



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

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6pm via Teams.

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

### **20/1110 Welcome**

The Chair, Councillor H. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **20/1111 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received. from Councillor Thompson.

### **201112 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

### **20/1113 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **20/1114 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as a correct record.

### **20/1115 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**RESOLVED** to note the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 as a correct record.

Councillor Shirley Reynolds recommended that if the Planning Committee object to a particular planning application, it should be green carded, and representation should be made by a member of the Parish Council at Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning meeting.

### **20/1116 Breakfast Parcels**

Councillor Charles Smith discussed the Breakfast Parcels for Children project which is organised by Telford & Wrekin Council. Councillor Smith proposed that the Parish Council donate £1000 to the project which will support families who have children that receive free school meals over the holiday period.

**RESOLVED** – that the Members agreed to provide a grant of £1000 to Telford & Wrekin Council to provide breakfast parcels to families with children on free school meals.

### **20/1117 Precept for 2021 – 2022**

The Chair of the Finance Committee discussed the proposals for the 2021 – 2022 Precept as discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Committee recommended that due to the extreme hardship experienced this year by many of our residents due to the Corvid pandemic, it would be prudent to keep the precept the same for the next financial year.

Councillors were unhappy that details of changes to the environmental contract had not been received prior to the meeting and this would have an impact on the precept proposals. Councillor Charles Smith recommended that the Parish Council keep the precept at the same level and that the Environmental Operative continues on a 3 days per week basis. Any shortfall would be dealt with by internal transfer of funds.

**RESOLVED** – that the Members agreed that the precept remain the same for the 2021 – 2022 financial year at £115,992 .

### **20/1118 Review of the Environmental Operative Contract**

Councillor Wright declared an interest in the discussions.

The Clerk was contacted by the Clerk of St Georges and Priorslee Parish Council to discuss options to continue sharing the Environmental Operative for the coming year and to review the enhanced options put forward by Dean Sargeant to buy into the new range of services offered by IDVerde.

The item was deferred to January's meeting as members were unable to make an informed decision without all the facts. The Clerk was asked to invite Dean Sargeant, Director of Neighbourhood and Enforcement Services for Telford & Wrekin Council to the meeting in January 2021 to discuss options available.

### **20/1119 Gibbons Road housing development**

Councillor Madeley reported that the virtual meeting with the development was very positive and they listened to concerns raised, mapping out what need to be done.

The capacity of the drainage system is to be investigated and the road will be reinstated at the end of the development. A temporary repair has been made to the road outside the nursery but there is still a lot of leaves and mud on site.

Councillor Wright said he would assist with getting an agreement on the remedial work and highway work to be completed at the end of the development.

### **20/1120 Clerk's report**

The Clerk reported that speeding remains a problem in the area and requested that the SID is moved to Furnace Lane following complaints from residents. Donnington & Muxton Parish Council were contacted to borrow a SID for the shared area, but their two SIDS are already allocated on a rota basis and unavailable at present. Members agreed that the SID should be moved from Wombridge Road to Furnace Lane and the Clerk will contact ID Verde to facilitate the move.

Questions were raised about progress with tendering for the new play equipment on Trench Community field and the Clerk was asked to invite Derek Owen to the next meeting in January.

**20/1121 Payment to be issued.**

Councillor's received a list of the expenditure transactions for October/November 2020 and a list of payments to be made.

**RESOLVED** that the expenditure transactions for October/November 2020 totalling £23,200.30 were approved. (Copy of list attached to office minutes).

**20/1122 To receive a Statement of Accounts for November 2020**

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

**RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for November 2020 (copy attached to office Minutes).

**20/1123 Items of information only**

To invite the following people to January's meeting:

Derek Owen of Telford & Wrekin Council to discuss the Trench Field play area.

Dean Sergeant of Telford & Wrekin Council to discuss ID Verde contract options.

**20/1124 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting**

**Full Council Meeting** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6.00pm

**Meeting finished at 6.49pm**

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....