



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 5th October 2020 at 6pm via Teams.

PRESENT: Cllr's H. Smith (Chair), A. Bennett, F. Doran, L Madeley, Mrs S. Reynolds, S. Reynolds, C. Smith, J. Thompson, Mrs A. Watkins and D. Wright.

20/1071 Welcome

The Chair, Councillor H. Smith opened the meeting.

20/1072 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from G. Singh.

201073 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

20/1074 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2020

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

20/1075 Casual Vacancy

The Members were asked to co-opt on to the Council to fill a casual vacancy. The Chair updated that one of the applicants had withdrawn their application and asked if everyone had read Andy Bennett's resume.

RESOLVED that the Members agreed to co-opt Andy Bennett on to the Council to fill a casual vacancy.

The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Bennett in the next few days to complete his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

20/1076 New Road, Wrockwardine Wood - Carcraft

The Clerk reported that she has received a petition signed by 48 residents in New Road, Wrockwardine Wood opposing the opening of a garage at the former Carcraft site. The new occupant hasn't moved in yet, but already trucks are coming in day and night dropping off vehicles, sometimes as late as 11pm. Cars are also being parked all around the entrance to the site causing a nuisance.

Councillor's Shirley and Stephen Reynolds have been involved with the residents Planning enforcement have carried out a site visit and there are no planning

conditions in place for the site with regards to noise, therefore unfortunately the council cannot impose restrictions on hours of operation for the site.

An Environmental Health Officer visited the site with the Pollution Lead Officer on the 11th September to look at the building as there were concerns regarding damage to the roof and that asbestos may be present. They updated that the roof appeared to be in a reasonable condition with no signs of deterioration and there is nothing further to investigate in relation to the condition of the roof at present. The officers suggested that the council can investigate noise from commercial premises under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, if the noise is unreasonable and causing disturbance. Once the business has opened, any residents being affected by noise can contact Public Protection to investigate.

The Clerk was tasked to write to the representative for the residents in New Road to explain that all avenues have been investigated at present.

20/1077 Awards for All

Councillor Madeley reported that she had spoken to Kay Grice at Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) who suggested that the Parish Council apply for an Awards for All grant to hire instructors to support the use of the new outdoor gym equipment when it is installed. This could include a small community fun day in support of Telford & Wrekin Council 's project to encourage residents to get healthy outdoors. Councillor Wright asked if match funding would be needed. The Clerk was asked to write the bid with the support of Kay Grice.

RESOLVED that the Members agreed to apply for an Awards for All grant to hire instructors for the new outdoor gym equipment and to put on a small community event to launch it.

20/1078 Gibbons Road housing development

Councillor Madeley reported that some work had been carried out to prevent flooding, which has helped but not stopped the waterline between Gibbons Road and Lennox Road, but it will get worse in the winter. Mud on the road is still very bad and there is no evidence of wheel washing taking place. There are up to 8 or 9 lorries queueing each morning before 8am which affects residents coming and going from their properties and people going to the nursery.

Councillor Wright has spoken to Val Hulme at Telford & Wrekin Council to request a schedule of clear definitive work to be completed before the site comes to an end.

Councillor Madeley said that the developers aren't taking responsibility for the trees overhanging the pavement. Councillors Shirley Reynolds and David Wright took action when a tree came down following the recent storms.

Councillor Wright said he would follow up concerns about the sustainable urban drainage which should have been installed when the development began and will ask when the large mound of earth is due to be moved.

20/1079 Snow Warden

The Clerk has received a request from Highways Department to nominate a snow warden for the winter as the list is out of date.

RESOLVED that our Environmental Operative will be asked to act as the Parish Council snow warden if required as part of his environmental duties.

He was contacted by the Clerk and agreed with this request.

20/1080 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the work to Holy Trinity Churchyard to clear the overgrown area at the side of the church has been completed, but large amounts of rubble and spoil from graves has been unearthed and now look unsightly and its not possible to level the ground until its cleared. A quote has been received from ID Verde to complete the rest of the work which would involve using a digger. Once level, ID Verde will sew wildflower seeds in the area which could be strimmed twice a year.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a decision to be taken to accept the quote for the clearing of the churchyard without having to go back to the Finance Committee due to the urgency of the work to be carried out.

20/1082 Quote for Holy Trinity Churchyard.

RESOLVED: That the Members agreed to accept the quote from ID Verde to clear the remaining vegetation in Holy Trinity Churchyard to ID Verde in preparation for the new plots for buried ashes.

Standing Orders reinstated

20/1083 Payment to be issued.

Councillor's each received a list of the expenditure transactions for September 2020 including a list of payments to be made.

RESOLVED that the expenditure transactions for September 2020 totalling £16,475.68 were approved. (Copy of list attached to office minutes).

20/1184 To receive a Statement of Accounts for September/October 2020

The Clerk circulated a Bank reconciliation and bank statement for September/October 2020 prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for September/October 2020 (copy attached to office Minutes).

20/1085 Items of information only

Councillor Watkins reported that she had purchased a thank you card and retirement present for Les and Merle Stirling on behalf of the Council and took it round to their house, they were delighted to receive the gift.

Councillor Thompson asked if the Clerk could purchase additional poppies for the lampposts in Church Road, the former Methodist Chapel in Plough Road and St Luke's Primary School. Councillor Wright asked that we include the traffic lights at the top of Church Road and by Moss Road.

The Clerk was instructed to purchase 20 more poppies for lampposts.

Due to COVID restrictions a short Remembrance Sunday service will take place in the Memorial Garden at Holy Trinity Church with a few dignitaries and a wreath will be laid by the Chair of the Council

Councillor's were asked if they would like to donate food items to the food project at Holy Trinity Church, could they please drop them off at the church and not the Parish Office.

20/1086 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

Full Council Meeting – Monday 2nd November 2020 at 6.00pm

Meeting finished at 6.55pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....