



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 16th December 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

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

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

20/3912 WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION

None

20/3913 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Griffin Leave of Absence Approved

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

Absent
Councillor T Revitt

20/3914 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

20/3915 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2020

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 25th November 2020 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

20/3916 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

20/3917 FINANCE & AUDIT

a) Payments

There were no payments to be authorised at the meeting.
Details of payments since the last meeting had been circulated, for information.

000182	Sytch Lane Noticeboard	£155.00
000183	Roadman, Churchyards, Play Areas and Parish Centre	£667.00
000184	Supply and Erect a fence at Parish Room Croft	£410.00

b) Current Account

The balance at the end of October is £60,923.74 which includes the £10,000 Parish Centre Grant.

c) Purchase of VE / VJ Day Commemorative Benches

Further to the decision to purchase commemorative benches - a second location (Sytych Lane) has been identified. It was proposed by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Roberts that two benches 'Lest we Forget' be purchased in the New Year. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will purchase two 'Lest We Forget' benches for delivery in the New Year.

d) Budget 2021/22

Further to the opinion that the precept for 2021/22 should not be increased, if at all possible, the Clerk will produce a budget for consideration at the January Full Council meeting.

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PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

Members were disappointed that the decision regarding Beechfield had not taken into consideration their views regarding the need to keep residential properties available for agricultural workers in the rural areas. Members agreed that a response to the Planning Officers should include that a precedent has now been set for future and ongoing loss of suitable residential opportunities for agricultural workers in the rural areas.

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2020/1024 Holmleigh, 8 Meeson

Temporary permission for a mobile home for 5 years and associated access

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council could not support this application. There is adequate provision available on the site with no requirement for changes to the access. The Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan would not support an additional dwelling on the site so could not support a mobile home which would also have a detrimental visual appearance. There were concerns that after the 5 year period, established use could be used in support of an application for a permanent residence.

c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

Members considered the Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan and its importance in the determination of planning applications in the Parish. As part of the monitoring and review, the Parish Council confirmed that the WUNP continues to meet the needs of the Parish at this time.

d) Other Planning Matters

The Stackyard, Waters Upton

No response had been received from Days New Homes or TWC regarding the bin store. Any applications for amendments to other boundaries on the site must be submitted to TWC for consideration.

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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) Information from SALC

All information has been shared with Members.

c) Mud on the Road

Concerns have been raised around the Parish regarding excess mud left on the roads following work in adjacent fields. Owners and contractors are reminded of the need to clear the roads to ensure the safety of other road users. There have been specific issues between Meeson and Shray Hill and between Waters Upton and Great

Bolas.

d) Verge erosion and damage

Complaints had been received and these have been passed to TWC Highways Department for consideration and action. The erosion of verges results in ruts and potholes at the side of the roads which then cause dangerous situations to pedestrians and cyclists and can also cause damage to vehicles as when they are filled with water / mud they cannot be seen.

Concerns were expressed regarding parking on verges which results in damage. The Clerk informed the Council that arrangements were in place for parking at the Village Hall by Morgans staff and customers to support them at this busy time, but also to reduce the need for verge and highway parking. Members also asked that Morgans Butchers be asked to provide no parking advice cones outside of The Chestnuts for the period up until New Year to ensure that the highway is not blocked and that emergency vehicles can have access.

20/3920 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Community Speedwatch

Thanks were extended to all the volunteers who had completed their registration forms and these will be sent to WMP for the formal police checks. West Mercia Police will complete the traffic data checks with a view to commencing the speedwatch scheme in the New Year.

b) A442 Cold Hatton Scheme

Work continues on Phases 1 and 2 which will incorporate the Speed Indicator Device and sensors. The signage along the route will be included in Phase 3 in the New Year.

The central refuges are now in place, and the Parish Council had requested that solar lights be included to ensure that vehicles can see them during the night and in periods of poor visibility.

Crudgington

Work has started on the road repairs, but more work is required regarding the road markings and signage, particularly relating to the school.

c) Damaged Road namesigns

Contractors working at The Swan site have damaged The Swan Court and Old Rectory Fields namesigns, these will be replaced following completion of the development.

20/3921 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None

20/3922 CLERK'S REPORT

a) RoSPA Inspections

The replacement bark, to RoSPA specifications is likely to cost in the region of £2400 for both sites. This will be kept in mind for future budget considerations. The Clerk will continue to liaise with TWC, as this is not required until the Spring 2021.

b) Shropshire Homes, Dairy Crest site

Liaison has continued and a representative of Shropshire Homes has asked to meet with the Members of the Parish Council and Ward Member at a Zoom Meeting in January for the Parish Council to receive an update on the scheme and details relating to Crudgington Crossroads. This will take place on 14th January at 7pm. A zoom link will be provided.

c) Quiet Lanes

TWC will be moving forward with this proposal in the New Year.

20/3923 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Stephen Bentley, one of the Ward Members for Edgmond and Ercall Magna reported the following:

- Meetings continue to be limited and held virtually. Staff are being redeployed to offer further support to community support projects across the Borough. This has a knock on effect on the core service provision and action on reports in the communities.

