



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 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, D. Plant, H. Smith C.F. Smith and S.A. Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: LPO J. Walter, Borough Councillor Bob Groom and fifteen members of the public.

08/1648 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED – to accept apologies from Cllr's K. Hanmer and M. Hanmer who have flu and Cllr's. D. Pearce and J. S. Uppal who are both on holiday.

08/1649 Declarations of Interest

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

Before the commencement of the public session the Chairman invited LPO John Walters to address the meeting.

PC Walters thanked the Parish Council for providing funding and support towards three successful youth projects held at Minnisota Fats, Oakengates Leisure Centre and the Parish Council Centre. PC Walters gave an update on the current provision and pointed out that the aim of these sessions is to encourage young people to socialise together and take part in various activities. PC Walters said that the fun day held at Oakengates Leisure Centre in August was very successful with over 500 people in attendance. Since starting local policing PC Walters said there has been less youth anti social behaviour issues in our parish and problems seem to be more of an environmental nature such as speeding and parking. During 'Mischief Fortnight' 26th October – 9th November there were fewer reports of nuisance from bonfires and fireworks.

08/1650 Public Session

RESOLVED – that because of the number of public present the public session will be extended.

- a) A resident of Briggs Way said that she would like the Parish Council to note that she has been experiencing problems with the tenant in the flat below her.
- b) A resident said that the alleyway between Courtland Drive and Wombridge Road is constantly littered and is not being regularly cleared so he has to keep phoning Telford & Wrekin Council. The Clerk agreed to report this issue to Andrew Banham.
- c) A resident said that the public litter bins on Wombridge Road are still being used for household rubbish and are constantly overflowing.
- d) A resident of Trench Road said that she has been having problems with drainage resulting in her property being flooded last year and is worried that with the current climate it is likely to happen again. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that together with Cllr. Groom he will talk to Telford & Wrekin Environmental Maintenance Department about this problem.

- e) LPO John Walters informed everyone present that the next PACT Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th November at 7.15pm preceded by a surgery at 6.45pm
- f) A resident said that since work has been carried out on the gas mains, Trench Road is like an assault course. Cllr. C.F. Smith said he will look into this matter.
- g) Cllr. Bob Groom said that an open meeting was held the previous evening at St. Lukes School to consult on plans for an extension to the school including a place for worship and to fence off the field. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that he attended the meeting and has emailed the acting Head of Legal Services and the Director of Education pointing out that this is in fact an application for a church as well as an extension to the school. Cllr. Smith said that the whole project is controversial but most contentious is the proposed fencing off of the field. In his email Cllr. Smith has asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the land and has asked for an urgent response. Cllr. Smith said that he has received an acknowledgement of his email but no other reply as yet. Cllr. Smith pointed out that he sits on the plans board so he will have to declare an interest when this item is at the planning stage and said that he will however be able to speak on behalf of residents. Cllr. Smith said that there are no official plans yet and when we receive them we will call a public meeting.
- h) Cllr. Bob Groom expressed concerns that this application will be listed as an extension to the school and he has demanded they be made to state exactly what the application is with the fencing being a separate application as it would be wrong to link the two. Cllr. Groom said that he will be speaking at the plans board meeting when an application is made and urged the public to attend as well.
- i) A resident said that he is concerned that there are only 25 proposed parking spaces and likely to be 150 cars at Mass on a Sunday. The resident said that he understands there are plans to install a one way system around Pinewood Avenue.
- j) One resident informed the meeting that he believes St. Lukes School has canvassed for more pupils as the numbers are falling and said he can't understand why they need additional facilities. The resident said that he has also heard that the catholic school at Madeley is due to close and suggested their pupils may be transported to St. Lukes.
- k) A resident asked for the Chair's opinion on parking at Pinewood Avenue and Cllr. Watkins replied that on sports day it was a struggle to access the road. The resident expressed concern that an ambulance would not be able to get down the road at peak times.
- l) A resident said that there was an accident two years ago and emergency vehicles had difficulty and took a long time to get down Pinewood Avenue to the injured party.
- m) A resident said that new dog fouling notices are needed on lamp posts at Pinewood Avenue, as a Governor of St. Lukes School informed him that the children do not use the school field because of the amount of dog waste.
- n) A resident replied that there are a dedicated group of people who go round the field twice a day picking up dog litter. They also find needles and half bottles of gin. The lady said that the people at school who say they can't use the field for this reason are not looking properly at the ground.
- o) A resident suggested that instead of an extension to the school a large parking area would be of more benefit.
- p) A resident suggested that Wrockwardine Wood Methodist Chapel could be bought and used as a catholic church.

