



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 24th January 2018** 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
D Smith

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
13 Members of the public

18/3437 WELCOME

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Poppy Appeal Chief Executive, presentations were made to

Mrs S Dobson, Kynnersley & Preston	30 years
Mr R Patel, The Lion Inn	20 years

There were two further awards, Mrs Birkinshaw, Great Bolas – 5 years and Mrs Own, Crudgington – 10 years.

PUBLIC SESSION

No matters were raised.

18/3438 APOLOGIES

None

18/3439 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared an interest in the budget discussion, however a dispensation was allowed in order that they could represent the community.

18/3440 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER 2017

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the December meeting be signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.
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18/3441 MATTERS ARISING

None

18/3442 FINANCE

a) Payments

Cheque No	Payment	Law / Statute	Amount
000019	25% of SLCC Subs	LGA 1972 s112	£64.50
000020	Street Light Maintenance	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£368.48
000021	Street Light Energy	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£293.33
000022	Roadman, churchyard, bus shelters, Parish Centre – 2 months	LGA 1972 s135	£509.00

b) Budget Considerations

Members had received a draft budget for consideration which had included funds for all projects identified throughout the year and the running costs. It was proposed by Councillor B Rothwell and seconded by Councillor T Revitt, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council sets a precept of £23,970, to be collected by TWC through the Council Tax for 2018/19.

c) Grant Application

A letter had been received from the Mayor of Telford & Wrekin informing the Parish of a project to plant 170,000 daffodil bulbs on the mound at Telford Town Centre. Members were disappointed that this was a retrospective application and that they had not been asked before the planting took place. As no funding was available in the 2017/18 budget, Members considered the request as a grant application and the scheme did not fit in with the Waters Upton Grant Policy. Members were keen that TWC understood the reasons why they were not in a position to offer the £100 requested, but it was also the view that if bulbs were to be planted (to represent the community of Waters Upton Parish) then they may have preferred them to be planted in the Parish. It was proposed by Councillor B Rothwell and seconded by Councillor T Revitt and all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council is not in a position to make a donation to this project at Telford Town Centre.

18/3443 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

Land adjacent to St Michael's Church

A further meeting had taken place with the Planning Officer and owner, Mr H Roberts had also attended to represent St Michael's Church. The landscaping plan had been agreed and the minor amendments confirmed in order that the Reserved Matters application could be considered.

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

The Parish Council remains of the view that this application should not be considered until the completion of the adjacent site. There is no access to the field and it is not an infill plot at this time. Further discussions will be necessary regarding the right of way, highway, landscaping etc. at an appropriate time.

It was confirmed, however, that the Parish Council has called it in, for determination by the Planning Committee, if this is necessary.

b) New Applications for Consideration

Removal of the Section 106 condition regarding the residence to the rear of the Lion Inn, known as Shanti House.

Mr & Mrs Patel intend to move to their new build property in Sytch Lane and an application has been received to remove the condition which only allows the Manager to reside in the house at the rear of the Lion Inn. Members of the community have offered comments and concerns regarding the future use of the property and in particular a concern regarding it being used as a House of Multi Occupancy in the future. Local residents are encouraged to respond direct to TWC with their views.

It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Smith that the Parish Council writes to the Planning Officer to explain the views and to offer an interim removal of the condition which will enable Mr Patel to move out and for the house to be rented out to a family. It would be included in the correspondence that should the property and business become for sale, the pubic house and dwelling should revert back one unit as agreed in the original planning consent.

c) Other Planning Matters

i) TWC Local Plan

The Local Plan was adopted on 11th January by TWC, including the agreed modifications as outlined by the Independent Examiner.

ii) Rectory Fields

The new development is nearing completion and the car park area and extension to the cemetery have now been created. Work to the fence will be completed in the near future and the tree stumps will be removed from within the Cemetery boundary. A meeting had taken place with the Developer and with PCC representatives. The machinery and tools are being relocated to the site adjacent to the Church (The Stackyard) – the Clerk had written confirmation that the one-way system down River Lane has been confirmed and the owner of the site is aware of the need for it to be in place before commencement of construction.

iii) Local Agreement Deed

The solicitors had provided a local Agreement Deed to protect the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council against future maintenance costs for the new car park area within The Stackyard site.

18/3444 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) Highways Liaison Meeting
The Chairman and Clerk would attend the next meeting and notes will be circulated to Members with an update on the outstanding matters.
- c) Parish & Town Council Conference
A conference will take place at Oakengates Theatre on Wednesday 6th June. An open invitation will be extended to Members and to the public and voluntary sector representatives for anyone to understand the role of local councils and the benefits of working in partnership with them and the Borough Council. This is also an opportunity for anyone interested in standing for election as a Parish or Town Councillor in May 2019 to understand the work of local councils.

18/3445 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

Councillor J Griffin attended the meeting, with Tibberton & Cherrington and Edgmond Parish Councils, with Andrew Careless, the Rights of Way Officer and a plan of action had been agreed. The minutes of the meeting will be circulated for information. Locally, work to replace signs and way-markers will be undertaken in the near future. New rights of way posts will be delivered to Waters Upton Stores and be available to all three parishes.

The partnership discussed creating a walking group, which can identify work that is required and in some cases undertake minor maintenance tasks along the route. Maps will be available to show the local rights of way and we will work towards creating cross-boundary walks of interest.

18/3446 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

18/3447 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) A three hour training session had been completed regarding the new audit regime.
- b) Superfast Broadband is now available at Meeson.
- c) There had been confirmation that the Roadman Scheme in its current format will continue for 2018/19.
- d) Meetings attended include Wrekin Area Committee, Parish Charter Monitoring Group and Bus User Group.

18/3448 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Crudgington

A request had been received for a grit bin to be located on the Crudgington Green Lane adjacent to the Play area but TWC is not providing more grit bins at this time, it is their wish to relocate bins that are not used. It was therefore agreed, to request that the bin at Great Bolas Bridge be relocated when the replacement bin is available. The bridge and road are on the bus route and therefore gritted regularly, the bin often gets damaged and the grit has not been used from it for some years.

18/3449 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley thanked the Parish Council and residents for their support in his campaign to get the road safety scheme for Crudgington agreed, he has now received confirmation that it will continue in the February half term holiday with the 20mph lights being added as soon as possible afterwards.

18/3450 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) Neighbourhood Watch
The Co-Ordinator, Huw Roberts, informed the meeting of the success of the scheme in getting messages out to the community regarding incidents and suspicious vehicles.
- c) Spring Clean
There will be a Parish Spring Clean on Sunday 4th March as part of Keep Britain Clean. Tabards, litter pickers etc. will be available from the Shop at 10am, with coffee (or tea) available for all the helpers until 12 noon.
- d) Parish Centre Tree
The tree near to the Flat door will be trimmed.
- e) Gullies
There are a lot of blocked gullies around the Parish, in particular the ones near to Bolas Bridge.
- f) Flooding
TWC will be asked to investigate the flooding outside 29 Waters Upton which results in the water flowing down the Lane.
- g) A442 Bollards
It is hoped that this issue can be rectified with the installation of new 'narrower' refuge and more visible bollards.

18/3451 NEXT MEETING

28 th February 2018	7.30pm	Full Council	Waters Upton Village Hall
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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 28th February 2018.