

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2008 in the School Hall at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's. K.R. Watkins – Chair, J. Thompson – Vice Chair, L.T. Brayne, D. Plant, C.F. Smith, S.A. Watkins and J.S. Uppal.

IN ATTENDANCE: CSO Strong , Councillor Bob Groom and two members of the public.

08/1588 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED – to accept apologies previously received from Cllr's. K. Hanmer and M. Hanmer (on holiday) Cllr. D. Pearce (exercise on prescription) and Cllr. H. Smith (no babysitter)

08/1589 PUBLIC SESSION

- a) A resident from Stanmore Drive said that work has commenced on Telford Railfreight and there is a lot of noise from 7.30am to 5.30pm. Cllr. Groom said that he has been assured that landscaping in the area will remain as it is and no trees will be removed.
- b) CSO Strong informed members that he is trying to set up a youth club in our area for ages 6 – 11 in our room. CSO Strong said that he would like a venue that he can use long term and asked if we know what is happening with Trench Community Centre. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that Telford & Wrekin Legal Department are having problems resolving the status of the community centre which is held in Trust. Cllr. Smith pointed out that is very little provision for the young in this area and suggests that the Finance Committee consider CSO Strong's request urgently to see if we can assist with renting or waiving the fees. Cllr. Smith also suggested that the Parish Council should try to ascertain what is happening with Trench Community Centre.
- c) The Chairman, Cllr. K. Watkins congratulated Cllr. Bob Groom on his election as Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Council. Cllr. Groom gave his thanks and said that he appreciates being made welcome at all our meetings.

08/1590 The Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

08/1591 The Minutes of the Planning/Working Committee Meetings held on 13th May 2008 and 27th May 2008 were accepted by the Full Council.

08/1592 CORRESPONDENCE

The following listed correspondence was copied to members:

- a) The NHS Foundation Trust Bulletin – May 2008 was received.
- b) A letter of invitation to the Telford Business Against Crime Group meeting in September was received.
- c) Draft updated Parish Charter was received from Telford & Wrekin Council – comments are required by 28th June.
- d) A letter of thanks for a grant was received from The Samaritans.

- e) A copy of a letter to all residents near to Telford Railfreight Terminal giving an update on the project was received from Telford & Wrekin Council.
- f) A letter of reply from Arriva re. our complaint about drivers failing to stop at the Lamb Corner Bus Stop was received. Cllr. Brayne pointed out that the problem has still not been resolved. It was AGREED to invite the Manager, Steve Elms to our next meeting.
- g) A copy of a letter from Martyn Withnall to Arriva re our complaint to Telford & Wrekin Council that buses on Evening Bus Services No. 33 and 55 are failing to turn up and a copy of Arrivas response were received.
- h) A letter was received from Telford & Wrekin Council outlining the new process for considering allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Correspondence placed on the table

SALC – Training Dates – CiLCA Portfolio Development – 18th June. Recruitment & Selection of Staff – 24th June. Parish Planning – 25th June. Freedom of Information Governance – 1st July. Health & Safety – 14th July.

Mayoral Fund Grant Award Presentation Evening – Thursday 3rd July at Civic Offices 7pm – 9pm. NHS – Development Health & Health Care briefing for staff and stakeholders about the work to develop an overarching Health & Health Care Strategy for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. Telford & Wrekin CVS – Notes from Forum held 7th May. The Playing Field Newsletter. Leaflets & Brochures

08/1593 PAYMENTS TO BE ISSUED

Payments issued outside the meeting to be confirmed

010463	British Telecom	85.68	Phone, Alarm & Internet
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010464	Lockley Security	79.90	Keyholding 17/03 – 11/05
010465	Severn Trent Water	94.90	Rates – Allotments
010466	TF Garden Services	450.00	Churchyard Maint. April
010467	British Gas	227.05	Gas
010468	G.E. Heller	33.88	Stationery
010469	HM Revenue & Customs	711.49	Tax & NI – May
010470	Came & Company	1469.68	Annual Insurance

RESOLVED – that all the above payments be approved.

08/1594 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MAY

A Statements of Accounts for May 08 was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes). **RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for May 08.

