



MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 6.30pm .

PRESENT: Cllr's Mrs S. Reynolds (Vice Chair), F. Doran, S. Reynolds, G. Singh, C. Smith, J. Thompson and D. Wright.

4 members of the public present

21/1040 Welcome

The Vice Chair, Councillor Shirley Reynolds chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair Councillor Madeley and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councillor Reynolds reported with great sadness that former Councillor Les Brayne had recently passed away and several Councillors had attended his funeral the day before.

Councillor Brayne served the Parish Council for many years and his dedication and commitment was much appreciated.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Les Brayne.

21/1041 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrew Bennett, Lynda Madeley, Helen Smith and Anne Watkins

21/1042 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Smith declared an interest in item 7 of the agenda, planning application TWC/2021/0590 as he is a Member of the Plans Board at Telford & Wrekin Council.

Councillor Wright declared an interest in the same item as he is the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning at Telford & Wrekin Council.

21/1043 Public session

Councillor Smith left the meeting.

Members of the public raised concerns with planning application TWC/2021/0590, erection of a front porch and a garage block x 4 units at 189-191 Trench Road.

Issues included :-

- Over extension not shown on plans
- 4 x garages already on site
- New garages do not have a height listed, estimated to be 21-22 feet high with pitched roof.
- Culvert on property causes flooding on the Trench Road
- Owner is not occupying property and has various families living there, will it be turned into a HMO?

- Ongoing issues regarding right of way access to neighbouring property. access
- Overdevelopment of plot

The resident asked that Planning Officer Karen Denmark takes a look at the development from the neighbouring property to see full extent of problems.

The Chair thanked the residents for their comments and said that they would be reflected in the Parish Councils recommendations to Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning Department, but at the end of the day the decision will be made by the Plans Board, not the Parish Council.

A resident expressed his frustration at the number of cars once again blocking residential properties in Malcom Davies Drive. Residents are unable to get in and out of their properties at school drop off and pick up times and emergency vehicles would not be able to get through if required.

There is also a problem with broken curb stones which are a health and safety issues and once again the fencing has been damaged.

The Clerk was asked to contact Sanctuary Housing to raise resident's concerns.

21/1044 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2021

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21/1045 Matters arising from the previous minutes

The Clerk updated that she has contacted the Headteacher of Wrockwardine Wood Junior School about anti-social behaviour in the school grounds by youths climbing over the fence and was advised that the tree in question used by the youths to climb over the fence is not a problem and it was a one-off incident. The school caretaker lives in the vicinity of the school and monitors the security of the school.

21/1046 Planning application TWC/2021/0590

Item previously discussed during the public session.

RESOLVED that the Members objected to planning application TWC/2021/0590 on the grounds of overdevelopment of the plot, drainage/flooding issues due to culvert on property, vehicle access, site is unsuitable to run a business in a residential area and ongoing problems with blocking right of way to neighbouring property.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department and request that there is a condition put on the development of the garages so that they cannot be used for residential purposes.

Councillors recommended that the application goes to Telford & Wrekin Councils Plans Board rather than be delegated to one officer, to be green carded.

Councillor Smith re-joined the meeting.

21/1047 Speeding in Wombridge Road

Councillor Shirley Reynolds reported on speeding issues on Wombridge Road and a recent serious road traffic accident, in which fortunately there weren't any fatalities. There are plans to look at speed calming measures, but any plans will have to go to

public consultation first before being put into place.

The Clerk confirmed that the new Speed Indicator Device (SID) has arrived and will be put up shortly in one of the hotspot areas in the parish.

Councillor Shirley Reynolds is working with the Police to set up a community speed watch in the area. She currently has four volunteers and needs a minimum of six volunteers for training to take place. Councillor Thompson and one of the residents present volunteered to take part on a speed watch campaign.

The Clerk was asked to write to Telford & Wrekin Councils Highways Department to request speed calming measures to be put in Wombridge Road and to review the junction at the bottom of Wombridge Road and Furnace Lane.

21/1048 Completion of the housing development in Gibbons Road

Councillor Wright has spoken to Mark Turner of Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning Department and the landscaping of the top of the development is a condition of the development. This will also be followed up by my officers in the Planning Enforcement Team. Traffic calming measures and resurfacing are yet to take place. The area outside Trench Tots Nursery will be totally resurfaced.

A ward walk will take place in August with Ken Clarke.

21/1049 Flooding on Trench Road

Following heavy rain, Trench Road and surrounding properties have been flooded again. Telford and Wrekin Council and Severn Trent Water have been monitoring the situation. Councillor Smith suggested that there is a blockage in the drains which needs addressing.

The Clerk was asked to write to both Telford & Wrekin Council and Severn Trent Water to address the issue.

