



## ***FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 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, K. Hanmer,  
M. Hanmer, D. Plant, C.F. Smith, S.A. Watkins and J.S. Uppal.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Twenty three members of the public.

### **08/1602 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **08/1603 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in any item specified in the agenda.

### **08/1604 TO RECEIVE STEVE ELMS, GENERAL MANAGER OF ARRIVA MIDLANDS**

The Chair read out an email from Mr. Elms received at lunch time today, in which Mr. Elms sends his apologies for not being able to make this meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **08/1605 PUBLIC SESSION**

**RESOLVED** – that in view of the number of public present, the public session will be extended.

The majority of the residents present expressed the following concerns about the bus service in the parish:

- a) The No. 55 bus service is repeatedly failing to turn up and doesn't go to the Princess Royal Hospital any more. Three No. 55 buses turn up going one way and then a three quarterly hour wait for one going the other way.
- b) A resident waited over an hour for the No. 55 which then converted to another service going to Wolverhampton.
- c) A resident had a leaflet printed by Arriva stating that the service is reliable but it hasn't been reliable for the past few weeks.
- d) Cllr. Brayne said that problems with Service No. 481 have still not been resolved and on 25<sup>th</sup> June two out of three buses failed to pull into Lamb Corner.
- e) Cllr. Plant said that in Wellington two No. 55 buses pulled into the station and the drivers admitted that they do not know what they are doing.
- f) One resident had to wait 40 minutes for a No. 55 bus to the Town Centre and 55 minutes for the return journey.
- g) A resident said that she was refused a through ticket for the No. 25 service. She was issued with one going, but the driver refused for the return journey. Cllr. Thompson said that this ticket should have been available.
- h) A resident said that it took her two and a half hours to make a trip to Oakengates and back just to collect her pension.

- i) A lady said that she had to go out very early to ensure getting to an appointment on time. The lady said that she went to the depot to see the manager and he told her it is because of roadworks.
- j) A resident said that her daughter who attends Thomas Telford School has had problems with getting home which is taking up to two and a half hours. The lady said that the 7.20 bus did not turn up at all on one occasion, and some drivers are ignoring pupils waiting and have even waved at them as they have left them at the bus stop.
- k) A resident said that he asked for bus shelters on Church Road twelve months ago and nothing has been done about his request. Cllr. C.F. Smith pointed out that it has been a long battle to get shelters and there are now plans to put one at the end of Malcolm Davies Drive. Cllr. Smith said that there are also plans to install a cantilever walk through shelter near the Infant School. Cllr. Smith pointed out that the shelter at Woodhouse Crescent will not be replaced at the request of the resident whose house the shelter was adjacent to.
- l) A resident complained that there were no Arriva Repls at Telford Bus Station and men in the office there were unable to answer any questions about the service.
- m) A lady relies on catching a bus at 8.05am to get to work and one morning the bus did not turn up until 9.10am, on sending a letter of complaint she received a reply saying they had a problem with drivers and she received a return ticket as compensation.
- n) A resident suggested that a private company such as AT Brown should provide a service.
- o) A resident said that there is no kerb at Wade Road stop and the bus driver will not lower the platform so it is difficult to get off the bus with shopping bags. Cllr. Thompson suggested that the bus stop could be moved to the grassed area of Wade Road.
- p) Cllr. Thompson said that at the Bus User Group meeting in May this year Arriva advised that there was a shortage of drivers and it was difficult to recruit.
- q) Cllr. Uppal suggested that the Manager should be replaced.

**RESOLVED** – To write to Mr. Elms at Arriva informing him of the complaints received tonight, and invite him to an open meeting with the Parish Council and residents. It was agreed to copy the letter to Martyn Withnall at Telford & Wrekin Council. It was agreed to invite representatives from Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council once an open meeting has been arranged.

Cllr. Thompson and Cllr. Anne Watkins agreed to raise this matter at the next Bus User Group meeting.

**08/1606 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**08/1607 Minutes of the Christmas Party Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008.**

As the Christmas Party Committee meeting was inquorate, the two members present made the following recommendations for consideration by the Full Council:

To elect Cllr. J. Thompson as Chair for the forthcoming twelve months.

To book the Sutherland School for 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

To book Wayne Tulsa for the entertainment. Cllr. K. Hanmer advised that the cost this year will be £150.

To invite Lord & Lady Grocott, David & Lesley Wright, Mayor Bob Groom & the Mayoress, PC Walters, CSO's Strong & Harrison, Rev. Matthew & Julie Stafford and the Head of the Sutherland School.

To purchase Asda Vouchers for bingo prizes and boxes of chocolates for gifts.

To seek quotations from Hammonds, Withinshaws & one more caterer.

To purchase drinks to provide our own bar.

To book AT Brown Coaches.

