



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2009 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, C.F. Smith, H. Smith, S.A. Watkins and J.S. Uppal.

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Careless, Rights of Way Officer - Telford & Wrekin Council, Telford & Wrekin Councillor Bob Groom and 5 members of the public.

09/1677 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED – to accept apologies from Cllr's. D. Pearce and D. Plant who are both ill.

09/1678 Declarations of Interest

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

09/1679 To present a grant to Marie Curie Cancer Care

There was no one present from Marie Curie Cancer Care. It was AGREED to post the cheque for a grant to No Panic.

09/1680 To receive Andrew Careless, Rights of Way Officer, Telford & Wrekin Council

Andrew tabled details of work carried out in the parish over the past few months. Andrew said that four rights of way footpaths in our parish: at Canal Side, Moss Road to St. Georges Road, at the back of Johnstone Close and at the side of the Infant School have been resurfaced at a cost of £35,500. The path near Johnstone Close has had a kissing gate installed that is suitable for wheelchair users. Cllr. Brayne thanked Andrew for work carried out and for providing right of way signs. Cllr. Uppal also thanked Andrew. Cllr. C.F. Smith asked if there is any progress on defining the rights of ways and bridleways across the Cockshutt. Andrew said that they intend to do a circular route and are trying to think of ways to keep motorbikes off the Cockshutt and to keep horses to a specific route, and a Bridleway Creation Order will be published soon. Andrew informed members that they have a new apprentice in the office who is going through the backlog of work left behind when Bob King retired in order to include our rights of way footpaths on the definitive map. The ROW project has been disbanded as a group and Andrew intends to attend more parish council meetings to keep us informed of progress. If there are any specific projects or maintenance requirements in our area Andrew said that they could cost up and match fund them. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that last August he walked Church Road and noted parts of the path is lifting and asked if Andrew could make sure this path is kept free and clear as it is one of our oldest paths and is very well used.

It was AGREED to open the meeting to the public, but as there were no questions from residents, the Chair thanked Andrew for attending and he left the meeting.

09/1681 Public Session

- a) A resident asked if there is any progress on our village green application. The clerk replied that there is no progress to date and said that Telford & Wrekin Council only deal with one application

at a time and there is an application from another parish council that is coming to the end of the consultation stage so we should be next on the list.

- b) A resident thanked the clerk for arranging for the skip to be removed from the One Stop shopping area. The resident said that there is a drainage problem with water coming from the flats above Peppers Restaurant. There is also litter, beer bottles etc in the bus shelter by One Stop so youths must be gathering there. The Clerk pointed out that the skip was removed on the same day that the resident reported it so she could not take the credit for its removal.
- c) A resident said that landscaping work carried out along the railway by TJ Vickers is fantastic but the landscaping stops at the bank and soil is dropping down onto the cycle track which is now overgrown with weeds. Also there used to be a hawthorn hedge outside the green fence. The resident said that she would like to see the landscaping finished. Cllr. CF Smith agreed to contact Graham Fairhurst about this matter as it is the responsibility of Telford & Wrekin Council. Cllr. Smith said that he will also report a litter problem within the green fence at this site. Telford & Wrekin Cllr. Bob Groom said that drains were cleared out from his request and the spoil has been left either side of the path.

09/1682 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

09/1683 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th January 2009 and the recommendations made were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee after an alteration to Minute 09/574 to include a declaration of interest made by Cllr. H. Smith in Item 4b of the Finance Committee Meeting agenda.

09/1684 Parish Council Extension

- a) To consider an extension to provide a storage area at the Parish Council Centre.**

Plans drawn up by Telford & Wrekin Council with estimated costs were tabled. It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for a short time to allow the public to look at the plans.

The meeting recommenced and after members considered the plans and costs it was **RESOLVED** to approve an extension to the meeting room at an estimated cost of £34,850 to provide a large storage room.

- b) To consider applying for a loan sanction to borrow funds from the Public Works Loan Board.**

It was **AGREED** that the precept should not be increased to finance the proposed storage extension and there is not sufficient reserves to cover the cost.

RESOLVED to apply for a loan sanction from the Shropshire Association of Local Councils and if successful to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board for £34,850 and that the intended borrowing term should be over 4.5 but not over 5 years.

09/1685 Precept 2009/10

Suggested figures totalling £106,000 were tabled (Copy attached to office Minutes) and considered by the Full Council.

RESOLVED to set the precept for the financial year 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010 at £106,000.

It was pointed out that this is the third year running that we have not increased the precept.

09/1686 Correspondence

The following correspondence was copied to members

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – To consider an email from Johnathan Rowe regarding the national Playbuilder funding programme. It was AGREED to invite Johnathan Rowe and Dave Ottley to our next meeting to discuss this item further.
- b) **David Wright MP** – To consider a copy of a letter from David Wright MP to Steve Wellings, Chief Executive, Telford & Wrekin Council regarding children’s play provision in Wrockwardine Wood.
- c) **Hammonds Caterers** – To consider an email received from Sally Hammond regarding the Christmas Party on 6th December.
- d) **DEFRA** – To receive information on improving local leadership for flood risk management.
- e) To receive emails of thanks for the Christmas party.

