



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 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, D. Plant, C.F. Smith and S.A. Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Telford & Wrekin Councillor Bob Groom and 2 members of the public.

09/1715 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED – to accept apologies from Cllr's. D. Pearce, H. Smith and J.S. Uppal (illness)

09/1716 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were made in Item 5 – To confirm the Allotment Committee Minutes – by Cllr's. K.R. Watkins, S.A. Watkins, C.F. Smith and L.T. Brayne.

09/1717 Public Session

There were no matters raised by the public.

09/1718 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

09/1719 The Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th February and the recommendations made were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Allotment Committee.

09/1720 Correspondence

- a) Email from Trevor Turner informing us that the bus shelter for outside the Church has been ordered. The base should be completed by 10th March and the shelter will be delivered by Commutaports on 16th March.
- b) Email from Matthew Brookfield in reply to our letter, informing us that he does not have details of the vehicle that hit the wall at Summer Crescent and he is trying to secure funding to have it rebuilt. Matthew also says that the wall is not considered to be dangerous. Cllr. Plant pointed out that two people have informed TWC that it was Pink Skips who damaged the wall.
- c) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – extract of the site data in Appendix 1 to the SHLAA which identifies land available for housing development but does not represent any commitment or intention on the part of T & WC that these sites will be brought forward for development. It simply identifies that the land is being made available for housing development by its owner. It was agreed to find out more information.
- d) Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for consultation – comments are required by 20th May.

- e) Summary of the draft Equality & Diversity Scheme – this document sets out for all employees, partner agencies, voluntary sector and local people, the Council’s plans for promoting Equality and Diversity and for meeting its legal and moral duties.
- f) Letter of thanks for our grant towards the cost of bathroom adaptation from Wellington Cottage Care.
- g) Invite to Hollinswood & Randlay PC Fun Day and entry form to their Produce and Craft Show at Hollinswood Pavilion and Field on 21st June from 11am.
- h) Wrekin Area Committee Minutes of meeting held on 12th February.
- i) An email was received from David Ottley at Telford & Wrekin Council informing members that the play area at Stratford Park has recently been upgraded and under the National Playbuilder Programme it will be further improved in the new financial year with additional footpath links and hard standing within the play area, and fencing and gates. Mr. Ottley informs us that the play area adjacent to Trench Community Centre will also be upgraded. Mr. Ottley also said that the Community Centre lease has been relinquished and the building will be assessed with a view to demolishing if it is proved not fit for purpose. It was AGREED to discuss Trench Community Centre at the next meeting and the Clerk was instructed to place this item on the April agenda.

Correspondence placed on the table

- Telford & Wrekin Council –** Information on ‘First Point Telford’
Ethical Standards Bulletin
Sports Advisory Council – Minutes of last meeting.
- NHS –** Developing Health & Health Care – A strategy for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.
- Telford & Wrekin CVS -** Notes on the Forum held on 28th January.
- SALC –** A proposed Key Structure for SALC- Draft Document.
- Local Council Review Magazine.**
- Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine.**
- Leaflets & Brochures.**
- Invitations:** Wellington Town Council Civic Dinner & Dance – 14th March. Tickets £30 each.
Newport Civic Ball – 28th March. Tickets £32.50 each.
Samaritans AGM – 7th April 7.30pm at King Street, Wellington.
2009 Rural Regeneration Zone Conference 3rd July 10am – 1pm at Ludlow.

09/1721 Payments to be Issued

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010585	Lyreco	48.91	Bin, Wet Floor Sign etc
010586	British Gas	447.47	Gas
010587	MB Property Services	15,950.00	Churchyard Fencing
010588	G.E. Heller	214.72	Ink Cartridges, Paper Towels
010589	Midland News Association	82.43	Newsletter Delivery
010590	Madeley Print Shop	752.25	Newsletters
010591	T & W Council	1038.50	Bus Shelter, Church Road
010592	British Telecom	83.83	Phone, Alarm & Internet
010593	Information Commissioner	35.00	Data Protect Act Membership
010594	Lockley Security	39.10	Keyholding 22/12 – 18/01
010595	HM Revenue & Customs	718.97	Tax & NI – Feb.

RESOLVED – that all the above payments be approved.

