



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 14th December 2016** at 7.30p.m. in Waters Upton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
12 Members of the public
Councillor S Bentley

16/3223 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Baker Oliver, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Councillor Baker Oliver thanked Councillor Thomas for leading the meeting in October in her absence.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Hamilton gave updated information regarding the amendments to the Planning Application for Mill House, Great Bolas. The applicants would be working with the Caravan Club to provide a rural site, with amenity block. The details regarding the access had been discussed with highways and trees are to be planted in the field near to the road. The track was to be made from stone, to enable good drainage.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AWARDS

The Parish Council had kindly permitted Annual Awards to be presented at the start of the Parish Council meeting. The awards were presented by Councillor Stephen Bentley and Councillor Mrs Baker Oliver.

Crudgington School	Certificate
Juliette Blackie, Meeson & Shray Hill	20 years
Vi Price, Meeson & Shray Hill	20 years
Lynda Baker Oliver, Cold Hatton	20 years
Arthur Painter, Waters Upton	20 years
John Williams, Sleapford	10 years
Richard Williams, Sytch Lane	10 years
Stephen Bentley, Waters Upton Stores	10 years
Katrina Baker, Area Co-Ordinator	40 years

A special presentation was also made to Mr Painter, who was retiring from the Waters Upton area collection. His help and support has been much appreciated over a 20 year period.

16/3224 APOLOGIES

None

ABSENT

Cllr D Smith

16/3225 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 Thomas	Planning Application TWC/2016/1130	Personal as the applicant
Councillor T Revitt	Planning Application TWC/2016/1112	Neighbour
Councillor B Rothwell	Planning Application TWC/2016/0902	Local Resident

16/3226 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2016

It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas 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 as a true record.

16/3227 MATTERS ARISING

None

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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	Amount
Hire of Village Hall	302113	£120.00
Street Lighting	302114	292.57
Anti-Virus (50%)	302115	40.00
Salary October – December	302116	600.00
PAYE	302117	150.00

b) Budget Consideration 2017/18

A draft budget will be provided to Members before the next meeting, there is still time to add projects to the strategy.

TWC has confirmed that there will be no grant available this year.

A quotation is required for work on St Michael's Churchyard Path.

16/3229 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

None

c) New Applications for Consideration

Councillor Rothwell declared an interest, as a resident of Meeson

TWC/2016/0902

The Mill House, Great Bolas

An amended application had been received that did not include change of use of the field. The application included the change of use of the outbuildings to a toilet block. Information had been received from the applicant earlier in the meeting.

RESOLVED to have no objections to the amended application as it appeared to be a better approach and Members were pleased that the applicants had taken advice regarding the access and trees.

TWC/2016/1112

Rowton Barnes Farm

Councillor Revitt declared an interest, as a nearby resident who had been consulted directly

An amendment to the outline permission had been received to enable food waste to be used at the site of the anaerobic digester in nearby Rowton.

This caused concern and it was pointed out that this question was asked of the applicant during the last meeting, where members of the public were in attendance, to which he responded that NO food waste would be included. This amendment would mean considerably more vehicle movements on narrow inappropriate country lanes.

Members remarked that the existing permission was as a farm based AD plant for the sole use of the owner. This application represents a different use, with different affects on the local area – this is now an Industrial Process (not a farm based process) and would be better suited to a site at Hortonwood or similar.

RESOLVED to strongly object to the amendment details for the reasons listed above.

**TWC/2016/1117 Sunnycroft, The Terrill
Two-storey side and rear extensions**

RESOLVED to have no objections to the application for a side and rear extension to the property.

An application, TWC/2016/1130 for Lower House Farm, Waters Upton, had recently been received, Members agreed to consider this application at this meeting.

Councillor Mrs E Thomas declared an interest, as the applicant, and left the room, taking no part in the decision

This application is for redundant barns to be converted into three dwellings for letting with an office, garaged and covered area.

RESOLVED to support the application, as outline permission had previously been granted. The application had good car parking and included bat mitigation and socialisation areas, as required.

**d) Other Planning Matters
TW Local Plan**

Confirmation had been received that the examination would reconvene at the end of January and into February.

16/3230 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) Footway Maintenance – the following areas will be added to the list for consideration:-
 - i) The Lion to River Lane, Waters Upton
 - ii) River Lane to Sytch Lane, along A442
 - iii) A442 – Parish Centre to Crudgington School
- c) Community Speed Watch
Members considered a request to the Safer Roads Partnership, that we be considered as a Community Speed Watch area.

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would register to become a Community Speed Watch Area.

Volunteers will be required to be trained for the tasks and Members agreed that the first areas would be Waters Upton Village and Great Bolas Village.

d) Pinfold Croft

The Wrekin Housing Trust is consulting with Pinfold Croft residents regarding the central area of the site. They wish to know local views regarding the trees and shrubs and have suggested making the lay-by longer to accommodate one more vehicle. The Parish Council will receive details of the proposals following the consultation.

16/3231 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

The work as agreed will be undertaken in January / February and will include the installation of the kissing gate at Sytch Lane and work on the footway markers near to Hunter's Bridge. It had been confirmed that there is no requirement for the Parish Council to part fund this work at this time.

16/3232 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A meeting had been arranged with all the Parish Councils along the B5062 from Crudgington to Newport. Kynnersley PC did not send a representative. Officers shared the information gathered as part of the Jacobs Route Study which had identified three hot spots. Copies of the report are available on request. Copies of the minutes of the meeting are also available on request.

16/3233 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The faded 40mph repeater signs on the A442 had been replaced but with a smaller version, this has been questioned.
- b) HAU students had visited Waters Upton village in the afternoon of 6th December as part of their college studies. Councillor Mrs Thomas and the Clerk met them after their walk-around and were interested to hear their views on development in the village.

- c) The directional sign for St John's Church had been received.
- d) The street light outside 1 Upton Stones is still not illuminated as no-one, as yet, has claimed ownership and responsibility for it.

16/3234 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley reported on his work on the following projects:

- a) A copy of the report from the Tribunal which determined the Community Asset appeal for the Swan has been requested. It was disappointing that this had not been sent to the Ward Member or Parish Council when it had been received by TWC.
The anticipated outcome is that the Community Asset Order remains on the site for the ground floor or a future development, with appropriate car parking available.
It is hoped that the current planning application will be determined in the near future so that further discussions can take place.

16/3235 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch

Huw Roberts, one of the Co-ordinators, gave a short report on the issues highlighted since the last meeting. Information has been shared regarding cyber crime, scams and farm thefts. All information received is shared with co-ordinators who can share this further with neighbours. A community action day will be arranged for a Saturday in the village hall in the Spring when police, banks etc. will attend to support the scheme and offer useful information and tips. Anyone wishing to be more involved with WUNW, can have an email addressed added to the database to receive information direct.

16/3236 NEXT MEETING

25th January 2017 7.30pm Monthly Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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 25th January 2017.