- q) A resident said that one of the governors at the meeting stated that he is Chair of the Governors and has enough influence on the plans board to get any application through quickly so there is nothing they can do about it. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that this is a serious allegation and he will investigate this matter further. Cllr. Groom also pointed out that this is a serious allegation and asked for it to be minuted. Cllr. Groom asked the resident if he would be prepared to put this allegation in writing to which the resident agreed.
- r) A resident said that if the school extension goes ahead what would happen with the drainage as the natural watercourse was diverted when the school was originally built. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that the resident is correct and this needs to be addressed by the planning committee once an official application is made.
- s) Cllr. Groom pointed out that the school would want to run the extension as a profitable building and would require the premises to be licensed.
- t) A resident asked if Cllr. C.F. Smith had influence on the parking spaces scheme on Church Road? Cllr. Smith answered that he did have the portfolio at the time and the scheme was implemented for local residents and not the school and similar schemes have been carried out on Trench Road, Wade Road and James Nelson Crescent.

It was agreed that a public meeting will be held when we receive the official planning application for the extension to St. Lukes School and we will leaflet local residents to keep them informed of any developments and the date of the open meeting.

08/1651 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

08/1652 The Minutes of the Planning/Working Committee Meeting held on 23rd October were received and accepted by the Full Council. .

08/1653 Correspondence

The following correspondence was copied to members

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Ethical Standards Bulletin – Autumn 2008.
- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Invite to Your Community Matters Event on 1st December at Oakengates Theatre at 3pm with Telford & Wrekin Council, West Mercia Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Primary Care Trust and Wrekin Housing Trust.
- b) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Copy of a letter from Trevor Turner to Mr. Harlow regarding a request for a Kassell Kerb on Church Road.
- c) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Grassroots Newsletter.
- d) **SALC** – Invite to West Midlands Quality Parish Councils Local Leadership 2020 event on 28th November at Government Office West Midlands, Birmingham.
- e) **SALC** – Questionnaire asking for our views on the future of SALC.
- f) **NALC** – Information on the banking crises and Section 137 expenditure limit for 2009/10.

Correspondence placed on the table

Telford & Wrekin Council – Insight Magazine – Autumn 08. **Communities & Local Government** consultation paper – Communities in Control: Real people, real power: Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees – Comments by 24th December. **NALC** – Local Council Review

08/1654 Payments to be Issued

Payments issued outside the meeting to be confirmed

010523	SALC	15.00	AGM Lunch
010526	T & W Council	21.00	TENS licence fee

Payments to be issued

010527	G. Regan	450.00	Churchyard Maint – October
010528	Midland News Association	94.02	Newsletter Delivery
010529	npower	100.19	Electricity
010530	British Telecom	85.78	Phone, Alarm & Internet
100531	Telford & Wrekin Services	30.76	Trade Refuse collection from churchyard increase
010532	Lockley Security	39.95	Keyholding 29/09 – 26/10
010533	GE Heller Ltd	106.07	Stationery
010534	Madeley Print Shop	752.63	Newsletters & website update
010535	Initial Washroom Solutions	125.62	Nappy & Sanitact Units
010536	HM Revenue & Customs	695.55	Tax & NI – October
010537	Severn Trent Water	157.48	Water Rates PC Centre

RESOLVED – that all the above payments be approved.

08/1655 To receive and approve Statements of Accounts for October 2008

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

08/1656 To consider upgrading work required at Stratford Park Play Area – Cllr. C.F. Smith

Cllr. C.F. Smith informed the meeting that he has received a letter from Mr. Carline of Stratford Park concerning the condition of the adjacent play area. Mr. Carline is concerned about wet and boggy surfaces, dog fouling, no fencing and the condition of the play equipment. Mr. Carline asks if the play area could be upgraded with footpaths, fencing and a multi climbing frame and have the benches installed on harder surfaces and drainage in the area. Mr. Carline points out that the football pitch also needs upgrading and there is a section of fencing and hedgerow missing to the busy A518. Cllr. Smith said that he has spoken to John Stevens and together with Cllr. Bob Groom they have met with Telford & Wrekin who are going to be looking at upgrading and installing footpaths. Cllr. Smith said that there are also plans to install a refurbished climbing frame and plans to put fencing around the equipment but not before April 09. Cllr. Smith said that hedging plants could be double planted in the gap in the hedge at a cost of 90p per plant. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council will purchase the hedging plants.

Cllr J. Thompson asked for the access to the play area from near the Shawbirch Pub to be maintained. Cllr. Smith said that this access will be maintained and John Stevens has plans to tidy the area.

08/1657 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.

- a) The Clerk informed members that she has received a telephone call from a lady who is concerned that the far corner of the churchyard, where her parents grave is sited is very waterlogged and asked if we could do anything about this problem. It was pointed out that

this area has always been very bad and is worse at the moment because of the inclement weather and it would be very difficult and costly for us to resolve this problem.

- b) Cllr. L.T. Brayne said he still has not had a copy of the complaint he made to Arriva regarding Service 481.
- c) Cllr. Thompson informed members that Service No. 55 will be changed, the bus will be going up the Eastern Primary past the railway station and it is hoped this will save them some time.
- d) The Clerk informed members that Dave Hanley will attend out next meeting to discuss issues with Church Road.

08/1658 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 in the Meeting Room at 7pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....