



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2009 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's. B.J. Thompson – Chair, C.F. Smith – Vice Chair, L.T. Brayne, D. Plant, H. Smith, K. R. Watkins, S.A. Watkins and J.S. Uppal.

IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public.

09/1773 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE .

RESOLVED – To accept apologies from Cllr's K. Hanmer, M. Hanmer and D. Pearce who are on holiday.

09/1774 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

09/1775 PRESENTATION OF GRANTS

The Chair presented grants to Wrockwardine Wood Bowling Club and Mark's Pit Stop. It was agreed to post the grants to Oakengates Youth Summer School who had sent a letter of apology for not attending and to Crucial Crew.

09/1776 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident of Church Road expressed concerns about the junction of Pickering Road and informed members that his wife witnessed a vehicle mounting the footpath when coming out of this junction and a pedestrian had to jump out of its way to avoid being hit.

ACTION – to write to Stuart Freeman to ask him to look at how we can make this junction safe and to point out that this road is used under the safe routes to school scheme and the children from the breakfast club at the Infant School walk this route daily.

09/1777 POLICE SESSION

PC Walters gave an update on the 6-11 club and informed members that it was set up on 16th July 2008 as a pilot and he is satisfied that it continues to be a success. Telford & Wrekin Council Youth Worker Paul Beard is also happy with the way the club is run. PC Walters invited councillors to attend one of the Thursday sessions to see how the club is run. PC Walters said that he needs to look at funding for the club in the future.

PC Walters said that policing issues are not too bad at present. CSO Strong is still being shared with Oakengates and PC Walters said he has received one or two complaints that people are not seeing a CSO on the beat and PC Walters is trying to get CSO Richard Harrison out on the beat more often.

PC Walters said that he has spoken to Theo Langston Care regarding Westview being empty for some time and they are considering housing mature people who have learning difficulties.

Cllr. Thompson said that he is concerned about a recent incident at Donnington where a van driver stopped young people and asked if the police should go into local schools to warn them about this incident. PC Walters said that schools have their own liaison officers and will be well informed about such matters.

09/1778 The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

09/1779 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Ethical Standards Bulletin was received.
- b) **Telford & Wrekin Council** - Notice of adoption of a Footway/Cycleway from Granville Road to Kenwray Drive was received.
- c) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Road Safety Strategy Consultation Document was received – closing date for comments is 14th July 2009.
- d) **Severn Hospice** – Letter of thanks for our grant was received.
- e) **SALC** – Training – 15 June CiLCA Portfolio Development at Shirehall at 7pm. 25th June Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitrations Service at Shirehall at 7pm. 29th June – Parish Planning with Michael Barker at Civic Offices at 7pm. 13th July – Information Governance at Shirehall at 7pm. 20th July – New Councillors at Civic Office at 7pm.

TABLED CORRESPONDENCE

Telford & Wrekin Council – Local Development Framework Central Telford Area Action Plan – Consultation on Publication from 2nd June – 13th July 2009.

Telford & Wrekin CVS – Notes of the Voluntary and Community Forum held 20th May 2009.
 Newsline Newsletter March/April 2009

Leaflets & Brochures.

09/1780 PAYMENTS TO BE ISSUED

Payments to be issued

010625	Npower	198.07	Electricity
010626	Novascape IT Ltd	72.45	ID Cards
010627	Severn Trent Water	58.56	Allotment Water Rates
010628	Severn Trent Water	214.95	PC Centre Water Rates
010629	British Telecom	81.25	Phone, Alarm & Internet
010630	British Gas	197.77	Gas
010631	HMRC	727.90	Tax & NI – May

RESOLVED – that all the above payments be approved.

09/1781 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MAY

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

09/1782 TO CONSIDER MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Cllr. K. Watkins pointed out that this is the wrong time to introduce councillors allowances with current problems with MP expenses and we should shelve this idea until after the next elections. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that we made a decision when this item was first introduced not to claim allowances and the parish council should stick by this decision. Cllr. Brayne said that this area is suffering with large firms such as GKN making redundancies and councillors have not received allowances since they started in 19088 and we should say no to them now.

RESOLVED – that this council will not claim any allowances. Further **RESOLVED** – that this item should not be considered again by this parish council until after the next elections in 2011.

