



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

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. 7pm at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood

**PRESENT:** Cllr's. Mrs S. Watkins (Chair), L. Brayne, L Madeley, d. Plant, Mrs. S. Reynolds, S. Reynolds, C.F. Smith, H. Smith, B.J. Thompson & K. Watkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 representatives from Countryside Properties, PCSO Sanders, PC Hughes and 14 members of the public.

### **18/3111 Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **18/3112 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor B. Bennett.

### **18/3113 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

No disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

### **18/3114 Public Session**

A group of residents were present from Malcolm Davies Drive to highlight the dangerous parking that is occurring on a daily basis at the Sanctuary Housing site. Residents are being verbally abused by parents dropping off and picking up children from the infant school who are parking outside their bungalows blocking driveways and parking on pavements.

Last week an elderly resident was injured when she slipped off a kerb as she tried to cross between parked cars and an ambulance was unable to get to a bungalow to pick up a patient as the road was blocked with parked cars.

Cllr Shirley Reynolds explained that this is a private road and the police confirmed that they are unable to enforce parking restrictions.

The Clerk reported that she has been speaking to David Churm, Area Housing Manager for Sanctuary Housing, who is aware of the issue and is progressing getting yellow lines around all of Malcolm Davies Drive and putting a parking permit scheme in place for residents. The parking enforcement company would then ticket anyone parking on the private roadway.

A resident from The Bridleway raised an issue of anti-social behaviour on the new housing estate. Police are aware of the issues and will speak to the lady concerned.

### **18/3115 Former Sutherland School site**

Jason and Paul from Countyside developers came to give on update on the development on the former Sutherland School site which is due to begin shortly. The

planning application was approved for 123 houses was approved by Telford & Wrekin Council in 2018. The development will be built on behalf of Sigma Capital Group under their Sigma Simple Life banner, which is privately rented housing for people of all generations. This will not be classed as affordable housing. Councillors were surprised that there will no longer be a mix of private houses for sale as first discussed.

Construction vehicles will be accessing the site between 8am and 6pm daily and parking will be available on site to avoid parking on Gibbons Road. A storage yard and parking facility will be situated on the proposed football field.

Councillors were concerned that with 4 schools in the area, deliveries are avoided at school start and finish times for safety reasons.

Countryside confirmed that the programme of work is as follows: -

1. Take up residue of the old Sutherland School.
2. Cut and fill site to get it level.
3. Groundworkers to put in infrastructure and bell mouth to alleviate parking issues in Gibbons Road.
4. Building will begin furthest away from Trench Tots Nursery, working backwards towards the nursery.
5. Railings will remain for time being to secure site.
6. Telford & Wrekin Council will take responsibility for maintenance of the green space once the development has been completed.
7. The contractors will work with Telford & Wrekin Council to look at traffic calming measures on Gibbons Road.
8. Drainage problems will be addressed by a swale down Gibbons Road which will discharge excess water.
9. Roads, street lighting and footpaths to be adopted by Telford & Wrekin Council.
10. Development due for completion April/May 2021

Countryside were asked if there would be any Section 38 money available for the Community. This has already been agreed to cover off site improvements to the highway. Section 106 monies have already been taken by Telford & Wrekin Council.

Further questions were raised about parking arrangements for the proposed football Pitches. The developers explained that they must provide football pitches as part of the development but this does not include parking spaces.

#### **18/3115 Previous Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **18/3116 Previous Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

#### **18/3117 Update on railings at top of Church Road**

The Clerk reported that she had met with Rebecca Taylor-Barnes from the

Highways Team of Telford & Wrekin Council to look at options for railings at the top of Church Road. Ms. Taylor-Barnes explained that the footway at the proposed new location (opposite the shops) is not wide enough for us to install the railings. It would reduce the width of the footway to just over 1m wide, which is already narrower than the preferred 2m/1.5m absolute minimum. This leaves the option to install as originally offered (around the corner) or to find a new location, which may end up being further down the road (past the shops) and therefore unlikely to have any impact.

Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the Safer Schools Team to ask them to reconsider installing a crossing as previously requested.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor's opted for the railings to continue from the Leisure Centre down to where the yellow lines begin.

### **18/3118 Road names for the proposed development in Gibbons Road**

A discussion took place regarding suitable names for the development on the former Sutherland School site. Suggestions included former Headmasters names or school road. Councillor's agreed that the original suggestions put forward were the most suitable:

- Trinity Close
- Sutherland Fields/Way
- John Hunt Avenue/Road

The Clerk will notify TWC Planning Department of the names suggested.

### **18/3119 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that she has been liaising with Sanctuary Housing regarding issues in Malcolm Davies Drive and had spoken to PCSO's following several incidents which have been very heated. She had met with the Head Teacher and Business Manager of Wrockwardine Wood Primary School along with Councillors Anne Watkins and Charles Smith, to look at a possible resolution to parking issues. The school already put messages on their weekly newsletter to parents as well as the Head Teacher speaking to new parents at the beginning of a new school year asking them to be considerate to residents but are just as frustrated with parking issues and were unable to offer a resolution.

The Clerk met with Rebecca Taylor-Smith from Highways Department last week – see Item 18/3117.

Councillor Charles Smith updated that he had spoken to Dominic Proud at TWC about speeding issues in Furnace Lane and offered the use of the parish Council's SID if TWC were happy to install it in Furnace lane for a few weeks.

### **18/3120 Budget Agreement for 2019/2020**

A copy of the proposed Precept for 2019/20 with a comparison of the previous 2 years was distributed to all Councillors present. Councillor Charles Smith gave an overview of each of the budget headings and explained that the parish council will no longer receive its CTSS from TWC so there is a drop the amount received.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor's accept the proposed Precept, which was then signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

Projects will be financed from the £80k reserves currently held in the current account. This include the refurbishment of the Parish Centre Toilets and baby change facilities and the replacement of 4 meeting room tables which are no longer repairable.

**18/3121 Payments to be issued**

All Councillor's received a list of the expenditure transactions for January/ February 2019 and a list of cheques to be signed.

**RESOLVED** that the expenditure transactions for January/February 2019 totalling £21,124.68 be approved. (Copy of list attached to office minutes).

**18/3122 To receive a Statement of Accounts for December/January 2019**

The Clerk circulated a Statement of Accounts for December/January 2019.

**RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for December – January 2019. (copy attached to office Minutes).

**18/3123 Correspondence**

- Telford & Wrekin Council – Update on local nature reserves
- SALC – Area Committees review
- West Mercia Police – Town & Parish Council survey results
- Royal British Legion – Thank you letter re: grant
- Holy Trinity Church – Thank you letter re: memorial garden
- Telford Samaritans – Thank you letter re: grant
- Telford Crisis Support – Green Friday event 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- Shropshire Islamic Foundation – 'Visit my Mosque Day' invitation

**18/3124 Items of information only**

Councillor Charles Smith asked if the parish council would consider purchasing a litter bin for the Lineton Close/Pickering Road area.

Clerk to put on the agenda for the next Finance Committee meeting.

Councillor Stephen Reynolds reported that work has began on the Old Shawbirch public house.

Councillor Madeley highlighted issues of rubbish being dumped outside 146 Trench Road which remained outside the business premises for over 4 days. Veolia and Environmental Health officers came out to see the rubbish left and took photos, there seemed no urgency to address the issue.

**.18/3125 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting**

Full Council Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm  
Finance Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Meeting finished at 8.40pm**

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....