



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor Lynda Baker Oliver

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 28th June 2017** at 7.30p.m. in Waters Upton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs E Thomas (Vice Chairman)
J Griffin
D Smith
B Rothwell
T Revitt

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
7 Members of the public
Cllr S Bentley (TWC)

17/3341 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs E Thomas opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. One minute's silence was kept in memory of Les Brown, who had recently passed away. Les was a Parish Councillor for many years and a Lead Member in the planning and development of the Waters Upton Parish Centre.

PUBLIC SESSION

Councillor Thomas confirmed that she would allow public speaking within the meeting, at the relevant agenda items.

17/3342 APOLOGIES

Councillor L Baker Oliver	Annual Holiday	Accepted
Councillor S Bentley	Ward Member	Attending a TWC meeting

17/3343 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to declare their interests in any matters appearing on the agenda. Should a personal or prejudicial interest be declared, the member should leave the room and take no part in the decision on the subject.

Councillor Mrs E Thomas	Planning
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17/3344 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN MAY 2017

It was proposed by Councillor B Rothwell and seconded by Councillor T Revitt that the Minutes of the May meeting be accepted and agreed as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the May meeting be signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

17/3345 MATTERS ARISING

Land adjacent to St Michael's Church

The Planning Officer had confirmed that the landowner's Agent had agreed to revert back to terraced houses in order to enable the turning area and footpaths. We await amended plans. The Parish Council has called in the application, for determination by the Planning Committee so we await the officer's report with recommendation and the date of the meeting.

Parish Room Croft – fundraising

The total has reached £13,360.00.

There will be bottle raffle in the shop in July and August. The tombola at the Community Action day had raised funds for this project, thanks were extended to Mrs C Bufton and Dawn.

Badgers crossing Kynnersley Moors Road, Crudgington

The work required at this location is a major job as there are many badger routes under the highway. Shropshire Wildlife Trust are investigating the options.

17/3346 FINANCE

a) Payments

Payments, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council were agreed and signed by two Members of the Council.

Payment	Cheque No	Statute	Amount
Street Lighting Contract	302137	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34	£368.50
Insurance	302138	LGA 1972 s 140 and s111	£840.43
Salary April – June	302139	LGA 1972 s 112	£600.00
PAYE	302140	LGA 1972 s 112	£150.00
Roadman, Playareas, churchyard and village hall	302141	LGA 1972 s 135 LGA 1972 s101	£551.00

b) VAT

A total of £1355.00 is to be reclaimed.

c) Internal Audit

Councillor Rothwell had undertaken the annual internal audit on behalf of the Parish Council and confirmed that all sections of the Governance Statement were satisfactory. The VAT for the previous year, as identified by the Internal Audit last year, had been received back into the account. It was confirmed that the Clerk would not be seeking a workplace pension from Waters Upton Parish Council.

d) End Of Year Accounts, Annual Return and Governance Statement

A copy of the Annual Return had been circulated and Members gave consideration to the Explanation of Variances and Earmarked Reserves as required. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Thomas and seconded by Councillor J Griffin that the End of Year Accounts be accepted, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Governance Statement and Annual Return be signed and that all supporting papers be made available to the External Auditor, Mazars.

The Publication Period, for Electors' Rights will be 29th June to 8th August inclusive. This has been advertised.

17/3347 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

The Swan site, River Lane

The Planning Officer had forwarded a copy of the Confirmation of Refusal of the Application to demolish the Swan building and to build an additional five dwellings.

The enforcement is still progressing for the site, in addition to the request for resolution of the drainage issues, which severely affect the Swan Court residents and anyone using River Lane. The developers of the site opposite (JW Day) have also complained as it is seriously affecting their work.

b) New Applications for Consideration

Land at 18 Crudgington Renewal of Planning Consent for a detached dwelling within the boundary of number 18.

Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to enable the public to take part in the discussion.

The landowner was in attendance and confirmed that this application is identical to his existing permission and has been submitted on TWC advice, as the existing approval is due to expire.

RESOLVED to have no objections to the renewal of this application.

Crescent Farm, Waters Upton**Erection of an Agricultural Workers Dwelling**

Councillor E Thomas declared an interest, but did not leave the meeting.

The landowner was in attendance and gave an outline of the development of Crescent Farm. He confirmed that he, and his partner, wish to live on site in order to share the responsibilities of running the business and for security reasons. They have designed the property in a sympathetic style, eco-friendly for their family to grow up in the village. The dwelling will be tied to the farm. There are no plans for an anaerobic digester on the site.

