



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

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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, H. Smith C.F. Smith, S.A. Watkins and J.S. Uppal.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** CSO G. Strong and ten members of the public.

**08/1633 Apologies for Absence** There were no apologies for absence received.

### **08/1634 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr's. L.T. Brayne, C.F. Smith, H. Smith, K.R. Watkins and S.A. Watkins declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8 on the Agenda, as members of the Trench Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Society and said they would leave the room when this item is discussed.

### **06/1635 a) To receive a presentation from Telford Friends of the Earth regarding an application for an Energy from Waste Centre at Redhill**

Judy Axelbank from Telford Friends of the Earth gave information as to why SITA should not be given permission to build an energy from waste centre. Judy said that the landfill tax is rising to deter authorities from landfill and 80% of this landfill could be recycled. Efforts are being made to recycle but not enough. Judy said that incinerators are very expensive and the proposed incinerator at Redhill would be on a 25 year contract. Waste targets have to be met so the incinerator would be working 24 hours a day 7 days per week and would generate heavy traffic. The Energy from Waste Centre would create few jobs, whereas recycling creates more employment. The incinerator will produce energy but will create more carbon dioxide than a power station. Dioxins would be produced that may cause cancer, lung and kidney diseases and the production of mercury could harm the nervous system

Cllr. Brayne commented that there should be filters to stop emissions. Judy replied that there will be filters but they can't capture the smallest particles. Cllr. Brayne said that personally he cannot see the difference between an incinerator and a foundry that we have been surrounded by for years here. Judy replied that this is true but we did not have the knowledge about harmful emissions years ago that we have today. Any new business would have to be subject to strict regulations. Cllr. Uppal commented that the incinerators should be sited well away from the community as in 20 – 30 years time people could suffer diseases from the emissions. Cllr. Uppal pointed out that there was an incinerator in Stafford Park but this was unsuccessful and said that more recycling bins are needed. Cllr. Thompson pointed out that there are recycling facilities on the car parks at the Coddon Club and at Asda. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that he does not wish to comment on the incinerators as he is on the plans board, but wishes to point out that there are facilities for recycling plastics at most supermarkets. Cllr. Smith said that a lot of our plastic goes to China and returns to us as fleeces.

### **a) To consider comments from members on the planning application from SITA (UK) Ltd**

There were no further comments from members on the planning application from SITA (UK) Ltd.

### **08/1636 Public Session**

- a) A resident said that he sympathises with Friends of the Earth as they have carried out a lot of research and although there is no proof that emissions from incinerators are harmful, there is also no proof that they are not. The resident pointed out that the public are in the middle without knowledge. The resident said that members of the public are going to be made guinea pigs to see the effects and these are the reasons why we should resist a development of this nature.
- b) A resident said that he has seen lorries carrying waste from Shrewsbury and understands that the incinerator will require a lot of waste to keep it running. Judy Axelbank replied that waste may well come out of the area and commercial waste may also be used.
- c) A resident asked if Shropshire County Council owns the Granville site and Cllr. C.F. Smith replied that SCC have a contract to tip there as do Telford & Wrekin Council so there will be lorries coming from out of the area.
- d) A resident said that at the Telford Railfreight site a large block with a tank on has been erected without planning permission being sought. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that he was not aware of this construction and will investigate.
- e) A resident said that he has requested a bus shelter by the White Horse Pub but nothing has been done about it. Cllr. Thompson said that he has met with Telford & Wrekin Council regarding this request but they have not come back to him so he will take this up with the Bus User Group again.
- f) A resident said that there is still no bus stop sign at the end of Pickering Road. Cllr. S.A. Watkins said she will raise this matter with the Bus User Group.
- g) A resident asked if we know where the purple barriers for gas pipe repairs at Richmond Avenue will be going next as there does not seem to be any control at all over them. The resident said that another concrete bollard on Church Road has disappeared. The resident said that in May this year he informed Telford & Wrekin Council that another of the bollards was at a 45° angle but nothing has been done about it, and recently a van driver who didn't see it incurred an £800 bill for his radiator. Cllr. K. Hanmer said that a learner drive almost caused an accident recently by coming straight at her and something needs to be done about Church Road. It was AGREED to invite Dave Hanley to our next meeting to discuss ongoing problems with Church Road.
- h) A resident informed members that cars are speeding at Wade Road/Gibbons Road. Also cars are parking outside the hairdressers on Church Road and the resident suggested double yellow lines.
- i) A resident said that the Bulls Head Pub is serving drinks to underage youths and there is a lot of broken glass from the pub on Friday and Saturday nights. CSO Strong made a note of this complaint.

**08/1637 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**08/1638 The Minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009** and the recommendations made were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

CSO Graham Strong was thanked for his part in running the weekly youth club held at the Parish Council Centre. CSO Strong thanked the Parish Council for their continued support.

**08/1639 The Minutes of the Christmas Party Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008** were received and accepted by the Full Council.

