



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 1st March 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.

20/1155 Welcome

Councillor Helen Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting following a ten minute delay in starting the meeting due to some councillors having technical difficulties.

20/1156 Apologies for absence

All Councillors were present.

201157 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

20/1158 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February 2021

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20/1159 Public Session

No members of the public in attendance.

20/1160 Climate Change Declaration

Councillor Stephen Reynolds gave an overview of the climate change workshop he attended which was run by Clare Webb, Environmental and Sustainability Officer for Telford and Wrekin Council. The Parish Councillors were asked to sign up to the Climate Change Declaration aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Councillor Bennett volunteered to represent the Parish Council at future climate change meetings along with Councillor Stephen Reynolds.

RESOLVED that the Members agreed for the Chair to sign the Climate Change Declaration on behalf of the Parish Council and will be working towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

.20/1161 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that she has received several complaints about speeding in the area, including Gibbons Road, Furnace Lane, Church Road, Trench Road and Wombridge Road. The Speed Awareness Indicator (SID) is currently located in Furnace Lane and will be moved to Trench Road in the next week.

There have been several incidents of fly tipping last month which were reported to 'My Telford' but this continues to be an ongoing issue.

The Clerk will be meeting virtually with Kay Steele next week to complete an application to obtain a grant to provide support for the new green gym on Trench Fields.

Councillor Shirley Reynolds asked why the money for the green gym was shown in the accounts as miscellaneous expenses and should be earmarked reserves. The Clerk will contact Councillor Reynolds after the meeting for advice transferring Earmarked reserves from the savings account to the current account.

20/1162 Payment to be issued.

There were currently no payments to be made.

20/1163 To receive a Statement of Accounts for February 2021

The Clerk circulated a bank reconciliation and bank statement for February 2021 to all members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for February 2021 (copy attached to office Minutes).

20/1164 Any Items of information only or items for the next agenda

Councillor Madeley updated on the disgraceful state of Gibbons Road/Lennox Road on the old garage site and produced photos of the damage being done by large lorries using the site. Contractors have been using the area as a compound which has become very muddy and contains large ruts due to heavy lorries using the site. The former garage site is owned by Wrekin Housing Trust and the Clerk was asked to write to Telford & Wrekin Council and Wrekin Housing Trust to put pressure on Western Power to have the site cleaned up. Councillor Thompson requested that a dropped curb is installed for use by disabled people and young children.

Councillor Wright gave an update on the Active Level fund which is part of a major consultation on walking/cycling strategy across Telford. There are plans to extend the cycle route on the A518 between Muxton and Newport and other ideas can be put forward should further funding arise. Councillor Wright has asked officers to focus on the Silkin Way, which will include new bike stands, maps and signage to be installed as part of the project.

Councillor Thompson asked that Canalside is included on the next agenda. The area is full of pot holes and is very untidy. The chip shop and laundrette are believed to own the car park and the Gibbons road end is Wrekin Housing Trust land. Clerk was asked to contact Highways Department to see if it could be resurfaced.

20/1165 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

Due to the Easter bank holiday falling on the first Monday of April it was necessary to change the date of the next meeting.

Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 6.00pm

20/1166 Private Session – Exclusion of Press and Public Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 -

To Resolve that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960, the public and press will be temporarily excluded from the meeting and asked to withdraw

20/1167 The Bulls Head public house

Councillor Stephen Reynolds reported that he and the Clerk had viewed the Bulls Head Public House which is up for sale with the Clerk. The purpose of the visit was to look at the possibility of using it as a parish centre in light of issues with the current location at Wrockwardine Wood Infant School. However, there has been a lot of interest in the property and the building was ideal and there is ample parking, the Parish Council are not in a position to register an interest at present.

Councillors discussed various options should alternative properties or land become available. Councillor Stephen Reynolds said that the Parish Council should continue to look for a suitable site for a new parish centre and make sure that they are in a good position to move forward if the right property became available.

20/1168 Recruitment of a Caretaker/Cleaner

The Clerk asked the Councillors to begin the process of recruiting a Caretaker/ Cleaner in preparation for when lockdown rules are lifted and the Parish Centre can open to the public again

Councillor Madeley said she had looked at the government guidelines for steps 2 and 3 and it appears there was some confusion as to when halls could open for mums and toddler groups due to social distancing and keeping households apart and capacity and the rule of 6. Therefore, It looked like it could be May before these activities were allowed.

Councillors felt there was no need to rush into opening the Parish Centre until we are clear about the restrictions of tier 3.

The Clerk was asked to check government guideline as to when toddler groups are allowed to meet up.

The vacancy will be advertised locally and on Telford & Wrekin Councils job page as well as on Indeed once the timescale is agreed by the Planning /Working Committee for recruitment of a Caretaker/Cleaner.

Meeting finished at 19.05

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....