



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Inspector Gary Wade
13 Members of the public

18/3593 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Baker Oliver, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It was good to have so many people taking an interest in our Parish.

WEST MERCIA POLICE

The Chairman introduced Inspector Gary Wade who had kindly agreed to attend the meeting following some concerns regarding rural crime and appropriate policing.

Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to ask questions and Gary invited people to contact him, or members of his team, direct by email or mobile phone (all the contact details are available on the police website). Posters will be available showing the team and their contact details, this can be displayed around the Parish.

Concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the A442 would be recorded and Gary would speak to Rod Lake who now works for the Safety Camera Partnership. The Police and SCP work closely together and it is hoped that the camera van will be visible along the A442 from Crudgington to Cold Hatton in the coming weeks.

Civil Parking Enforcement could be in place, managed by TWC, in 2020, if the scheme gets Government approval, it is not sure as yet how this will work in the rural areas.

Craig Davies is the wildlife officer and anyone with concerns regarding hare coursing or other matters can contact him direct.

Any outstanding matters or instances can be emailed to Gary and he will ensure that they are investigated and that a reply is forthcoming as soon as reasonably possible.

Gary welcomed the opportunity to come to Waters Upton and gave a commitment that the police 'are never too busy' to deal with incidents and they welcome local knowledge and observations. Please continue to use 999 for emergencies and when something is happening at the time. However, if you have intelligence or information to share, please use 101 or email this to the team.

PUBLIC SESSION

Parish Room Croft

Whilst the parking outside of the site is of concern, the contractors have been asked to park on the grassed area between the public footpath and the road in order that neither are blocked. The contractors have given a commitment to reinstate the grass verge following completion of the site.

Parking in the Village

There appears to be more parking on the village road and this causes concern, particularly outside of the church, as this is a 'blind' bend and with the junction with River Lane could be dangerous and an accident could occur. Wherever possible, parking off the village road is appreciated.

Fireworks

It would be appreciated if advance notice of fireworks could be publicised in order to enable people to prepare if they have animals that might be affected by the noise.

Pinfold Croft – pedestrian access

Although the fence was removed, it has now been re-positioned and there is currently no access from, Pinfold Croft to Swan Court. However, it is hoped that discussions can take place with the landowner and that the route can be re-opened.

Abandoned Car – Rectory Fields

This KA car has been reported to the Authorities.

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APOLOGIES

Cllr D Smith Leave of Absence authorised

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to declare an interest in any items on the agenda and should this be pecuniary, then Members should leave the meeting.

Katrina Baker

Planning Application, Oaklands, Waters Upton

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER 2018

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2018 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

Open Watercourse, Orchard Close

The agreement letters have been sent out to the riparian owners and TWC is awaiting the return of them all before the work can commence.

Pinfold Croft

The property has now been allocated to a family which meets the Local Lettings Policy criteria.

Overgrown hedges and trees

All residents and landowners are asked to ensure that their hedges and trees are cut back so as not to cause a visibility issue for road users. TWC will follow up any concerns where this may cause a dangerous situation.

New Recruit

The Parish Council plastic policeman has arrived and anyone interested in having him on their property for a period of time can register this interest with the Parish Council. The Parish Council has to take responsibility for the position and therefore a site visit will be necessary to ensure that the Council is content that the site will not cause an obstruction or distraction of a driver.

18/3598

FIELD VIEW PLAY AREA, WATERS UPTON

The RoSPA report has identified that urgent work is required to bring the bucket swing and associated work up to a satisfactory and safe standard. This must be done before March 2019. It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Rothwell that the work be carried out at a cost of £550.52. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the necessary remedial work be carried out in accordance with the RoSPA report at a cost of £550.52 before March 2019.

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GREAT BOLAS PLAY AREA

The RoSPA report has requested that the infrastructure of the site be upgraded, along with some maintenance to the equipment. The Clerk was instructed to get quotes for the work to bring back to the Council for further consideration. The work must be completed by March 2019.

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FINANCE

a) Payments

Cheque No	Payment	Law / Statute	Amount
000060	RoSPA Inspections	LGA 1972 s111	200.00
000061	Alarm Maintenance	LGA 1972 s111	192.00
000062	Plastic Policeman and labels for the library	LGA 1972 s137	106.39
000063	Street Lighting	LGA 1972	182.54
000064	Roadman, play areas, churchyard, Parish Centre	LGA 1972 s135	507.00

The Payment Voucher and cheques were signed by two Councillors within the terms of the Council's Financial Regulations.

b) The total in the current account as at end of October 2018 total £54,330.58 which includes the funds raised for Parish Room Croft and the Defibrillator.

c) Budget

Members are asked to give consideration to projects to be included in the budget for 2019/20 in order that any quotations can be obtained. The budget will be set in January and the precept request to TWC has to be submitted by the end of the month.

