

7/2019/2020 Minutes of meeting of Onecote Parish Council on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 8.00pm at Fields Farmhouse, Onecote.

Present: Cllr S Jagers (Chairman), Cllr R Critchlow, Cllr A Johnson, Cllr C Roden, Cllr J Stone.

Apologies: Cllr B Swindells, Cllr A Weaver.

Also present: Mrs M Seaby (Clerk).

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Proposer: Cllr Stone

Seconder: Cllr Critchlow

All in favour.

Matters arising

1. Moss treatment at Onecote Cemetery. Cllrs Stone and Swindells are to apply treatment at a suitable time.
2. The Clerk reported that she had emailed and phoned SMDC Electoral Services about whether it is acceptable to set up in the Village Hall for the VE 75yrs celebration on 8th May ahead of the Police and Crime Commission election on 7th May. No reply has been received.
3. A quotation of £785 +Vat + fitting charge had been received from Steven Heathcote for the 1st WW plaque. The Clerk was asked to accept the quotation with the proviso that the design is acceptable.
4. The dates for the 2020 Parish Council meetings were distributed.
5. Footpath Onecote 25 update. The bridge which carries the footpath adjacent to Brownlow End is closed, declared unsafe, SCC has six months within which to make the footpath safe.

SCC does not accept responsibility for the retaining wall which protects the stream bank at the side of the footbridge.

In 1961 Onecote Parish Council paid for the repair of the footpath (the extent of which is not clear from the minutes). SCC now suggests that the Parish Council may have responsibility for the retaining wall since it appeared to enter into an agreement to carry out repairs in 1961. The Parish Council does not accept there was an agreement in perpetuity or that it now has a responsibility based on a one off repair carried out in 1961.

6. Update on Onecote first time sewerage system. Severn Trent has commissioned Stantec to conduct a feasibility study which will result in a design and a scheme for construction to be implemented in early 2022. Therefore, those households for which Severn Trent has accepted a Duty of Care under S101a will be deemed to have taken appropriate action to comply with the septic tank regulations which came into effect in January 2015 and which were intended to require compliance by January 2020. That deadline has been replaced by an expectation that homeowners act as soon

as possible. Residents for whom Severn Trent have accepted a Duty of Care are deemed to have followed the Environment Agency's guidance.

Correspondence received

1. The Clerk presented her letter of resignation with effect from March 31st 2020 explaining that family commitments were taking up more of her time and taking her away from Onecote.

Financial Matters

1. Payment of £82 to MRH Services for cemetery mowing.

Proposer: Cllr Jagers

Seconder: Cllr Roden

All in favour.

2. Payment £214.87 to Clerk for work Oct, Nov, Dec 2019.

Proposer: Cllr Jagers

Seconder: Cllr Roden

All in favour.

3. Payment of £53.80 to HMRC as tax on Clerk's salary.

Proposer: Cllr Jagers

Seconder: Cllr Roden

All in favour.

4. The latest bank statement was read.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

