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WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 28th March 2018** at **7.30p.m.** in **Waters Upton Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs L M Baker Oliver (Chairman)
Mrs E Thomas
J Griffin
B Rothwell
D Smith

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
6 Members of the public
Cllr Stephen Bentley (Ward Member)

18/3467 WELCOME

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

PUBLIC SESSION

There is a lot of concern about the speed of traffic on the A442 between Peplow and Shawbirch. Whilst we are aware that TWC is to undertake a route study, it was agreed that this should be raised as a major concern with TWC Highways Officers.

The lack of complete traffic refuges at Cold Hatton increases the dangers on the road at that location and despite numerous reports, TWC does not take this matter seriously.

A resident has now written, as a formal complaint and to raise awareness of the actions of some drivers which make the road very dangerous.

The road is a main route from the North to Telford, the number of HGVs has increased significantly in recent months and many vehicles take no notice of speed limits.

A request to the Safety Camera Partnership will also be forwarded asking for the return of the speed camera van as soon as possible.

18/3468 APOLOGIES

Councillor T Revitt	Personal Circumstances	Accepted
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RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillor Revitt be accepted. Members wished to send best wishes to his grand-daughter who is currently in hospital.

18/3469 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs E Thomas	Personal Interest	Crescent Farm
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18/3470 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY 2018

It was proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Smith, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

18/3471 MATTERS ARISING

Meeson – campsite proposal

Freedom Camping have approved a licence for camping on the land to the rear of Thimble Hall in Meeson. There were conditions applied to the approval to mitigate against some of the concerns of the residents. However, some residents remained concerned and were disappointed with the outcome especially as their significant concerns had not been addressed.

Speed Indicator Devices

At the recent Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in the Village Hall, some residents enquired about the installation of SIDs in an attempt to slow down traffic. These are expensive for the Parish Council to purchase and the ability for them to be moved around the Parish and sited at different locations adds to the cost. A decision in favour of a purchase would result in a significant increase in the parish precept. Members agreed to add this to the agenda in June for further discussion.

18/3472 FINANCE

a) Payments

Cheque No	Payment	Law / Statute	Amount
000026	Parish Centre Expenditure	LGA 1972	£463.90
000027	Paint etc for Parish Centre	LGA 1972	£93.50
000028	Roadman, churchyard, bus shelters, Parish Centre – 2 months	LGA 1972 s135	£465.00
000029	Anti virus / Land registry searches	LGA 1972	£68.00

b) Receipts

A VAT refund of £1355.85 is due, the change of bank account has delayed payment.

WHT has settled all the Parish Centre invoices and a total of £2771.90 has been received.

c) Grants Policy and Application Form

Members recalled the wording of the Grants Policy and considered this in line with the significant increase in applications that are now received. The Parish Council has a very limited Section 137 budget.

Members agreed that the policy remains valid and that this will be added to the website, with the 2018/19 application form.

It is important that applicants understand that grants are only available to groups and organisations (not individuals) and that the group or organisation must benefit a significant number of Waters Upton Parish residents.

Any application not fulfilling the criteria will be informed.

d) Membership of Shropshire Association of Local Councils

Members discussed the benefits of membership to SALC and all were in favour that the 2018/19 subscription should be paid, this had been included in the budget.

e) Local Council Award Scheme

The revised and updated website is now available and meets the requirements of the Transparency Code. It was proposed by Councillor Baker Oliver and seconded by Councillor Thomas that the Parish Council should apply for Foundation Status of the NALC Local Council Award Scheme. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council applies to NALC for the Local Council Award Scheme at a cost of £50.00. There will be a further fee from SALC when the application is successful.

18/3473 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

None

b) New Applications for Consideration

c)

- i) TWC/2018/0178 Riverside, Cold Hatton – erection of a 2 storey commercial building (part retrospective)**

RESOLVED to support this application, but to note that the application is, in part, retrospective which the Parish Council objects to. It should be noted that no application for change of use to residential would be supported at this time.

- ii) TWC/2018/0221 Land adjacent to Fairview, Cold Hatton – installation of a treatment plant**

RESOLVED to support this application in order to enable the development of the two properties.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) The Swan Inn

Discussions are taking place between the owners and TWC.

ii) River Lane

The traffic regulation order for River Lane to become one-way traffic, downhill, has now been submitted for approval.

iii) Swan Court

The TWC Enforcement Team are working with the Swan Court residents to find a solution to the on-going problem of the lack of sewerage connection from the site. The fence, erected by Number 3 Swan Court, may be removed, at the agreement of the next occupier, a discussion can take place at that time.

iv) Enforcement Queries

The Enforcement Officers are following up issues on various sites in the Parish and will report back.

v) Parish Room Croft

The developers, Boomslang, have confirmed that they will be returning to the site after Easter. The Chairman and Clerk will meet with them to discuss a revised timetable.

vi) Crescent Farm, Waters Upton – lighting

Councillor Mrs Thomas declared an interest and took no part in the discussion
Attempts to resolve the differences of opinion regarding lighting at this location have not been successful. The Parish Council will request TWC Planning Officers to investigate the lighting in accordance with the Planning Consent.

vii) Land adjacent to the BT station in TF6 6NP

The Clerk had contacted Land Registry to ascertain the landowner as information had become available that the land is for sale. Concerns over future use had been expressed and details of the owner will be available to interested parties.

viii) Pre-application Process

Members were reminded of the process to consider pre-application consultations. All Councillors will receive the information and plans and can comment. All comments are submitted to TWC and will be made available to the applicant or agent. Should a planning application, following this process, then come forward, it will be considered by the Parish Council. Previous individual comments are not taken into account at this point.

