



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017** at 7.30p.m. in Waters Upton Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: L M Baker Oliver (Chairman)  
Mrs E Thomas  
J Griffin  
B Rothwell  
T Revitt

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

## 17/3356 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Baker Oliver, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

### PUBLIC SESSION

It was reported, for the record, that there is currently no water in Waters Upton Well.

## 17/3357 APOLOGIES

None at the meeting.

Apologies were later received from Councillor D Smith.

## 17/3358 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 – Crescent Farm, Waters Upton

## 17/3359 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JUNE 2017

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

<b>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June meeting be signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.</b>
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## 17/3360 MATTERS ARISING

### Badgers crossing Kynnersley Moors Road, Crudgington

The Parish Council has been advised that a special contractor needs to visit the site and assess the work in order to provide an outline quotation for the work required. It is unlikely that TWC will have funds for such a project, but the Parish Council will investigate this further when a price is known.

### River Lane Development – Rectory Fields

It was confirmed that, at Mr Higgins' request, his notice has been included in the noticeboard at the shop.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council had received the communication from Mr Higgins, which included details of his complaint to Telford & Wrekin Council.

### Broadband for Meeson

It had been confirmed that the 'green box' has been installed in the village. TWC has requested a list of postcodes to be included in order to provide a timescale for the Broadband availability. Anyone interested in

having Superfast Broadband is advised to register on [telford.gov.uk/superfastbroadband](http://telford.gov.uk/superfastbroadband). Councillor Rothwell will deliver a publicity flyer around Meeson village.

#### 17/3361 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
Fire Alarm Service	302142	LGA 1972 s 133	£276.00
Resurface path at St Michael's Church	302143	LGA 1972 s 1 (1)	£522.00
Npower – street lighting	302144	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34	£321.62
Postage	302145	LGA 1972	£6.45
Website	302146	LGA 1972 s144 and s111	£289.08
Councillor's Guides	302147	LGA 1972 s 177	£12.80
Roadman, churchyard, play areas etc	302128	LGA 1972 s122	£461.00

##### b) End Of Year Accounts, Annual Return and Governance Statement

An email had been received from Mazars the External Auditor with one advisory comment which is to write-off two un-presented cheques

A copy of the completed Annual Return, with Auditor's Report, will be publicised on receipt.

#### 17/3362 PLANNING

##### a) Planning Applications Updates

###### The Swan site, River Lane

None.

##### b) New Applications for Consideration

###### TWC/2017/0570 Hayloft, Meeson

Members discussed the application and raised concerns that the building would be close to the neighbours property and no longer 'detached' and therefore sound insulation should be considered. The Parish Council response would include that TWC should take into consideration the views of the neighbours.

An enquiry regarding the Right of Way had previously been passed to TWC.

##### c) Other Planning Matters

###### The Swan - an Asset of Community Value in Waters Upton

Details of any offers had not been received although it was thought that at least two had been forwarded to the owners.

Questions had arisen regarding the process and legal advice had been sought by Councillor Stephen Bentley, who had funded this personally. This had confirmed that TWC remains responsible for ensuring that the legal process is administered.

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would write to Ian Ross, Solicitor, TWC, to confirm that it is aware of their legal the process is carried out in accordance with the law regarding an Asset Of Community Value. responsibility and that the Parish Council will look to TWC to ensure that**

###### Right of Way – Pinfold Croft to Swan Court

The processes for the Land Registry and for the Right of Way Diversion Order are both slow.

#### 17/3363 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) Grounds and Cleansing Contract  
The Clerk had attended the Rural Forum and received information regarding the new contract for 2019. This is an opportunity for the Parish Council to assess its needs and feed them into the tender. There will be an opportunity for PTCs to 'buy in' extra services.

- c) The next litter pick will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> July between 10am and 12 noon from Waters Upton Parish Centre, Coffee will be available when the bags, gloves, hoops and litter picks are collected. TWS will collect the full bags from the Village Hall on Monday.
- d) Information relating to Telford@50 was available at the Parish Charter Monitoring Group meeting and at Wrekin Area Committee.  
Funding will be available for projects and for events. More details will be available in September.

**17/3364 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.

**17/3365 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**17/3366 CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Highways Liaison Meeting  
The next meeting will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> July with Stephen Scanlon. More funding is to be available through the Pride Funding Project.
- b) Open Watercourse, Orchard Close  
Councillor Thomas will chair the meeting between the riparian land owners and officers from TWC. The meeting will take place in the Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- c) Wrekin Area Committee  
The Minutes will be circulated.
- d) Parish Charter Monitoring Group  
The Minutes will be circulated.
- e) Campaign to Protect Rural England  
A Wrekin Branch will be formed but in the meantime information will be shared with interested parties.
- f) Manor Place Garages  
Arrangements have been confirmed to maintain and upgrade the garages at Manor Place.
- g) Disposal of Dead Animals  
It is important that any dead animals, such as badgers or foxes, as well as domestic animals, are reported to the Authority in order that they can be collected and appropriately disposed of.

**17/3367 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE**

**Waters Upton**

Western Power needs to undertake maintenance on the trees to the rear of the site. An agreement has been reached that they will reduce the rear hedge and trees to 2m height and the side hedge in front of Field View Houses to 3m. They will remove all arisings from the site. The Clerk will notify the residents of the work required and a start date.

The additional bark required for the areas under the equipment has been ordered from Nobridge Nursery. We have opted for play grade brown bark.

**17/3368 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

None

**17/3369 PARISH MATTERS**

- a) **Community Action Day**  
Huw Roberts had sent in a report about the day and a Neighbourhood Watch update.
- b) **Horse warning triangles**  
Cllr Revitt enquired if it is possible to have warning 'horses' signs around the Parish. The Clerk will find out the requirements and costs.
- c) **Chalk-type waste**  
The waste that can be seen on some local fields will be used as a fertiliser in the early Autumn.

**17/3370 NEXT MEETING**

27<sup>th</sup> September 2017    7.30pm    Full Council    Waters Upton Village Hall

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.**

Signed .....Date .....

*These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.*