The Clerk informed members that an email had been received that day from George Kinnell offering to attend our next meeting to discuss the Parish Charter. It was AGREED to invite George to the meeting in February.

Correspondence placed on the table

Environment Agency - Information booklets on flooding. St. John Ambulance Service – Training Courses Brochure and booking form. Telford & Wrekin Council for Voluntary Service – notice of AGM on 28th January, Minutes of AGM held 10th November 2007 and Annual Report 2007/2008. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine. NALC - Local Council Review Magazine. ACAS News. Communities & Local Government – Consultation document on Communities in Control: Real people, real power – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – Comments by 12th March 2009. West Mercia Constabulary – document entitled Your Views Count – Your Police Service 2009 and beyond. Christmas Cards from CSO Strong, David & Lesley Wright and Andrew Eade. Leaflets & Brochures

09/1687 Payments to be Issued

Payments issued outside the meeting to be confirmed

010553	NALC	230.00	Quality Status Appl. Fee
010554	St. Johns Ambulance	80.50	Christmas Party Cover
010555	Jones & Gough Electrical	86.25	PAT Testing
010556	Y. Taylor	61.80	Xmas Party Vouchers & Drinks

Payments to be issued

010559	Lockley Security	39.95	Keyholding 27/10 – 23/11
010560	G.E. Heller Ltd	146.08	Stationery & T. Rolls
010561	G. Regan	150.00	Churchyard Maint. – December
100562	Hammonds Catering Services	130.76	Tablecloths
010563	HM Revenue & Customs	693.63	Tax & NI – December
010564	Y. Taylor	91.68	Petty Cash Imprest Account
010565	Y. Taylor	47.50	Reimburse Keep Fit Class

RESOLVED – that all the above payments be approved except for the payment to Hammonds Catering Services and the Clerk was instructed to ask for a reduction on this payment for tablecloths as they had not been ordered by Hammonds for the Christmas Party.

09/1688 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for December 2008

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

09/1689 Quality Status

The Clerk informed members that on Monday 15th December we were successful in attaining reaccreditation to the Quality Parish Council Scheme.

Cllr. Brayne congratulated the Clerk for attaining quality status. The Chair gave his congratulations to everyone for getting this award.

09/1690 Traffic Lights at St. Georges Road/Wrockwardine Wood Way Junction

The Clerk read out a copy of a letter to David Wright MP from Steve Wellings, Telford & Wrekin Council. In the letter Mr. Wellings says that the scheme is likely to cost £450,000 and contributions from a number of developments in the area so far amount to £174,000. Mr. Wellings said that when the remaining Section 106 funding becomes available the scheme will be able to proceed beyond the design stage. Mr. Wellings points out that accident records for this junction indicated there has been one slight injury accident in the last three years and they would not regard this junction as a current priority. Cllr. C.F. Smith expressed surprise that the lights would cost so much and it was agreed to write to Telford & Wrekin Council querying the cost of providing lights on a T junction. The Chair said that at the Parish Forum it was pointed out that funding from Section 106 has to be used within 5 years.

09/1692 To consider the proposed enclosed telephone mast at Holy Trinity Church

The Clerk informed members that Rev. Stafford has informed us that this was only a tentative enquiry and nothing further has been heard. Rev. Stafford also said that the Diocese are taking the view that any contentious applications will not be considered. It was AGREED that we do not need to discuss this item further at the present time.

09/1693 To consider the problem of regular fires at Borgers, Hortonwood

Cllr. Uppal said that Borgers has a history of fires and he would like to know why. Cllr. Uppal said he is concerned that the residential area behind Borgers may suffer the effects of fumes from these fires. It was AGREED to write to Borgers and also to the Fire Authority.

At this point in the agenda Rachel Thomas from Marie Curie Cancer Care came into the meeting.

09/1694 To consider the problem of a damaged wall at Summer Crescent

Cllr. Brayne said that the wall near to Cllr. Plant's house at the far end of Summer Crescent near the garages was damaged by Pink Skips. The soil is slipping over the footpath and the wall is in danger of collapsing. It was AGREED to write to Telford & Wrekin Council as the landowners and request that they look at this problem urgently.

Before the next agenda item it was AGREED that the Chair should present the grant to a Rachel Thomas from Marie Curie Cancer Care. Ms. Thomas thanked the Parish Council for the grant and said that Marie Curie are now also looking after patients with Alzheimer's.

09/1695 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.

- a) Cllr. K. Hanmer said that the litter bin at the end of the alley and the one at the rear of the church have not been emptied since the beginning of December.
- b) The Clerk was instructed to find out why the bus shelters that were promised for Church Road have not been installed yet.
- c) Cllr. Brayne said that he received a phone call from Mrs. Coulbeck of Johnstone Close who is concerned about overgrown shrubs on the corner of the road near her bungalow and asked if they could be controlled or removed. Mrs. Coulbeck also said that Moss Road is dangerous for elderly people crossing the road and asked if crossing signs could be installed.

09/1696 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 in the School Hall at 7pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

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