Cllr's. L.T. Brayne, C.F. Smith, H. Smith, K.R. Watkins and S.A. Watkins left the room whilst the following item was discussed.

**08/1640 The Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008** and the recommendations made were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chair of the Allotment Committee.

The Clerk informed members that the tenant of Plot 15 had contacted her to say he is ill and hopes to tend his plot by Christmas. It was agreed to give the tenant until January to tend his plot. It was suggested that we should enquire if the probation office would be able to help the tenant put his plot in order.

#### **08/1641 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was copied to members

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – acknowledgement of Village Green Application.
- b) **Standards Board** – Town & Parish Standard – September 2008.
- c) **SALC Training Sessions:**
  - Chairmanship Modules 1 & 2 at Telford Civic Offices 16<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 – 8.30pm.
  - Employment Issues at Shirehall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 7 – 9pm
  - Next Steps Councillor Training 1 & 2 at Telford Civic Offices 21<sup>st</sup> October 7 – 9pm.
  - Internal Audit at Shirehall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 5.30 – 7.30pm
  - Chairmanship Modules 1 & 2 at Shirehall on 30<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 – 8.30pm
- a) **SALC Annual General Meeting** - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at The Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury
- b) **SALC Legal Topic Notes:**
  - Alternative names and styles for parish councils
  - Community Governance Reviews
  - The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being.
- c) **SALC Wrekin Area Committee** – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 08.
- d) **Telford & Wrekin Partnership** – State of the Borough Conference on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9am – 4pm at the Whitehouse Hotel, Wellington.
- e) **Copy of a letter from Mrs. Bowley** to Telford & Wrekin Council regarding the steps to the Footbridge over Wrockwardine Wood Way. In her letter Mrs. Bowley asks for the steps to be retained. Cllr. C.F. Smith pointed out that it would be very costly to repair the steps and there is a ramp to the footbridge. Cllr. Smith said that closing the steps would take away the anti social behaviour from this area.
- f) **West Mercia Police Authority** – Combined Equality Scheme
- g) **Communities and Local Government** – consultation on the making and enforcement of byelaws – comments by 20<sup>th</sup> November

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

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Sports Advisory Council Agenda for meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

b) **NHS – Developing Health and Health Care Strategy**

c) **Leaflets & Brochures.**

**08/1642 Payments to be Issued**

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

010507	Oakengates Rangers FC	50.00	Grant
010508	Newport VIPA	50.00	Grant
010509	Wrockwardine Wood Infants	1275.75	School Hall Lettings
010512	British Telecom	78.51	Telephone Alarm & Internet

**Payments to be issued**

010513	Telford & Wrekin Council	16,704.70	Street Lighting – 30.06.08 and 30.09.08
010514	Telford & Wrekin Services	582.10	Refuse Collection – Churchyard
010515	Shropshire Gas	119.62	Boiler Service, Landlord Safety Cert. and new thermostat
010516	Lockley Security	79.90	Keyholding 04/08 – 28/09
010517	ADT Fire & Security	369.03	Alarm System Maintenance
010518	GE Heller Ltd	64.73	Stationery
010519	HM Revenue & Customs	643.63	Tax & NI – September
010520	G. Regan	450.00	Churchyard Maint. – September
010521	Y. Taylor	73.15	Petty Cash - Imprest
010522	Y. Taylor	30.00	Reimburse carpet cleaning

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

**08/1643 TO receive and approve Statements of Accounts for September 2008**

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

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

**08/1644 To consider a request from Cllr. A. Williams, Dawley Magna Ward, to support his motion to Telford & Wrekin Council to extend the bus pass timetable from 9.30am to 8.30am.**

Cllr. C.F. Smith pointed out that this item will be considered by Telford & Wrekin Council at their budget meeting. Cllr. Thompson said that he is worried about how Arriva would cope with added passengers as they cannot cope now. Cllr. Anne Watkins said that this item was raised at the last Bus User Group meeting and she was asked to invite the leader of Telford & Wrekin Council to attend a Bus User Group meeting to see if this proposition is viable.

**RESOLVED** - by a majority vote of four to three, not to support this motion. There were three abstentions.

**08/1645 To consider taking part in Keep Britain Tidy's BIG TIDY UP Campaign**

**REOLVED** – to take part in the Big Tidy Up Campaign and to invite the schools in our parish to join us. It was AGREED to target the Cockshutt as one area to be cleared of litter.

**08/1646 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.**

- a) Cllr. L.T. Brayne said he complained at the Town Centre to Arriva about people taking up seats when elderly people are standing on service 481 and also about young people putting their feet on seats. Cllr. Brayne said that he was promised a copy of his comments but has received nothing to date.
- b) Cllr. L.T. Brayne suggested that Telford & Wrekin Council should invest in a machine to collect their grass cuttings for recycling.
- c) Cllr. Brayne said the bus service 481 is going straight down St. Georges Road instead of round to the Lamb Corner and he has informed Trevor Turner.

**08/1647 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in the School Hall at 7pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....