



## Waters Upton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in Waters Upton Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors:                    B Rothwell (Chairman)  
    E Thomas  
    H Roberts  
    J Quin  
    J Griffin

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

**19/3789        WELCOME**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Recent flooding is continuing to worsen the conditions regarding many areas of flooding around the Parish. The open watercourse at Orchard Close remains of great concern, although TWC has confirmed that the work will be completed in the financial year.

Recent parking on verges is causing additional concerns, with damage to ditches and road gullies.

**19/3790        APOLOGIES**

Clr T Revitt                                Family circumstances

It was proposed by Councillor Quin and seconded by Councillor Roberts, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.**

Clr S Bentley, Ward Member, TWC

**19/3791        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

**19/3792        MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Quin, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**19/3793        MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**19/3794        FINANCE**

**a)    Receipts**

The Clerk informed Members of a balance of £544.96 on the Waters Upton Horticultural Society account of which she is one of the signatories. Unfortunately, the second signatory had passed away some years ago and the bank now wanted to transfer the money to an organisation that could carry out the work of the original Society. It has been authorised that the funds could transfer to Waters Upton Parish Council for the planned work to create more floral displays in and around the Parish.

**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  |
|-----------|--|---------------|---------|
| 000133    | Poppy Appeal Wreath                            | LGA 1972 s137 | £18.50  |
| 000134    | Roadman, play areas, churchyard, parish centre | LGA 1972 s111 | £442.00 |

**c) Financial Report**

The Current Account Balance was £38,541 at December 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**d) 2020/21 Budget Consideration**

A draft budget will be circulated to Members for consideration before the next Full Council Meeting.

**e) Thank You**

A thank you letter had been received from Arthritis Care and they have agreed to send in an article to be used in a future newsletter.

19/3795

**PLANNING**

**a) Planning Applications Updates**

**i) Old Rectory Fields**

We are still awaiting the draft legal transfer document for consideration. On receipt, it will be necessary to have an agreement between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council for the car park and cemetery extension.

**ii) Waters Upton Hall**

An extension has been granted to TWC until the end of January, for determination of all the application elements.

**b) New Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2018/1005 Retrospective Application – Meeson Barns  
Change of Use from garage 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 no objections. However, the application had come as a surprise and Members would request details of the Building Regulations in order to have confidence that the regulations in 2010 are still current.

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council will register no objections to this change of use, but would ask that all comments received from neighbours be taken into consideration before determination by the Planning Authority.**

**c) Other Planning Matters**

**i) The Stackyard**

The Clerk updated Members following a conversation with the developers, who would have no objections to a surface being added to the front path in order that it is more accessible for pushchairs and dogs. However, the opinion of the Tree Officer is essential and we are awaiting written confirmation from him that he has no objections to this work.

The large bin store in the centre of the site is still out of keeping and will be included in the phase Ii application which is to be submitted before the end of the year. At this point the Parish Council will be able to respond and express a view and all residents will be asked to submit their opinions, too.

**ii) Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Members received the Minutes, and agreed them to be an accurate account of the meeting. The following recommendations were considered:

### iii) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring and Review

The Chairman presented the first recommendation which is to confirm that following the review and monitoring in December 2019, the WUNP (Made Version) dated June 2016 continues to meet the needs of the Parish and this will be confirmed to TWC, as required. This was seconded by Councillor Quin.

The Chairman presented the second recommendation, in that a new Steering Group should be set up to undertake the following period of monitoring and review and that he, Councillor Quin (representing WUPC) and Councillor Bentley (Ward Member) will recruit up to 3 members of the community to form the Steering Group. A Chairman of the Group will be elected at its first meeting and will not be a member of the Parish Council as it is the role of the Steering Group to hold the Parish Council to account. This was seconded by Councillor Thomas.

All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the two recommendations be agreed, as detailed above.**

### iv) The Swan, Waters Upton

The Chairman presented the recommendation from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December in that the Parish Council employs the services of a legal representative, with relevant commercial and planning expertise to act on behalf of the Parish Council in future negotiations regarding the Section 106 agreement to provide the Community Asset. Members discussed the current position and it was further proposed that up to £1000 be allocated to fund the necessary advice and correspondence. This was proposed by Councillor Quin and seconded by Councillor Thomas. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that up to £1000 be allocated from Reserves to fund the necessary legal advice and correspondence regarding the Section 106 agreement to secure a Community Asset at the site of the Swan Inn.**

### 19/3796 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) Great Britain Spring Clean Events  
Although it is disappointing that this is necessary in our Parish, Members agreed to support an event to take place between 20<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April as part of this National Initiative.
- c) Boundary Fence – Corvedale to Field View  
The Clerk is dealing with this enquiry at this time.

### 19/3797 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy will be available with the Minutes.

### COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None

### 19/3798 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The rural partnership has now applied for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner. TWC is assessing our proposed sites which also include two on the A442 at Cold Hatton and one on the B5062 at Shray Hill. We are awaiting further information from Morelock regarding the ongoing costs. Funding will be included in the budget for 20/21.

### 19/3799 CLERK'S REPORT

#### a) Flooding, Great Bolas

TWC has employed the services of drainage engineers to assist in assessing and repairing damage to the road drain system in order to support the work undertaken by a local farmer to address the serious flooding issues in the village.

#### b) Verge Damage

Evidence of damage can be found throughout the Parish and all residents and businesses are asked to respect the verges as damage has a knock on effect and causes flooding and serious road surface damage. Also, vehicles that

park on the road and verges, often force other passing vehicles to have to drive on verges causing further issues. They often cause visibility issues too.

**c) ROSPA inspections**

The annual inspections have been carried out at Great Bolas and Field View and no issues have been identified.

**d) Highway Liaison Meeting updates**

The updates from the Highways Engineer had been circulated and were disappointing. Members were disappointed and concerned at the level of neglect by TWC for the safety of the children using the Walking Bus in allowing the company to delay the replacement of the bollards on the A442.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Cabinet Member, asking for a response within 14 days as to why TWC believes these delays are acceptable.

**e) Quiet Lanes**

TWC is collecting the traffic monitoring evidence that will be required before a decision is taken on Quiet Lanes status for Meeson Road and Catsbritch Lane.

**19/3800**

**REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

- The schedule of meetings will resume in January.
- The biggest concern at this time is the withdrawal of the Saturday Arriva 519 service bus. Councillor Bentley is arranging necessary meetings for this to be discussed with TWC, SC and Arriva.
- The recent flooding has resulted in unacceptable levels of mud on the highways and landowners are being asked to clear it from the roads when they leave fields and deposit it in a dangerous manner. It is a legal requirement to ensure that they leave the highways in a safe condition.
- The Environment Agency is also aware of the concerns regarding the spreading of 'potato water' on fields at The Harebutts and this is being monitored. The Environmental Health officers of TWC are monitoring the spreading of the liquid.

**19/3801**

**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) Catsbritch Lane**

The road surface near to Meverley House has been badly damaged by flood water and photos have been sent to TWC for remedial action.

Further along the lane, the ditches and culverts are blocked and these have been reported to TWC, who will ascertain the riparian landowner and liaise directly with them for action as soon as possible.

**c) STW – River Lane**

The situation at the bottom of River Lane is not acceptable and is a public health issue. STW must be held responsible as residents of Swan Court and Old Rectory Fields cannot leave their homes without walking / driving through it.

**19/3802**

**NEXT MEETING**

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020      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 8.15pm. inviting everyone to join the Councillors for a drink and festive nibbles.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.*