18/3474 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 Parish Council conference is on Wednesday, 6th June at Oakengates Theatre. It is hoped that all Members will attend, the fee of £10 per delegate will be paid by the Parish Council. Anyone from the Parish, interested in standing for election in May 2019, may like to attend to understand more about the role of Parish Councillors and of the Council. The work with the community and voluntary sectors is also important and their partnerships with local councils are essential.
- c) TWC is requesting topics to be included in their scrutiny work programme.

18/3475 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

- a) The Rights of Way Seminar was well attended. The Clerk had represented Waters Upton. Notes of the meeting had been circulated.
- b) The last meeting of the WET3P project discussed the importance of accurate signage and way-markers. When new stock is available, a programme will commence to ensure that routes are identified and promoted.

18/3476 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman confirmed the meetings that she had attended in order to represent the Parish Council.
2 meetings with TWC Planning Officers
Waters Upton Parish Centre Management Committee

18/3477 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Grounds and Cleansing Contract
The Clerk had attended a meeting with other Clerks to discuss the changes included in the new contract that will commence in May 2019. Waters Upton will see an increase in litter picking services and road sweeping. However, contributions will be necessary for other additional work unless this can be done by the Parish Roadman. A price list of services will be available from the new Contractor. It is hoped that there will be a closer working relationship between the Parish Council Clerk and the Contractor and that some additional work can take place as part of the contract. TWC will no longer be providing funding towards the Parish Roadman scheme.
- b) Pinfold Croft
Work to enhance this area continues and more plants and shrubs are to be provided. It was agreed that further work is required on the redundant telephone box as it will not be suitable for the installation of a defibrillator as heating is not possible. The community library continues.
- c) Defibrillator for the Parish
Further to a previous decision to provide a defibrillator, permission was requested for it to be sited on the outside of Waters Upton Parish Centre. This will enable it to be heated and to be available 24 hours per day. Members had no hesitation in supporting this project. Sponsorship is requested from local companies in order to provide the equipment and box.

18/3478 PARISH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Management Committee had taken place and the following topics were updated: _

- a) The provision of a community library / reading room is progressing. The community offices are due to be redecorated, with new blinds. WiFi will be available.

18/3479 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley reported that the safe route to school scheme has been completed and extended thanks to TWC and the community for the support.

It was disappointing that the application for land to the rear of Cedar Lodge was deferred at Planning Committee, and not refused. It may be necessary to attend again in the future when a strong case will be necessary if permission is to be refused.

Concerns have been raised about the Planning Committee Meeting, at which the Cedar Lodge application was discussed. Kynnersley Parish Council is to submit a complaint, and this would be supported by the Chairman of Waters Upton Parish Council. Members of the TW Planning Committee had not perused all the paperwork, some did not pay attention during the meeting and one was 'nudged' to vote on an application, which is illegal. The Planning Committee has such an important role to play in the future and protection of the Borough and yet little work is evident that the Members take the role seriously.

Councillor Bentley asked the Parish Council to support him in thanking the Enforcement Officer for his help with many local issues. He has worked hard to support the Parish Council on difficult sites.

18/3480 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Smartwater event
The kits will be ordered after 1st April and will continue to be available to all residents at the reduced price of just £8.90. An event will take place in the Village Hall on 21st April, when the kits will be available for collection. It is hoped that the police will attend and the registers can be completed at the time.

- b) Spring Clean
The event planned for 4th March has been re-scheduled for 21st April to co-incide with the Smartwater Event. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

- c) Great Bolas Bridge
Severe damage has occurred to the Bridge which makes it unsafe. TWC will be repairing the bridge in the near future.

- d) Litter and Fly-tipping
During a litter pick in Great Bolas, quantities of redundant copper wire was found under the hedgerows, this is fly-tipping and BT Openreach contractors will be reported.
The manhole damage, also caused during the installation of fibre broadband, had not yet been repaired.

- e) A442 bollards
It is hoped that this issue can be rectified with the installation of new 'narrower' refuge and more visible bollards. They need to be more visible to avoid further accidents.

18/3481 NEXT MEETING

25 th April 2018	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Waters Upton Village Hall
	8.00pm	Full Council	
23 rd May 2018	7.30pm	Annual General Meeting	
	8.00pm	Full Council	

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

SignedDate

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