



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7.30pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall**.

PRESENT: Councillors: B Rothwell (Chairman)
 H Roberts
 J Quin
 T Revitt
 J Griffin

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
 5 Members of the public

19/3774 WELCOME
The Chairman, Councillor Rothwell, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION
None

19/3775 APOLOGIES
Cllr E Thomas Maternity Leave
It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Quin, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

Members wished to send their congratulations and best wishes to Emma and the family.

Cllr S Bentley

19/3776 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 whilst the matter is discussed.
None

19/3777 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER 2019
It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Roberts, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2019 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

19/3778 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY
None

19/3779 FINANCE
a) **Receipts**
 There were no outstanding invoices for payment.

b) Payments

It was proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Revitt that the payments be agreed as that the cheques be signed in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

Cheque no	Payment	Regulation	Amount
000126	Audit Fee	LGA 1972	£240.00
000127	ROSPA Inspections	LGA 1972 s111	£200.00
000128	Councillor Training	LGA 1972	£100.00
000129	Salary Oct, Nov, Dec	LGA 1972	£900.00
000130	PAYE – 3 months	LGA 1972	£225.00
000131	Pinfold Croft Maintenance (to be charged to WHT)	LGA 1972 s111	£240.00
000132	Roadman, play areas, churchyard, parish centre	LGA 1972 s111	£460.00

c) Financial Report

The Current Account Balance was £40,511 at November 10th 2019.

d) 2020/21 Budget Consideration

A payments against budget report had been produced and all areas of expenditure throughout the year have been within budget. Consideration for new projects will be included in the draft budget and these will include A442 Cold Hatton Scheme, Quiet Lanes Scheme, Speed Indicator Devices for the Parish – any other projects must be put forward before the end of December, for consideration.

19/3780

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

i) Old Rectory Fields

We have been informed that the Land Registry dispute has now been resolved and the Developer's solicitor is now drafting the agreements. There will be an agreement between Days New Homes and the Parish Council and then there will be one between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council.

Unfortunately, even though the new sign has been erected on the gate of the cemetery from Old Rectory Fields, there are still members of the public using the car park which is reserved for visitors to the cemetery only.

ii) Planning Meeting – 6th November 2019

The Minutes of the special meeting held on 6th November, which have been circulated and are available on request, were received for information.

b) New Applications for consideration

**TWC/2018/0760 Retrospective Application – Sleapford Farm
Change of Use from granny annexe to holiday let**

Whilst the Parish Council does not support retrospective applications, when viewing the details of this application, which is to regularise the use of the site, there were 4 members in favour of no objection and one strong objection, it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will register no objections to this change of use.
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c) Other Planning Matters

i) The Stackyard

Councillor Roberts confirmed that there remain concerns regarding the condition of the new path, inside the boundary of the Stackyard site. In order to keep pedestrians safe at the top of River Lane, everyone is encouraged to use the new path. This is difficult due to the use of loose gravel instead of tarmac or any solid surface. It was agreed that a further communication should be sent to request an upgrade to the path, suggesting the use of self-binding gravel, or similar in order that the surface is better for wheelchair and pushchair users and for dogs paws.

An article had been included in the newsletter to remind local people that the right of way is NOT through the estate and to request that people keep to the right of way.

The new bin store has not received planning consent and it was agreed that the Parish Council should request that some of the sandstone from the site be used to ensure that this is more in-keeping as it is very visible at this location on the site.

ii) The Swan Section 106

The Parish Council is awaiting a draft document for consideration.

iii) The Hall, Waters Upton

Councillor Bentley, as Ward Member, and the Clerk had met with Planning Officers today and had been informed that the Planning Officer has requested further details from the owner. However, it was clear that the developments were contrary to Planning Law and that appropriate action will be taken.

iv) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reminded the Members that the Parish Council needs to continue to monitor and review the Plan and to record its opinions.

A new Steering Group will be set up in accordance with the Monitoring and Review guidelines and it was agreed that Councillor Rothwell would lead on this as he had not been involved in the original drafting and associated work to prepare the Plan. The Steering Group will require representatives of the Community and its Chairman will be agreed at its first meeting.

A report will be available for the December meeting.

19/3781 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.

19/3782 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy will be available with the Minutes. The report contained information about the revisions to the Pre-Application Consultation process, the planning seminar on 4th November and the SALC AGM.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None

19/3783 QUIET LANES INITIATIVE

TWC would undertake an initial review of Catsbitch Lane and Meeson Road with a view to commencing the legal work required. WUPC would include funds in the 20/21 budget for consideration.

19/3784 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

TWC will be assessing our proposed sites, which will include for two posts as part of the TWC scheme for the A442 at Cold Hatton and one at Shray Hill bends on the B5062.

The scheme will be a Rural Partnership with other Parish Councils and an application for funding has been submitted for initial consideration, although we are still waiting for the costs from Morelock Installations.

19/3785 CLERK'S REPORT

a) The Poplars, Cold Hatton

The Planning Inquiry has been postponed until April 2020.

b) Orchard Close

The scheme is scheduled for this financial year but has been delayed due to significant flooding issues across the Borough.

c) Lighting in the Parish

An article has been included in the newsletter to request that LED appropriate lighting is used outdoors with a view to reducing light pollution and protecting wildlife.

d) Burned Out Car – Kynnersley Moors

The car was local and had not been reported as stolen.

e) Western Power Works

Advances notice had been received and there would be significant delays on the A442 as electric supplies are provide for the anaerobic digester at Rowton.

19/3786 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

There is little to report at this time due to Purdah, however, it had been confirmed that the following grant applications for support from the Councillors Pride Fund, were being considered by TWC

Crudgington School

Chestnut Club

Planting Scheme in Waters Upton Parish

Speed Indicator Device Partnership

Quiet Lanes Initiative (20/21)

19/3787 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch and SmartWater

Sufficient Smartwater Kits were purchased to enable all residents to be part of the scheme, there are kits available for the new house residents at the reduced cost of £8.90. New posters have been displayed and new residents are encouraged to purchase their kit to be a member of the scheme and to receive the benefits of 'We Don't Buy Crime'.

b) Harebutts Fields – pumping of waste from tankers

Concerns have been raised regarding the pumping of waste directly onto the fields between Harebutts and Bolas Bridge. There is no on-site parking and the position of the tanker means that the opposite verges are being damaged, which will result in flooding in the future. It appears that the effluent is being pumped onto the field and not into the ground and previous experience of a similar issue on another field would indicate that this should not be permitted. The two issues will be reported to TWC.

c) Condition of highways, especially narrow village lanes

It is important that farmers and contractors clean the roads and lanes to remove the mud as this then causes drains to be blocked, resulting in flooding. The recent heavy rains have also resulted in dangerous conditions where the mud is thick on the highway.

19/3788 NEXT MEETING

18th December 2019 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

The Chairman thanked Members and the public for their important contributions to the meeting. 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 18th December 2019.