would pay for and organise appropriate signage. There was discussion around planning permission for such signage. This is not usually a problem but it may need to be cleared with Shropshire Council before proceeding. Those present felt that this scheme would be beneficial to the parish and agreed to start the process as soon as possible although the distribution will either have to be done at the weekend or in an evening once the daylight hours are over. It was agreed that SMPC would pay for the Smartwater kits. SMPC will first need to order the appropriate number of Smartwater kits (one for each residential dwelling in the parish). Parish clerk to email/contact Mick Simpson to confirm that this has been done and then to organise a suitable date for the police to distribute the kits. The police will need a base for them to work from and the use of Norton Village Hall was suggested. Stockton and Norton Parish Council have also been in touch with Mick about organising the use of Smartwater in their parish. It may be possible to co-ordinate the distribution of the kits to both parishes, using the village hall as a base. Mick would pursue interest from Stockton and Norton with their chairperson (Gavin Hamilton).

- Garden Party Nominations – None
- Worfield and Rudge PC – letter to Police and Crime Commissioner. No copy available – discuss at next meeting.

8. Any other business

- Information for website – discuss at next meeting.
- Advertising hoarding in the field alongside the traffic island by the filling station. This has been raised before. There is currently an advertisement for golf memberships. Parish clerk was asked make an enforcement enquiry to Shropshire council with regard to advertising hoarding.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 9 March 2017