



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 22nd November 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
D Smith

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

17/3407 WELCOME

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Thanks were extended to the Parish Council for insisting that the drain grid outside of the Lion PH was replaced to an acceptable standard.

Concerns were expressed that the amended plans for the land to the rear of Cedar Lodge are inaccurate and the submission incomplete.

17/3408 APOLOGIES

None

17/3409 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17/3410 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER 2017

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

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

17/3411 MATTERS ARISING

River Lane Development – Rectory Fields

The developer is now using temporary road closed signs when working in or near the highway.

Parish Room Croft – advertising signs

Boomslang have checked the signs, which were found to be safe, and had agreed to monitor in the future.

A442 path, Stars Lane to Shop Lane

These, as with others around the Parish, will be added to the schedule for winter maintenance.

Pinfold Croft

A new tenant has moved into a Sanctuary House and it had been confirmed that the applicant did meet the section 106 criteria, having a local family connection.

Severe mud on road issues

TWC has confirmed that enforcement were involved and that a fine is pending. It is very important that local Issues such as this are reported at the time in order that action can be taken when the evidence is available.

17/3412 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
Removal of redundant fridges	000010	LGA 1972 s133	£203.27
Street Lighting Contract	000011	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£293.33
Fire Safety Checks	000012	LGA 1972 s133	£210.00
Map and grass cutting signs	000013	LGA 1972 s135	£46.85
Roadman, play areas, churchyard, bus shelters and Parish Centre	000014	LGA 1972 s112	£498.00

b) Initial Budget Considerations

Members were reminded that they should submit any proposed projects for consideration during the budget discussions.

17/3413 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

Land adjacent to St Michael's Church and TWC/2017/0406 rear of Cedar Lodge

Concerns remain regarding this application for the Reserved Matters, along with the amended plans for the land rear of Cedar Lodge. For obvious reasons, the community see these applications as linked and as such it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should meet with the two relevant planning officers. Mr Huw Roberts, representing St Michael's Church, would also attend the meeting.

b) New Applications for Consideration

None

c) Other Planning Matters

TW Local Plan and Main Modifications

The Examiner's report has confirmed that the document would be 'sound' if the main modifications were included.

The documents would be presented to TWC Cabinet in January 2018 for approval.

17/3414 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) Broadband Update

Work is continuing to ensure that the Parish has access to superfast broadband by the end of the year. Meeson is currently being connected.

c) HAU students will visit the village of Waters Upton during the afternoon of 5th December, it is hoped that Members will meet them in the Village Hall at 3.30 pm to discuss their findings and observations. Cllr S Bentley will also attend, with the Clerk.

d) The Parish Council has been asked to nominate a representative to attend the Helicopter Liaison meetings at RAF Shawbury

RESOLVED that Mr Huw Roberts would attend the meetings and report back to the Parish Council and offer information when available to the community via the newsletter.

e) Members would take a look at the Walking & Cycling Strategy consultation and decide at the next meeting if they wish to respond. Members were reminded that they can respond as individuals prior to the Parish Council meeting.

17/3415 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

An email from Andrew Careless confirms that the WET3P scheme will continue. A meeting of the three Parishes will take place in the New Year.

In view of a recent case of Neospora, dog walkers are reminded to keep their dogs under close control on rights of way, particularly where livestock resides.

17/3416 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had been asked to confirm the local connections for the Pinfold Croft applicants prior to offering the tenancy.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the Highways Liaison meeting, with Stephen Scanlon, the notes have been circulated for information.

17/3417 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The Clerk had attended the PCMG meeting and the minutes have been circulated.
- b) The Clerk had attended the WAC meeting and the minutes have been circulated.
- c) The Chairman and Clerk had attended the CPRE meeting, it had been agreed to form a Telford & Wrekin Branch, the date of the next meeting will be circulated and it is hoped that a Member of the Council will attend.
- d) The street light outside 1 Upton Stones has failed again, this light is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but not adopted by TWC either. It will be reported to TWC for action.

17/3418 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Waters Upton

£4200 is available from Section 106 funding from Rectory Fields development. It had been agreed with TWC that the funding can be used towards equipment for the new play area adjacent to Waters Upton Village Hall following the purchase of the land.

Crudgington

TWC will replace the two swing seats and repaint the equipment.

17/3419 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Cllr Bentley updated Members and the public regarding the work required on the A442 as part of a safe route to school project. He had been assured that this is now on top of the list of priorities and will include the remainder of the bollards, a 20mph school zone and additional signage.

Cllr Bentley was pleased report that Horton Lane would not be closed. This is a campaign he led, at the request of local residents of Horton Lane, Kynnersley & Preston but also supported by members of our community.

17/3420 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Smartwater event – Huw reported that we are still awaiting a suitable date, from Smartwater, so that they can attend and answer questions. The We Don't Buy Crime campaign will be promoted at the upcoming Christmas event in the Village Hall and signatures will be gathered to offer commitment to Smartwater in the hope that they will attend a future meeting to explain its features.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators are keen to hear from local residents when suspicious activity is seen by unknown vehicles in farm gateways or country lanes. Any vehicle thought to be 'in the wrong place' should be reported on 101, this can often build up a picture for the police and is helpful in resolving rural crimes.
- c) Local residents remain concerned over the condition of the Swan PH. TWC is to take the owners to court in January, but in the meantime, the PC will report the dangerous condition to the enforcement team at TWC.
- d) Community Speedwatch – Waters Upton has registered for this initiative, but the rollout is very slow as there is limited equipment available for the whole of Shropshire.
- e) It was agreed that a note be included in the next magazine regarding the traffic speed, particularly on the A442, and asking local residents to lead by example.
- f) Bolas Bridge has been damaged by a HGV and one of the main stones has been damaged and dislodged, this will be reported to the Highways Authority.
- g) Residents remain concerned regarding the highway damage caused by badgers crossing under the road to Kynnersley Moors. The Clerk confirmed that the Wildlife Trust has agreed to investigate the options and to apply for the necessary funding, if a tunnel is to be provided for them.

17/3421 NEXT MEETING

13th DEcember 2017 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.2 5pm.

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 13th December 2017.