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Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 22nd March 2017** at 7.30p.m. in Waters Upton Village Hall.

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

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

17/3268 WELCOME

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Superfast Broadband

Residents at Cold Hatton had requested an update as BT have been seen working in the lanes.

Cold Hatton Postbox

Mrs S Finzi is kindly continuing to press for the relocation of the post box.

Cemetery Site

Enquiries are on-going regarding how the sewage from the new houses will be dealt with and the route to the STW site at the bottom of River Lane.

Mr Day had confirmed that it is their intention that the completion date will be in February 2018. The final plans, used for the development, do not appear on the website, however it had been confirmed that the sewerage pipes must be at least 10m from the graves. Copies of the development plans in use will be requested from Libby Harper, the Planning Officer, who dealt with the reserved matters application and is not negotiating with the developer regarding boundaries.

17/3269 APOLOGIES

None

17/3270 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

17/3271 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY 2017

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the February meeting be signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.
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17/3272 MATTERS ARISING**The Meadows, Great Bolas**

Wrekin Housing Trust is establishing ownership and responsibilities for the site around the garages, at the rear of The Meadows. This is required in order that the Parish Council can negotiate with them regarding tidying and making safe the area.

Meeson

Environmental Health Officers, from TWC, will be investigating the large quantities of waste on land at Meeson.

17/3273 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 maintenance	302125	£683.71
Roadman, churchyard and Centre maintenance	302127	£445.00

17/3274 PLANNING**a) Planning Applications Updates**

The Swan site, River Lane

TWC has not yet determined the latest application and concern was expressed as this is now way outside of the Government Guidelines for determination timescales.

The enforcement officer has confirmed that he is taking action against the developer of Swan Court regarding the serious drainage issues evident in River Lane, from the green box system and the fact that the landscaping has not been completed. These were conditions of the planning approval.

The Quarry, Waters Upton

The Tree Officer is to visit and to discuss the 4 Ash Trees with the owner of the site prior to determination of the application.

b) New Applications for Consideration

None

c) Other Planning Matters**Pinfold Croft to Swan Court**

The pedestrian route from Pinfold Croft to Swan Court has been used for a period in excess of 20 years. This information has been passed to Andrew Careless, Rights of Way officer at TWC, with a request for information regarding having this path added to the Definitive Map.

Letter from Mr B Higgins

A letter has been received which refers to a number of issues relating to the Cemetery in River Lane and the nearby development. A copy of the letter has been sent to the Parochial Church Council because of the contents that relate to the cemetery and cemetery gates. The letter refers to a conversation Mr Higgins had with the Planning Officer.

The Clerk has responded to confirm that the Chairman and Clerk have met with the Developer and discussed the revised layout which was necessary as a result of drainage and tree locations on the site.

There is to be a boundary fence erected by the developer between the existing cemetery and the houses. A hedge will be planted around the cemetery extension.

A request for a lleylandii hedge between the graves and Plot 2 had not been allowed because of the roots affecting the grave, a six foot fence had been agreed.

River Lane

At this time, there is no traffic regulation order progressing for River Lane to be made one-way, it is likely that this will be considered further at the time of the development on land adjacent to St Michael's Church.

Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

Members would continue to monitor the Neighbourhood Plan, taking into consideration the status of the current policies at TWC and the emerging Local Plan.

17/3275 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) Ms Beckett, 3 Swan Court, has informed the Parish Council of her intention to fence off the route from Pinfold Croft to Swan Court, due to the dog fouling problem she experiences on her front lawn from loose dogs. The ownership of the route had been confirmed by TWC and her solicitor and this is her intention. She was to attend this meeting, but sent her apologies because of work commitments.
- c) The TWC taxi consultation regarding tinted windows had been circulated to all Members and it was agreed that they would support the proposal as tinted windows did cause passengers some concerns.

17/3276 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

It is hoped that a meeting of the partnership will take place in June, after the Annual General Meetings of the Parishes.

17/3277 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting with John Williams, representing the PCC, and it had been confirmed that a hedge could not be supported as the boundary of the existing cemetery as the roots may, in years to come, cause problems with the graves. The graves are two foot away from the boundary and a 6 foot fence would be acceptable.

17/3278 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Members had received an update following the last Highways Liaison Meeting and the next meeting is scheduled to take place on 23rd March. In addition to the on-going matters, Councillor Revitt requested that an extension of the 40mph restriction on the A442 to the rear of Sytch Lane be considered.

17/3279 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Great Bolas

An article had been included in the newsletter and two local residents have offered to assist with a 'makeover' of the area. A meeting will take place after the Easter holiday period.

17/3280 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Stephen Bentley reported that he had represented Waters Upton and Ercall Magna Parishes at a meeting with Angie Astley, Asst Director and Katherine Kynaston, Head of Planning, to discuss his disappointment regarding the issues of Planning Applications, Reserved Matters amendments and the lack of enforcement. This related in particular to the River Lane site, Cold Hatton and River Lane one-way traffic order.

He also thanked the Parish Council and all local residents for their support through a very difficult time following the armed robbery which took place at the Post Office outreach recently.

17/3281 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch

Huw Roberts, one of the Co-ordinators, updated Members and the public on local matters and confirmed the benefits of the What's App communication system which works very well. He also encourages people to offer their mobile telephone numbers to be connected to it.

The Community Action Day has been agreed as 1st July 2017 and he is working with the Safer Neighbourhood Team and other agencies. It had been agreed that a bouncy castle will be available for young children and a face-painter. Refreshments will be provided. The police are arranging postcode identification on children's bikes and horse tack.

17/3282 NEXT MEETING

26 th April 2017	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Reports are required
	8.00pm	Full Council	

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

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 26th April 2017.