



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 22nd February 2017** at 7.30p.m. in Waters Upton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs L M Baker Oliver
Mrs E Thomas
J Griffin
D Smith

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

17/3252 WELCOME

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Mill House, Great Bolas

Mr Hamilton, applicant, attended and informed the Parish Council that the Camping & Caravan Club had informed them (today) that permission is to be granted. He anticipates that work will start as soon as possible and that they will be looking to open the site in 12 – 18 months.

17/3253 APOLOGIES

Councillor B Rothwell	Holiday
Councillor T Revitt	Family Commitment

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

17/3254 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.

None

17/3255 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2017

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

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

17/3256 MATTERS ARISING

Dog Fouling

Mrs C Lee, Sytch Lane, has kindly agreed to monitor the area including Cold Hatton. She is also considering becoming a Street Warden. The Clerk had also spoken to representatives of Hilbrae, asking that they remind dog-walkers to take the poo bags with them.

On Thursday of last week, 5 deposits were collected between Upton Stones and Crudgington School which had been left there during the school day. This is the route of the walking bus and therefore could cause a health issue for the children. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the school and include an article in the next newsletter.

New litter / dog waste bin, Catsbritch Lane

A reminder will be sent to TWC and TWS as this bin is not being emptied at the time of the other local bins.

17/3257 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
Street Lighting energy	302121	£292.57
Street Lighting contract and repairs	302122	417.81
Meeson noticeboard	302123	131.76
Roadman, churchyard and Centre maintenance	302124	261.00

17/3258 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

Mill House, Great Bolas

TWC has granted permission for the access track and change of use of the outbuildings. 10 conditions have been applied to the permission.

b) New Applications for Consideration

TWC/2017/0067

Retrospective Application for a 2 storey side extension at The Terrill Farm

RESOLVED in line with the Parish Council policy that the Councillors do not support retrospective applications. However if TWC is minded to approve the application in order to regularise the development of the site, Members would ask that it be stated in the decision notice that this development has now reached its maximum limit and that no further applications will be considered.

TWC/2017/0094

Single storey link to substantive property at Duke's Meadow, Longwood

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would object to this proposal which is not in keeping with the property or other properties in the locality. It is essential that any permission includes a condition that it must remain as part of the substantive property in order that a second development is not created in the future.

TWC/2017/0097

Front and side extensions to 29A Waters Upton

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would not support such an application as it is over development of the site. Bat surveys will be required. There was further concern over the visual appearance of the proposals from the highway as they are not aesthetically appropriate for the dwelling.

TWC/2017/0116

Opposite 3 / 4 Pinfold Croft

RESOLVED to inform the Planning Officers that it is the view of the Parish Council, on behalf of the residents, that the proposals are too extreme and not necessary.

RESOLVED in line with the Parish Council policy that the Councillors do not support retrospective applications. However, it is clearly a temporary structure, previously erected and neighbours have put forward no objections.

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

The Local Plan Examination Hearing took place at Meeting Point House in February and the Inspector has submitted further questions and comments which are available on the telford.gov.uk website. This may have an effect on the number of properties allocated to the rural area and the five year housing land supply for the Borough.

Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

Members were reminded of the need for the Parish Council to monitor and review the Plan.

17/3259 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) The Clerk would request a review report of our street lights in order that further consideration can be given to possible upgrades and to consider the costs involved in changing to LED lights.
- c) The condition of the garage area to the rear of The Meadows had been raised and investigations are taking place regarding ownership and responsibility.

17/3260 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

Some of the work has taken place and a full report will be available at the next WET3P meeting.

17/3261 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting with the developers of the River Lane site to discuss the aspects of community gain.

It was a concern that the one-way downhill of River Lane is not appearing on the list of priorities. A further meeting is necessary with a representative of St Michael's Church, regarding the cemetery extension.

At the meeting, two sets of plans were presented which differed from the last plans seen by the Parish Council, a 'agreed' plan has been requested.

17/3262 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The street light in Upton Stones has been repaired at no cost to the Parish Council.
- b) Whilst it is appreciated that some of the overgrown hedges have now been cut back as requested, there was concern as to the condition of the holly tree outside of Quarry View in Waters Upton.
- c) The audit of road signs has not yet been completed, please can Members forward issues from their local areas to the Clerk to be included.
- d) The central areas of the A442 at Cold Hatton are now back in place, however the original two are still damaged and not well illuminated. Members believed that the three should match in order to send out an appropriate signal to the motorists.
- e) Investigations are continuing regarding the right of way from Pinfold Croft to Swan Court.

17/3263 WATERS UPTON PARISH CENTRE

A Management Meeting will be arranged in the near future.

17/3264 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Not all Members had taken an opportunity to visit and look at the areas at Great Bolas and Waters Upton.

Great Bolas

It was agreed to ask the residents in Great Bolas for their views on the area and whether it could be better used to combine a seating / planting area with some play equipment.

Waters Upton

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Smith that the replacement bark be ordered for the play area at Field View, Waters Upton. Further quotations will be obtained in order to get the best deal. No additional work is required at this site.

17/3265 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL
None

17/3266 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch

Huw Roberts, one of the Co-ordinators, updated Members and the public on the growing concerns regarding rural crime and the lack of police support. A residents meeting took place on 31st January and was well attended. A Neighbourhood Watch App has been created in What's App and anyone resident in the Parish is invited to join in order to share local information. Huw will be meeting with members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team from the Police to share information and to make arrangements for the Community Action Day in July. Members, on behalf of the community, thanked Huw for his work and dedication to the Parish in his role as Co-Ordinator. It is much appreciated..

17/3267 NEXT MEETING

22nd March 2017 7.30pm Monthly Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36pm.

Signed **Date**

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