09/1783 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING SEATING IN THE AREA

The Chair, Cllr. Thompson said that he has been approached by a resident of Woodhouse Crescent who would like extra seating in the area. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that he has also had a request for seating outside Stratford Park play area.

ACTION – To request that Telford & Wrekin Council considers putting more seating in our area. Cllr. K. Watkins agreed to consider where seating should go when he attends the next Environmental Visual Audit (EVA).

09/1784 ANNUAL AUDIT – YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009

A copy of the Annual Return was circulated to all members

a) To approve the Annual Return Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED – to approve the Annual Return Statement of accounts for year ending 31st March 2009.

b) To approve the Annual Governance Statement.

RESOLVED – to approve the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31st March 2009.

c) To accept and approve the Internal Auditors Report.

RESOLVED – to accept and approve the Internal Auditors Report for year ending 31st March 2009.

09/1785 UPDATE ON BUS SERVICE 481

Cllr. Brayne informed members that a meeting was held with members of the Parish Council, Arriva and Martyn Withnall and Trevor Turner from Telford & Wrekin Council at the Lamb Corner to discuss the problem of buses failing to pick up passengers. Cllr. Brayne said that while the meeting was taking place a 481 bus failed to stop at Lamb Corner. Cllr. Brayne said that he is very pleased with Martyn Withnall and Trevor Turner who hired an AT Brown Bus to prove that there is no problem with turning into Lamb Corner. Martyn and Trevor have agreed to extend the kerbs from 3' to 9' to allow buses to level up to the kerb easier. Cllr. Brayne said that work on the kerbs should start next week and Trevor Turner will keep us informed. Cllr. Brayne informed members that the 481 still failed to call in to the Lamb Corner last Saturday.

ACTION – to write to Martyn Withnall and Trevor Turner to thank them for their help with resolving this issue.

09/1786 OVERGROWN HEDGE AT JOHNSTONE CLOSE

Cllr. Brayne informed members that in her reply Amy Littler of Wrekin Housing Trust said that she would request 18" to be cut off the hedge to tidy it and this has not been done to date. Cllr. S.A. Watkins pointed out that hedge cutting does not take place before 1st August because of birds nesting.

ACTION – to write to Amy Littler again about this matter.

09/1787 TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR THE SUMMER FUN DAY ON 2ND SEPTEMBER

The Clerk informed members that we have a budget of £1000 for youth activities and should use £500 at most for the youth club leaving a balance of £500. We also have £460 left from the St. Georges Day budget giving a total of £960 that could be used for the Summer Fun Day.

RESOLVED – to allow £960 for activities and expenses for the Summer Fun Day to be held on 2nd September at Oakengates Leisure Centre.

09/1788 TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL DRIVEWAY AT WROCKWARDINE WOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Cllr. C.F. Smith informed members that he has visited the Methodist Church and the driveway is very dark because the trees are so overgrown. Cllr. Smith said that this is not a befitting war memorial for the heroes it commemorates. Cllr. Smith pointed out that the churchyard is also very unkempt.

ACTION – to contact Telford & Wrekin Council to ask if there is anything we can do with this area to brighten it up and to make the Methodist Circuit aware.

ACTION – the Finance Committee will consider spending £500 on the upkeep of the path at their next meeting. It was pointed out that this path will be very bad by the Autumn if nothing is done.

09/1789 TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE TRENCH COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE

The Trench Community Centre site has been tidied up and it was agreed that we need to make certain that this site is retained as a play area.

RESOLVED – to suspend standing orders to allow the public to speak on this matter.

Mr. Spreckley, Chairman of Oakengates Rangers FC said that he was pleased with how the last meeting went where David Ottley was in attendance. Mr. Spreckley asked for the support of the Parish Council in obtaining the lease on the grounds for Oakengates Rangers. Mr. Spreckley also said that he was pleased to hear about the 6 -11 club and he would be willing to help out with this club and also with our fun day on 2nd September.

ACTION – to invite David Ottley and a member of Telford & Wrekin Legal Services to an open meeting with the Parish Council, members of Oakengates Rangers and residents to further discuss the future of the site.

09/1790 ANY ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The Clerk was instructed to write to George Kinnell who leaves Telford & Wrekin Council at the end of the month, to thank him for all the work he has done for parish councils.

09/1791 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – to accept a tabled list of proposed dates for the next twelve months.

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

Signed.....
Chairman

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