



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 11th January 2021 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, J. Thompson, Mrs A. Watkins and D. Wright.

20/1125 Welcome

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Madeley welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of the Chair who was having internet problems and joined the meeting later.

20/1126 Apologies for absence

All Councillors were present.

201127 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

20/1128 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th December 2020

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

Councillor Charles Smith and Councillor Helen Smith joined the meeting.

20/1129 Review of the Environmental Operative Contract

Dean Sargeant, Director of Neighbourhood and Enforcement Services for Telford & Wrekin Council attended the meeting to discuss the Community Action Team proposal which is being rolled out by ID Verde. A copy of the proposal was circulated prior to the meeting.

Packages include additional options which can be tailored to suit individual communities, including enforcement and CCTV. The contract would be for 3 years and Telford & Wrekin Council are offering 50/50 match funding if the contract is agreed by 1st June. The crews would be an operative and an apprentice and would be used to compliment the standard ID Verde contract with Telford & Wrekin Council, including a dedicated footpath team and public realm crew.

Councillor Watkins asked who would be responsible for the cleaning of footpaths? As the path from Stratford Park through Horton Wood to the Trench Island is in urgent need of attention.

Mr Sargeant replied that he would get a super sweeper to clean the area.

Councillors thanked Dean Sargeant for his presentation and asked for time to make a decision and to decide what add-ons they would like to include in the package.

The Clerk recommended that members make a decision whether to continue to share an operative with St. Georges and Priorslee Parish Council .
Councillor Wright declared an interest in the discussion.

RESOLVED that the Members agreed to continue sharing an ID Verde Environmental Operative with St. Georges and Priorslee Parish Council on a 60/40 share basis. Councillor Wright abstained from voting.

Councillors Doran and Thompson left the meeting.

20/1130 Request from Wrockwardine Wood Infant School

The Clerk had received a request from the business manager of Wrockwardine Wood Infant School requesting a contribution towards the cost of replacing the floodlights on the school car park with LED lighting . The work has already been carried out due to health and safety concerns for staff and visitors.

The cost of replacing 8 x LED lights is £2972.50 + vat
The cost of replacing the external timer is £480.00 + vat

Councillor Shirley Reynolds declared an interest in the discussion.

Councillors discussed the request and questioned why the additional work was not included in the cost of the building work and alterations to the car park for the new assessment centre that is being built on site. Councillors pointed out that the Parish Council contribute to street lighting for the parish and have already made donations this year to Telford & Wrekin Councils projects to provide Kindles in schools as well as supporting the breakfast parcels project.

RESOLVED that the members agreed not to provide a grant towards replacing the floodlights on Wrockwardine Wood Primary School car park. Councillor Shirley Reynolds abstained from voting.

20/1131 Trench Community Field

Item deferred to next meeting.

Derek Owen to be invited to February meeting to discuss options for a green gym and quotes for new play equipment on Trench Community Field.

20/1132 Pothole on Gibbons Road

Councillor Madeley updated that having chased Highways Department regarding repairs to a large pothole at the junction of Gibbons Road and Lennox Road, the repair has now been carried out but is shoddy and will only last for a short period. The culvert by the allotments has now been dredged to help with drainage issues.

20/1133 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that she has had further complaints about speeding in the area and was waiting for the SID to be moved to Furnace Lane for four weeks, it will then be moved to Trench Road and then to Gibbons Road. Some of the problems are due to ongoing road works on Trench Road and drivers are using Gibbons Road and Furnace Lane as a cut through to avoid delays.

20/1134 Payment to be issued.

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

RESOLVED that the expenditure transactions for December 2020 totalling £11,120.66 were approved. (Copy of list attached to office minutes).

20/1135 To receive a Statement of Accounts for December 2020

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

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

20/1137 Items of information

Items for February Agenda:

- Derek Owen to be invited to attend the meeting – Trench Community Field
- ID Verde contract
- Gibbons Road

20/1138 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

Full Council Meeting – Monday 1st February 2021 at 6.00pm

Meeting finished at 19.02

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....