

WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Monday, 28th January 2019, commencing at 7.50 p.m.

Present:	Councillors	Mrs F M Bond	... Chairman
		A Hinton	... Vice Chairman
		B Bond	
		M Davies	
		D Kinsey	
		J Pike	
		Miss D Tait	
		K Upton	
		R Williams	
		Mrs R Wright	... Clerk

06/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Miss Roberts.

07/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

08/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

97/18 – Councillor Davies reported the County Council had agreed to continue funding the School Crossing Patrols.

09/19 POLICIES

a) Standing Orders

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had drafted a new set of Standing Orders along with associated policies and agreed these would be emailed to Members to review and discuss at the next Committee meeting.

b) Operation London Bridge

The Chairman informed Members this was a policy that should be in place in the event of the death of a senior member of the Royal Family. The Clerk reported she had been contacted by Brian McMillan, Civil Contingencies Officer for South Staffordshire Council, to seek permission for Wombourne Parish Council to host a Book of Condolence on behalf of the District Council which would form part of National Archives. This would mean that in the event of the death of a senior member of the Royal Family, a team of people would be on hand to provide a welfare presence, and everything required to mark the event such as black table cloths, an official photograph and frame and colonial pens would be brought to the Civic Centre and set up as required.

Members agreed for Wombourne to host a Book of Condolence on behalf of the District Council.

10/19 CIVIC RECEPTION

Whilst too late for this year's Civic Reception, Members agreed a core group of organisations should be invited every year and others should be rotated each year given the amount of local community groups highlighted by the Community and District Association recently. Members also agreed that any Councillor or staff member who had left the Parish Council should not be included on the guest list going forward.

11/19 JOAN WILLIAMS CIVIC AWARD 2018

Members agreed the award could be more widely advertised than the usual letter to the local Community Groups, and agreed for advertisements to be put in the noticeboards and on the Parish Council's website.

12/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members **resolved** the following resolution:

That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.