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PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

None

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2018/0880

Thimble Hall, Meeson

RESOLVED to have no objections to the installation of a pitched roof canopy and porch, although it was recognised that this is, in part, a retrospective application.

TWC/2018/0885

Oaklands, Waters Upton

The Clerk left the meeting

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objections to the removal of 2 branches to tree T1 as advised by the TWC Tree Officer for safety reasons.

The Clerk returned to the meeting

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objections to the essential works to the Oak Tree T2 as advised by the TWC Tree Officer.

c Other Planning Matters

i) The Swan Site

Whilst there were some rumours circulating regarding possible future use, no contact had been received from the new owner of the site. TWC officers are investigating this further as they need to discuss the Section 205 Enforcement Order and the condition of the sewage treatment box on the site.

ii) Rectory Fields

The Chairman and Clerk had met with the developer and discussions had taken place regarding the churchyard parking area, replacement plants, a cemetery sign and the legal transfer of the land.

iii) Enforcement

There were no further updates.

iv) The Stackyard Site and Phase II

The Chairman and Clerk had met with the developer and discussions are still on-going regarding Phase II due to concerns regarding the access through the site.

v) River Lane sewage treatment box

Environmental Health Officers are working with Swan Court residents who have taken legal advice and a meeting is to take place in December to discuss the options available.

vi) Parish Room Croft

The section 106 agreement has been drafted by the legal team at TWC and has now been signed by the site owners. The car park area, play area and village green, will transfer to the Parish Council on completion of the site in or around March 2019 when the balance of funds will be payable. This area will be known as Parish Room Croft. The properties are progressing well, and their postal addresses will be 1 – 4 The Paddocks, Parish Room Croft and should be completed in or around March 2019.

18/3602 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. Members have not requested that any should be included on the agenda.
- b) Members had received a communication from the Leader of TWC requesting funding towards the renovation of three properties at the Princess Royal Hospital. As no legal powers had been found to enable this, the Parish Council confirmed it was not in a position to offer funding for this project.
- c) Shropshire Wildlife has launched a DePave project to plant more trees and shrubs in areas of hard landscaping in order to improve drainage issues and encourage wildlife, if anyone wishes to suggest a site, please contact the Parish Clerk.
- d) Members are invited to a Parish Forum on the TWC budget consultation on 5th December at 5pm at Addenbrooke House.
- e) The next Rural Forum will take place on 4th December at 7.30pm at High Ercall Village Hall where members will hear about the new Grounds and Cleansing Contract from the new contractors Idverde.

18/3603 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

- a) The signposts and waymarkers are now available. Thanks are extended to the volunteers who have offered to assist in positioning them on the rights of way in our Parish. Please let the Parish Councillors know where signs are required.

18/3604 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman informed the meeting that there had been no further progress with the complaint to TWC regarding the Planning Committee procedures.
Other meetings attended included Rectory Fields, The Stackyard, Parish Room Croft, Meet The Contractors at Oakengates and most importantly the Remembrance Day events at Waters Upton and Ellerdine.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Rothwell had attended the seminar on Neighbourhood Planning which although useful in order to understand the process, it did raise questions regarding TWCs understanding of the importance of Neighbourhood Plans once adopted.

The Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan should be monitored and reviewed in the near future.

18/3605 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Defibrillator

With thanks to a number of local businesses and supporters, the funding is now in place to purchase the equipment and heated box. A local electrical company has kindly offered to install the unit. There will be a training session available to everyone when the equipment arrives. The unit is now on order.

b) Damage to Bolas Bridge

No reply had been received from TWC regarding this concern and this will be chased.

c) HGVs and Tractors

PCSO Tennant is following up with damage and concerns raised following the fall of bales from the tractor and trailer outside of the village hall.

d) TW Bus User Group

The Arriva 519 is likely to restart in December with thanks to the Parish Councils and Newport Regeneration Partnership who have agreed to part fund the reintroduction of the Saturday services due to the identified need. It was disappointing that Newport Town Council and TWC would not support the scheme financially, however Councillors Steve Bentley and Steve Burrell have granted £1000 Pride Funding to assist.

e) Rural Forum

The Minutes of these meetings are circulated for information.

18/3606 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley had been working on a number of local issues, which included the return of the Arriva 519 Saturday service. However, his main concern is around the use of the Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan to determine planning applications.

18/3607 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch and SmartWater

Our Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator gave an update on the NW scheme which successfully uses the Neighbourhood Watch What's App to get messages around regarding any 'crime-related' concerns or incidents. Some useful tips are circulated from Neighbourhood Watch. There are still some Smartwater kits available at the special price, everyone is encouraged to ensure that their property is identifiable. A recent meeting with John Campion was very useful.

It is a concern that the Neighbourhood Watch reports that are circulated do not include Waters Upton and other local incidents. This needs investigating.

b) Other Matters

None

18/3608 NEXT MEETING

19th December 2018 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

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 19th December 2018.