RESOLVED that, taking the commitments of the landowner into consideration, the Parish Council would support the application.

c) Other Planning Matters

The Swan, An Asset of Community Value in Waters Upton

The Clerk reported that the owners had requested a copy of the Minutes of Parish Council meetings, where the Community Asset had been discussed and an Expression of Interest considered.

It had been confirmed that other companies are interested in the purchase and development of the Swan as a Community Asset.

Right of Way – Pinfold Croft to Swan Court

On advice, the Parish Council considered an application for an Amendment to the Definitive Map based on the history of the site and the right of access.

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Rothwell, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council submits and application for an Amendment to the Definitive Map to acknowledge the historical use of the route across the land for in excess of 60 years

17/3348 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received for information – please contact the Clerk if you wish to read any of these documents or if you require additional information.

- a) All correspondence has been shared with Members throughout the period since the last meeting
- b) **River Lane Development**

Mr Higgins has written to the Parish Council, enclosing copies of his complaint to TWC regarding the erection of one of the dwellings on the site adjacent to the cemetery in River Lane. Copies of the TWC correspondence is also available.

Mr Higgins is requesting support, of the Parish Council and local residents, in his request for the house to be demolished. It was agreed that this correspondence should be for the Parish Council's information only and that the Parish Council cannot be involved in any discussions through the complaints procedure with TWC, as the Planning Authority.

- c) **Parish Room Croft – Sponsored Walk**

Kaite Baker and Councillor Griffin were congratulated on their 26 mile sponsored walk to raise funds for Air Ambulance and Parish Room Croft. Some sponsorship money is still to come in, but the total so far is £1150.00.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council and community, thanked them for this amazing achievement.

- d) **Rural Forum**

The Clerk had represented the Parish Council at this meeting which took place in Waters Upton.

Councillors from the West Rural Parishes came together to discuss the renewing of the Grounds and Cleansing Contract which will commence in 2019. There were interesting and useful discussions regarding the needs of the Parishes which the senior officers of TWC will feed into the tender process.

Anyone will views on the frequency of grass cuts or the lack of litter picking etc should forward their ideas to the Clerk.

17/3349 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

The Parish Council looks forward to a Partnership Meeting in the near future in order that the project can move forward to improve the Rights of Way across the Parish.

17/3350 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had sent in a report which confirmed that we had negotiated with BoomsLang that they will create the village green area on the land prior to the completion. With the erection of fencing and other associated works, it is likely that a revised end date will be September 2018. A variation on the contract will be confirmed via our solicitor.

Members confirmed that this was a good decision, in the best interests of the community.

17/3351 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Highways Liaison Meeting
This has been re-scheduled for 27th July 2017 at 9.15am.
- b) Waters Upton to Great Bolas Road
Work has commenced, but the damage caused has been extensive so further work will be required.
- c) Crudgington Street Lights
Western Power Distribution have had to re-wire a section in order that the lights can be repaired. There is no cost to the Parish Council for this work.
- d) Fly Tipping
Anyone with evidence of fly tipping should report it to the police on 101 at the time.
- e) Open Watercourse, Orchard Close

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended in order that residents can explain the current situation.

RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged with officers of TWC and the riparian owners of the ditch in question. The Parish Council will act as a facilitator for the meeting.

17/3352 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Great Bolas

Work to tidy the area around the play area and rear of the Meadows Garages will take place, weather permitting in July / August.

Waters Upton

Additional work is necessary on the raised planters and bark area. There are times when the bin is missed from the schedule for emptying, this has been reported.

17/3353 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

None

17/3354 PARISH MATTERS

a) Community Action Day

Huw Roberts gave details of the Saturday event where representatives of the Police, Fire Service, Banks, Severn Trent Water etc will be in attendance. Refreshments will also be available throughout the day, 10am until 4pm. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

b) Neighbourhood Watch

There were no matters to report, however the use of What's App has proven to be very useful for a number of situations. Local residents are encouraged to sign up to this communication link.

c) Broadband in Meeson

The Clerk will ask for an update for the next meeting.

d) Young Farmer of the Year

Congratulations were extended to Robert Greenow, Crescent Farm, as he has been shortlisted to the last three in the Young Farmer of the Year competition. Every good wish goes with him to the final.

17/3355 NEXT MEETING

26th July 2017 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 26th July 2017.