08/1595 TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL INSURANCE FOR 2008/09

The Clerk informed members that she has obtained a quote from Came & Company at a cost of £1,547.03, a 15% discount on the renewal with Allianz. The premium could be reduced by a further 5% to £1,469.68 should we wish to enter a three year binding agreement with Norwich Union. The Clerk said that with this policy the Public Liability Indemnity Limit would increase to £10,000,000, Hirers Indemnity is included at £2,000,000 and the limit for Personal Accident cover is increased to £50,000 (capital sum) and £200 (weekly sum). The Policy excess is £250 for each and every claim.

RESOLVED – to accept the quotation from Came & Company, entering into a 3 year binding agreement with Norwich Union at a cost of £1,469.68 for 2008/09.

08/1596 TO CONSIDER A NEW CHAIN OF OFFICE

The Chairman said that the current Chain of Office needs updating, new badges are needed and the ribbon is deteriorating.

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow a member of the public who is an Oakengates Town Councillor to inform us that OTC are considering buying a chain and have found out that TCAT can be approached to do the design work.

It was AGREED that we should obtain quotes for a new Chain of Office. It was suggested that the local school could be approached to help to design a new chain based around the existing centre piece.

08/1597 TO CONSIDER JOINT FUNDING WITH TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL FOR A NEW CANTILEVER BUS SHELTER ON CHURCH ROAD

Cllr. C. F. Smith said that we need to ensure that the shelter is placed at the correct location on the corner of Gordon Road with Church Road. Cllr. Smith said that we also need an agreement from Telford & Wrekin Council that they will maintain the shelter.

Cllr. L.T. Brayne said that he thinks Telford & Wrekin should pay for the shelter as the Finance Committee would not agree to pay for turning the shelter at the Lamb Corner. Cllr. Plant said that if we pay for this shelter then we should pay for the Lamb Corner shelter to be turned.

Cllr. C.F. Smith pointed out that Lamb Corner is a different problem which would be resolved by the Drivers stopping at this compulsory stop and there is no shelter at all on Church Road.

The Clerk informed members that to supply and erect a 2 bay cantilever Commutaport Shelter would cost £1957.00 plus £120 for a HALDO Pillar. Telford & Wrekin Council also asks for a contribution of around £200 to demolish and dispose the old shelter. It was pointed out that at our May meeting Martyn Withnall said that he would pay for taking down the old shelter if we would contribute half the cost of a new one.

RESOLVED by five votes to two – To fund half the price of a 2 bay cantilever Commutaport Shelter and HALDO Pillar at a cost of £1038.50. Cllr. Brayne and Cllr. Plant voted against this resolution.

08/1598 TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF HAVING THE BOLLARDS BETWEEN THE DUKE OF YORK PUB AND THE SHOPPING CENTRE, TRENCH ROAD REINSTALLED.

Cllr. C.F. Smith informed members that the reinstallation of the bollards was not made part of the planning conditions when permission was granted for the shop units. Cllr. Smith said that there are serious problems with cars speeding straight through the car park on to Trench Road. This could be a danger to children walking to school. Cllr. Smith said that the bollards were installed by Punch Taverns after a previous landlord of the pub requested them. It was AGREED to write to the Planning Authority pointing out that they were wrong not to make the reinstallation of the bollards a planning condition. Further AGREED to write to Punch Taverns to request they reinstall the bollards because of the risk of a serious accident.

08/1599 ANY ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a) Cllr. C.F. Smith requested a survey of concrete bins in our area and suggested they should be replaced with the new style bins that have lids and prevent people putting household waste in them.
- b) Cllr. C.F. Smith informed members that Rev. Stafford wants to move the Millennium Garden and suggests that we need to discuss this request at a future meeting.

- c) Cllr. Plant asked what is happening with our funding toward the upkeep of the Methodist Chapel graveyard. Cllr. S.A. Watkins explained that since the Chapel closed there is no actual body that we can legally give money to.
- d) Cllr. K. Watkins said that TWS are leaving green waste after cutting the grassed areas and pointed out that we are expected to recycle our grass cuttings. It was agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting.

08/1600 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th July 2008 in the Meeting Room at 7pm.

08/1601 PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED – that under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press will be excluded for the remaining items of business which are confidential.