



## Waters Upton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

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

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

### 21/3942 WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

### PUBLIC SESSION

Dog Fouling Thanks were received for the signs and the article in the newsletter.

Moorbank Farm No notification to local residents of recent planning applications  
More like an industrial site than a farm  
Contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan  
Noise and Light pollution  
Impact on wildlife

### 21/3943 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Griffin Leave of Absence Approved

**RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.**

### 21/3944 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 21/3945 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2021

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

### 21/3946 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

### 21/3947 FINANCE & AUDIT

a) Payments

000192	Street Light Repair	£87.80
000193	Street Light Maintenance Contract	£210.32

000194	Hire of Skips for Parish Roadman	£408.00
000195	Parish Roadman, Play Areas, Churchyard, Parish Centre	£555.00
000196	Contribution to A442 Cold Hatton Traffic Calming Scheme	£3500.00
000197	Parish Room Croft signs	£283.80

**b) Current Account**

The balance in the current account at the end of December was £56,698.99 which includes the £10,000 Parish Centre Grant.

**c) Preparations for the end of the financial year**

Members are reminded to submit any claims for reimbursement of Parish Council expenditure in preparation for the end of the financial year.

A draft list of Earmarked Reserves will be circulated for consideration.

21/3948

**PLANNING**

**a) Planning Applications Updates**

**TWC/2020/1097 and 1098 Moor Bank Farm, Crudgington**

The Planning Case Officer had confirmed that no answers to her queries had been received although the applicant had confirmed that it is their intention to erect both developments when permission is granted. The Parish Council has been asked to submit its thoughts regarding these applications and the site.

Taking into consideration the concerns of local residents regarding the site, Members confirmed that they would respond to highlight the fact that this site has seen 6 planning applications since the end of October 2020. The company would have known the extent of its plans at commencement and this now appears to be planning by stealth. This 'massive' development in the countryside is of ridiculous levels and is more like an industrial unit. The Parish Council, at no point, has been aware of the overall scale of the proposal. It is inappropriate that local residents had not been consulted and the current concerns regarding the noise and light pollution should be investigated.

**RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would object to the two outstanding planning applications and would include in its response the additional information and concerns, on behalf of the local residents.**

**b) New Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2021/0132 Sheepbridge Cottages**

**Erection of an Agricultural Building for storage of equipment and animal food**

Members had no objections in principle to the erection of such a building. However, this is the second on the site and Members believed that the development of the site has now reached its maximum. It is also important that the nearby right of way is defined and accessible.

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections but that the comments regarding its maximum limit of development and rights of way requirements would be included.**

**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. However, it is recognised that a meeting with TWC should take place in the coming weeks.

**d) Other Planning Matters**

**i) Proposed Road Names, Former Dairy Crest Site**

A correction to the previous Minutes had been necessary.

Following a consultation, TWC Licensing Board has confirmed that Crugetone Way, Churn Close and Old Dairy Lane have been submitted to Royal Mail.

ii) **Waters Upton Hall**

Details relating to Waters Upton Hall have been circulated and appear on the TWC website, for information.

**21/3949 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. Details relating to current training opportunities have been circulated. We are awaiting information from NALC regarding hybrid meetings from May onwards.
- c) **Thanks from Crudgington School**  
The Headteacher and children have written to thank the PC for its assistance with obtaining laptops for home-schooling and for a significant donation that had been received which has assisted in the purchase of additional equipment. This support by the local community is very much appreciated.
- d) **Section 137 Expenditure**  
NALC has confirmed that the maximum per elector for 2021/22 will be £8.41.
- e) **Rural Forum**  
The Minutes have been circulated, for information.

**21/3950 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

a) **A442 Cold Hatton Scheme**

Replacement bollards are on order. Phase II has been completed, however, there is still a correlation issue between the VAS and the sensors, the manufacturer is to visit and assess the reasons why this is a problem.

**Phase III**

This will include a full review of all signage from our boundary at Sandyford to Shawbirch and will include additional work at Crudgington.

b) **Catsbitch Lane**

The flooding between Melverly House and The Lodge continues to cause a concern and the road has been closed during periods of flooding. The highways officer is aware of the issue and additional work will be necessary.

c) **Swan Bridge, A442 speed limit**

TWC has confirmed that it will consider relocating the start of the 40mph zone to before Swan Bridge, when travelling from Cold Hatton direction.

There is a tree in the river, causing issues with regards to the flow of the river and could cause further damage to the bridge. TWC has agreed to deal with this issue. Thanks were extended to the landowner for offering to assist, although this was not possible due to the size and location of the tree.

d) **Flooding at Meeson**

This has been particularly bad over the winter, causing extreme problems for residents and drivers. This has been reported to TWC and is as a result of some unfinished work previously.

e) **Flooding between The Harebutts and Bolas Bridge**

Water from Meeson flows down the field and crosses the road as it makes its way to the River, this causes flooding problems and ice on the road, which is dangerous. This, too, has been reported to TWC for action.

f) **Cold Hatton Lanes**

Shop Lane, Middle Lane and Stars Lane are suffering as a result of additional vehicles, some HGVs and overgrown hedges. These cause the vehicles to driver on the verges which results in damage and blocks the ditches. Where water has remained on the highway, damage has occurred. The Parish Council will continue to report these issues in the hope that TWC will deal with them asap.

**21/3951 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None

**21/3952 CLERK'S REPORT**

**a) Parish Room Croft**

The Parish Council has engaged the services of TWC to work with the community on the three elements of the Parish Room Croft design. Work will start again shortly, in the hope that we can have a public consultation at the end of lockdown. Anyone interested in assisting as part of a Working Group for this project, please contact the Clerk.

**b) Community Speedwatch**

It is hoped that the training will take place as soon as possible after the end of lockdown.

**c) Spring Clean**

Anyone interested in helping with this initiative, in April, covid restrictions permitting, please let the Clerk know.

**21/3953 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

None

**21/3954 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT**

A copy of the recent newsletter had been circulated.

We have a new PSCO covering this area. Ivan has been to visit a few times and is keen to get to know the local community and councillors and will attend a future PC meeting via zoom, when his shift rota permits.

**21/3955 PARISH MATTERS**

**a) Neighbourhood Watch**

The new CMS system has still not arrived and will make a difference when local information can be received.

**b) Neighbourhood Watch App**

NW Co-ordinators look forward to working with the Police and PCSOs.

**c) Rights of Way**

The kissing gate, from Sytch Lane, has still not been installed – TWC will be asked to make this a priority.

**d) Green Grants**

Up to £5000 matched-funding grants are available from TWC for eco-efficient local projects. It was agreed that the installation of car charging point in the village should be investigated with the Village Hall Management Committee. The grant can also be accessed for solar panels or a ground source heat pump. The closing date for applications is in April.

Councillor Thomas agreed to ask the Climate Change Officer for advice on rural village projects that could be considered.

**21/3956 NEXT MEETING**

24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

7.30pm

Full Council

Via Zoom

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to the meeting and thanked the residents for attending. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed .....Date .....

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