09/1722 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for February 2009

A Statements of Accounts for February 09 was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes). **RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for February 09.

09/1723 Village Green Application

Further to the proposal from the Open Meeting held preceding this meeting and with the agreement of the residents present it was **RESOLVED** – to defer the Village Green Application, to allow time for the principal parties to come to an agreement which would be legally binding on all parties.

It was agreed to bring forward Item 16 on the agenda.

09/1724 To consider the problem of Bus Service 481 failing to call in at the Lamb Corner

Cllr. Brayne informed members that there is only one bus every four hours calling at the Lamb Corner. If passengers are sheltering from the rain in the adjacent bus shelter they go straight past. The drivers say passengers need to be on the pad for that particular stop. Cllr. Plant pointed out that he was on the correct stop and a 481 bus went straight past. It was **AGREED** to outline this problem in our comments to the Scrutiny Group in the next item.

09/1725 To consider member views on the bus services in Telford for submission to the Scrutiny Group.

Cllr. Thompson requested that we register recent problems with the No. 55 service running late and to ask for an improvement to the Sunday service from running every 1.5 hours to running hourly or more frequently. Cllr. Thompson said that the No. 481 is an excellent service except for failing to call in at the Lamb Corner. Cllr. Thompson also said that Telford & Wrekin Council subsidise some services and Arriva should cover these costs. Cllr. Brayne said that the service from our area to the Princess Royal Hospital is very poor as people have to catch two buses. It was pointed out that Service No. 33 still has a lot of buses with steps so elderly or disabled passengers have problems accessing the buses. It was pointed out that the service to Telford Railway Station is very limited. It was **RESOLVED** to submit these comments to the Scrutiny Group.

09/1726 To consider a request from Shropshire War Memorials for the purchase of a plaque for Holy Trinity Church in honour of Marine Damian Davies.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a plaque in honour of Marine Damian Davies and the Clerk was instructed to obtain prices for consideration at the next meeting.

09/1727 To consider purchasing Photo ID Cards for members and staff.

RESOLVED – to purchase Photo ID Cards for members and staff at a cost of approximately £5 per card.

09/1728 Litter picking and emptying of bins – Cllr. J. Thompson

Cllr. Thompson informed members that there is a problem with a lot of litter in the area at the moment and questioned if the litter picking service has been cut. Cllr. Thompson said that bins do not seem to be emptied on a regular basis. It was **AGREED** to report this matter to Andrew Banham at Telford & Wrekin Council.

09/1729 Notification of Planning Applications Electronically – Cllr. C.F. Smith

Cllr. Smith expressed concerns about planning applications being notified electronically and questioned how we will be able to look at large plans on a small computer screen. Cllr. Smith said that we need to write to Telford & Wrekin Council to say this will cause difficulty and point out that it takes away some of the democracy from the residents of this parish.

09/1730 To discuss the future of the Millennium Garden - Cllr. C.F. Smith

Cllr. Smith informed members that Rev. Stafford has requested that the British National School Stone that is sited in our Millennium Garden be used for a garden planned jointly between Wrockwardine Wood & St. Luke's Junior Schools. It was agreed that the tidying up of the Millennium Garden should be considered by the Finance Committee and the Planning/Working Committee. Cllr. Smith suggested that we should consider buying some better shrubs for the Garden.

09/1731 To consider the marking of parking spaces outside the Parish Council Centre

The Clerk informed members that she has written to Stuart Freeman requesting a price for marking our allocated four spaces outside the Centre.

09/1732 To consider the purchase of a speaker system for the School Hall

The School have agreed to loan us their speaker system for our monthly meetings. It was AGREED that we do not need to purchase our own system at the moment.

09/1733 To consider the problem of an overgrown hedge at Canal Side – Cllr. D. Plant

Cllr. Plant informed members that children are hiding in this hedge and jumping out on people. Cllr. Plant said that we need to find out who the hedge belongs to. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that the area is unadopted. Cllr. Thompson said that the lighting in this area needs improving.

09/1734 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.

- a) Cllr. K. Hanmer said that grit bins are required on the corners of Richmond Avenue and Wombridge Road.
- b) Cllr. K. Hanmer informed members that there is an increase of stray dogs at weekends.

09/1735 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April 2009 in the Meeting Room at 7pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

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