21/1050 Parking restrictions in New Road, Wrockwardine Wood

A public consultation is under way to review parking in New Road, Wrockwardine Wood and the proposed installation of yellow lines to address ongoing parking issues. The Parish Council had the opportunity to comment on any changes.

Members responded that the yellow lines would be a brilliant improvement, but noted that it will cause some displacement of parking.

Members had no official comment to make on the consultation.

21/1051 Alleyway alongside Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Social Club

Residents are unhappy that there is no street lighting in the alleyway alongside Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Social Club which makes it unsafe to use in the darker evenings.

RESOLVED that the Members agreed for the Parish Council to pay for a new street light to be installed in the alleyway alongside Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Social Club.

The Clerk was asked to contact Telford & Wrekin Councils Street Lighting Department to order a new streetlight.

21/1052 Parking in Lennox Road

The Clerk has received a complaint regarding inconsiderate parking in Lennox Road by a specific individual. The Clerk has asked for further details of the vehicle concerned but had no reply to date.

Members tasked the Clerk to contact the CAT Enforcement Team to take a look and check that all vehicles are parked legally.

21/1053 Christmas lights

Councillor Shirley Reynolds asked that Members consider putting up Christmas lights this year in line with other parish councils. Funds have been allocated for Christmas lights in the budget in previous years, but nothing has been followed up. Councillors Reynolds suggested the Clerk contact other Town and Parish Councils for recommendations.

The Clerk will email quotes to Members for consideration.

21/1054 Community Fun Day

Councillor Doran gave an update on planning for the Community Fun Day and thanked members of the Community Fun Day working party for all their hard work and effort in trying to organise an event, but without the support of the entire council this event won't be able to take place due to health and safety reasons. Members will need to be available for the whole event, not just a couple of hours to be able to support the event. The rise in Covid infection rates is also a factor and whether the parish council should be encouraging the community to get together in large numbers.

Councillor Doran recommends two options for the event to proceed:

- The event should go ahead at a later date in August/September subject to any further changes in the Covid situation.
- The event is cancelled, and a much larger more extravagant event takes place next year in 2022 to celebrate the Queens jubilee.

RESOLVED that Members agreed that the Community Event should be cancelled in August and instead make preparations for a much larger event to take place to celebrate the Queens jubilee in 2022.

21/1055 Clerks Report

The Clerk gave an update on the problem reported at the last meeting by a resident regarding a tree at the back of Wrockwardine Wood Junior School which was used by youths to get into the school grounds. The Head Teacher Tracey Cartwright was contacted and reported that it was a one-off incident and that the tree was not a problem.

Problems with invoicing for the new CAT Team have been sorted and all invoices will come from Telford & Wrekin Council in future instead of ID Verde. A meeting has taken place with Richard Walmsley from Telford & Wrekin Council who is overseeing the enforcement part of the CAT contract and the Clerk has been updated on the procedures for contacting the Enforcement Team and for dealing with downloading CCTV footage. Councillor Shirley Reynolds recommended that the Parish Council sign up to having a Locality Officer next year as part of their CAT project.

The new children's playground has been completed and it's good to see local families enjoying the new facilities.

21/1056 Grant requests

Telford Chin Woo

The Members considered a grant request from Telford Chin Woo for £300 towards the cost of running a free term for 20 students from the area at Teagues Bridge School to access multi sports, dance, Chinese boxing and martial arts

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £200 to Telford Chin Woo to help support local Children to access free activity sessions for a term at Teagues Bridge School.

Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Social Club

A discussion took place around whether the Parish Council could assist Wrockwardine Wood and Trench Social Club by providing a grant towards the repair of their roof. The Clerk was tasked with sending them an application form to complete for the next meeting.

Councillor Wright suggested that the grant process is reviewed to ensure that grants are more accessible to local clubs and teams. There could be small grants of £50 - £100 as well as larger grants available. The scheme should be advertised in the next newsletter and target local groups as well as the larger organisations who have fund raisers that apply annually to all Parish Councils for a grant.

21/1057 Payments to be issued

Councillors received a tabled list of expenditure transactions for June 2021 including a list of payments to be made.

RESOLVED that the expenditure transactions for June 2021 totalling £8,514.67 were approved. (Copy of list attached to office minutes).

21/1058 To receive a Statement of Accounts for June 2021

Councillors received a tabled copy of the bank reconciliation as of 30th June 2021.

RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2021 is accepted as a true record.

21/1059 Items of information only and items for the next agenda

- There will be a prostate screening programme taking place at the Whitehouse Hotel in Wellington in September 2021.

Items for the next agenda are:

- General Power of Competence
- Christmas lights quotes
- Queen's Jubilee in 2022
- Review of the parish councils grants system.

21/1060 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th September 2021 at the Parish Centre

Meeting ended 7.54pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....