



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 13th December 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)
5 Members of the public

17/3422 WELCOME

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Support was confirmed for the pressure being put on the police and TWC for safety measures on the A442 by the Parish Council and Councillor S Bentley. It is disappointing that the school has felt it necessary to cease the walking bus.

Additional notices should be requested to ensure that HGVs in particular realise that they will not be able to get through the village when the road is closed in January, nor is there anywhere for them to be able to safely turn around.

The sign at the end of Catsbitch Lane on the B5062 has been reported and is in need of replacement. Enquiries will be made regarding the current position relating to the house being built in the Quarry.

17/3423 APOLOGIES

None

ABSENT

Councillor D Smith – apologies received after the meeting.

17/3424 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17/3425 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2017

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

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

17/3426 MATTERS ARISING

None

17/3427 FINANCE

- a) **Payments**
None

b) Initial Budget Considerations

No proposed projects had been received.

The Clerk confirmed that the Council has worked within its budget throughout the year.

A draft budget will be circulated for decision in January 2018.

c) Public Works Loan Board

It was interesting to note that the loan, which funded the Parish Council contribution to the Parish Centre, has an outstanding balance of £10,920.17 at the end of December 2017. The fixed interest rate is 4.875%.

17/3428 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

Land adjacent to St Michael's Church

A meeting is scheduled to take place on 18th December with the Developer and TWC to discuss the outstanding issues.

The Parish Council will enter into a Deed Agreement with the landowner (Days New Homes Limited) to protect the Parish Council from future expenditure on the highway and related matters.

TWC/2017/0406 rear of Cedar Lodge – amended plans

The amended plans do not address the issues previously included in the Parish Council objection. The site is not an infill site and there is no access to it at the time of the determination.

The proposed is contrary to the TW Local Plan, the NPPF and more importantly, the WU Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council is not aware of the identified 'need' that has been included in the application and there has been no consultation on the right of way diversion that will be necessary.

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council continues to object to the proposed 8 dwellings and encourages local residents to put forward their individual views on the telford.gov.uk website. A meeting with the Planning Officer, for this application, will also be arranged. In the meantime, the Clerk will complete the application form for the call-in process to be activated if the officer is minded to approve the proposals.

b) New Applications for Consideration

None

c) Other Planning Matters

Fund raising for Parish Room Croft

The Chairman announced that the total to date is £15400.

Enforcement Enquiries

The Enforcement Officer had confirmed that, where necessary, a warrant will be obtained for him to gain access to sites where investigations are necessary.

17/3429 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) External Auditor Appointment

The Clerk confirmed that PKF Littlejohn LLP from Canary Wharf in London have been appointed and the fee will be £200 per annum.

17/3430 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

A meeting for all the partners will be arranged in the New Year.

17/3431 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman confirmed the meetings that she had attended in order to represent the Parish Council.

17/3432 CLERK'S REPORT

a) The Clerk and Councillor Bentley, as Ward Member, had welcomed the students from Harper Adams University, as part of their studies, to investigate planning sites, approval and refusals in the village. The Clerk wished it to be recorded that the visit took place on 5th December and although there were over 30 students in the village between 1.30 and 4.30pm, it was not because they all intend to find accommodation within the village.

- b) It has been necessary to report dog waste and litter bins, that have not been emptied in accordance with the agreed timetable.
- c) Thanks were extended to Huw, and his assistant, Derek , for applying grit and salt to keep the footpaths safer. This had been much appreciated by many local residents.

17/3433 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Crudgington

TWC will replace the two swing seats and repaint the equipment in Spring 2018.

17/3434 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that Councillor Bentley had been putting additional pressure on TWC to ensure that the work to make the A442 safer near Crudgington School gets completed as soon as possible.

17/3435 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Smartwater event
This will take place in the Village Hall on 27th February 2018 at 7pm. There will be a demonstration and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance from the local community and that Waters Upton can become a 'We don't buy crime' community. Mick Simpson the project manager will attend to answer questions.
- b) Grit Bins
An assessment of the grit bins in the Parish will be undertaken. A bin is required at Bolas Bridge.
- c) Parish Facebook
Councillor Thomas offered to manage Parish Facebook page in order to engage the community for them to find out what is going on in and around the area.
A site, used some time ago, may now be redundant. Emma will investigate and report back to the next meeting.

17/3436 NEXT MEETING

24th January 2018 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm. Councillor Baker Oliver took the opportunity to wish all Members and our Guests a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 24th January 2018.

Light refreshments were available during the December meeting.