To meet again in September.

**RESOLVED** – To authorise all the above recommendations.

**08/1608 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008** and the recommendations made were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

### **08/1609 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following listed correspondence was copied to members:

- a) SALC - Quality Parish & Town Council Scheme Update. It was AGREED that we will re-apply for Quality Status later on this year.
- b) Invitation to submit Views to Scrutiny Review on sale of council assets from T & W Council. It was AGREED to write to Telford & Wrekin to inform them that we have not been consulted in the past when parcels of land in our area have been sold by them.
- c) Reply from Nick Kitchen re traffic lights at the junction of St. Georges Road.
- d) Request for help from T & W Senior Citizens Forum re dementia services.
- e) NHS Developing Health & Health Care Strategy for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin
- f) A letter was received from Alec Beyer a Governor of St. Luke's Catholic Primary School regarding our intention to resite the School Playing Field as a village green. It was agreed to reply to this letter once we have ascertained ownership of the land and address our letter to the Head of Governors. Cllr. C. F. Smith pointed out that he spoke to Mr. Beyer at our last meeting and Mr. Beyer seemed quite happy with our intentions to have this ground registered to ensure that the area will remain as open land, yet his letter seems to suggest we are trying to have the land closed off. It was AGREED to point out in our letter of reply that we have to consult with our residents before making an application to have the land registered. Further AGREED to offer to meet with the School Governors on site if necessary.

### **Correspondence placed on the table**

SALC – Training Dates – Quality Parish Scheme Briefing – 29<sup>th</sup> July – T & W Council Offices 6pm.

Budgets & Precept Setting – 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Shirehall 6pm.

Next Steps Cllr. Training Programme – 10<sup>th</sup> September, Shirehall

7pm

Please let the Clerk know if you wish to attend any training event.

Telford & Wrekin Council – Insight Magazine and Telford Parks Activities Programme.

Telford & Wrekin Council – Sports Advisory Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> July 08 at TCAT

Shropshire County Primary Care Trust - Information on proposed new GP-led Health Centre Project in Shropshire County.

Information from the Independent Policy Commission on Primary School Organisation in Shropshire.

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine. NALC – Local Council Review Magazine. Leaflets & Brochures.

### **08/1610 PAYMENTS TO BE ISSUED**

#### **Payments issued outside the meeting to be confirmed**

010472	Telford & Wrekin Council	85.00	Planning Fee
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#### **Payments to be issued**

010474	TF Garden Services	900.00	Churchyard Maint. May & June
010475	G.E. Heller	36.05	Stationery
010476	Dudley's Glass	392.02	Replace 4 glass panels
010477	British Telecom	79.70	Phone, Alarm & Internet
010478	Shires Fire & Safety	151.75	Annual Svc. & Extinguisher
010479	Initial Washroom Solutions	156.17	Sanitact & Nappy Units
010480	HM Revenue & Customs	707.17	Tax & NI – July
010481	Y. Taylor	88.68	Petty Cash Imprest
Account			
010482	R.E. Bennett	165.00	Internal Audit 2007/2008

**RESOLVED** – that all the above payments be approved.

**08/1611 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2008**

A Statements of Accounts for June 08 was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes).

**RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for June 08.

**08/1612 ANNUAL AUDIT – YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2008.**

**a) To approve the Statement of Account for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.**

**RESOLVED** – to approve the Statement of Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

**b) To receive and approve the Annual Return for submission to Mazars.**

**RESOLVED** – to approve the Annual Return for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 for submission to Mazars.

**c) To receive and approve the Annual Governance Statement for submission to Mazars.**

**RESOLVED** – to approve the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 for submission to Mazars.

**d) To receive and accept the Internal Auditors Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.**

**RESOLVED** – to accept the Internal Auditors Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

**08/1613 ANY ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- a) Cllr. Brayne said that the footpaths opposite the Lamb Inn and at the rear of Johnstone Close have not been resurfaced yet and no markers have been erected. It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.
- b) Cllr. Brayne said that the hedge at Mafeking Terrace is very overgrown. Cllr. Richard Overton has been out to look at the hedge but nothing has been done to date. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that he will talk to Cllr. Overton about this matter.
- c) It was AGREED to ask Cllr. Overton to attend our meetings as a Telford & Wrekin Councillor as he covers part of Wrockwardine Wood.
- d) It was pointed out that the footpath from Charles Street to Talbot Road is overgrown.

- e) Complaints were received about a tree from the old Vicarage that backs onto Canal Side being very high and a resident of Canal Side fears if it goes over it will fall onto their house. Complaints were also received about boughs sticking out of the fence of the new Rectory.

**08/1614 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Meeting Room at 7pm.

**08/1615 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.**

Signed.....

Date.....

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**Chairman**