



Waters Upton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 7.30pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall**.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr S Bentley (TWC)
14 Members of the Public

22/0297 WELCOME

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Members and the public and thanked everyone for attending, it is always good to welcome new residents to our meetings.

22/0298 PUBLIC SESSION

The following matters were raised:

- Rights of Way –broken styles, missing way markers and blocked routes
- Right of Way from Pinfold Croft to Swan Court
- Development to the rear of Quarry View, Waters Upton
- Water pressure, Quarry View and neighbours
- Tree outside of 1 / 2 Quarry View

22/0299 APOLOGIES

Councillor Hamilton Holiday

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

RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillor Hamilton be accepted.

PCSO I Collumbell

22/0300 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Quin Item 7 b i) Personal and prejudicial

Members were also reminded of the changes to the Code of Conduct since its adoption. It is now a requirement to declare all interests, in business, organisations, charities that work within the Parish.

22/0301 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2022

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

22/0302 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Chairman said it was regrettable that Telford & Wrekin Council had not provided an update on the outstanding issues to the rear of the Lion Inn Car Park or rear of Orchard Close.

The Clerk will remind Adrian Allman (TWC) of the need to complete these projects as soon as possible. A reminder regarding the need to remove roots from the route to the rear of Orchard Close is vitally important.

22/0303 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a) Payments

The following payments were presented:

BACCs	Dog Poo bag dispenser and bags	Litter Act 1983 ss 5,6	£138.84
BACCs	Website and licence	LGA 1972 s 142	£321.48
BACCs	Account Software	LGA 1972	£276.00
BACCs	Street Light Maintenance Contract	Parish Council's Act 1957 s3	£105.17

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

RESOLVED that the payments be made.

b) Financial Report

The Financial Report confirmed a Current Account balance of £56,659.05 at the end of June. The outcome of the External Audit has not yet been received.

c) Finance & Governance Meeting

Parish Councillors will meet at 7pm on Thursday, 25th August to ensure that all Governance documents are up to date and to confirm the Earmarked Reserves and Parish Strategy (hopefully the audit will have been completed).

22/0304 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

DMMO Yew Tree Farm

TWC has confirmed the designation of the right of way at Yew Tree Farm as included in the recent DMMO.

Moor Bank Farm

The Enforcement Officer will visit and check out the conditions included in the Planning Approval.

b) Planning Applications for Consideration

TWC/2022/0542

Melverley House, Catsbitch Lane

Single Storey extension following the removal of a conservatory

Councillor Quin declared an interest and left the room for this application.

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would support the application.

TWC/2022/0548

Sunnybrook, Cold Hatton

Single Storey side and rear extension

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would support the application which is sympathetic and in keeping with the area.

TWC/2022/0570

Hucclecote, Cold Hatton

Two storey front, side and rear extensions, porch and balcony

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would add comments to the application expressing a concern that a three bed bungalow is to be replaced by a six bed house, with no additional parking available. The proposals are not in keeping with the area and the proposals represented excessive development on the site. Members would welcome an alternative application which includes a proposal which is more proportionate with the original dwelling.

Local residents had shared concerns regarding the access and over-development of the site. The Parish Councillors discussed, at length, the position of this site, adjacent to the A442, on which the speed limit is exceeded continually throughout the day.

Whilst the Parish Council welcomed bungalows, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan, concerns remain regarding the safety of pedestrians, residents and road users. The site is also an established orchard.

RESOLVED that no application at this location will be supported unless the speed of traffic on the A442 can be reduced. It would be suggested that a 40mph be introduced from the Rowton Junction, reducing to 30mph before Sytch Lane, offering protection for the accesses and through to Crudgington Crossroads, which will be replaced by the roundabout in the future. The 20mph zone outside of Crudgington School will remain and assist in keeping the speed of traffic to an appropriate level for the safety of all.

The proposal is over-development of the site and the Parish Council would consider that three bungalows should be the maximum, if any permission is to be granted. Any development should take into consideration the rural location and be constructed with the minimal use of manmade materials and inclusion of sustainable initiatives, solar panels, ground force heating and electric charging points. The design must be appropriate for the rural area.

c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors Roberts & Quin will meet with TWC on 23rd August at Civic Offices, Wellington.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) The Stackyard, Waters Upton

A further meeting had taken place with Days New Homes in an attempt to bring the outstanding matters to a conclusion within an agreed timeframe. The right of way modification should be published in around 3 weeks, with the other outstanding projects: fencing, car park, grounds maintenance and highway resurfacing, being completed as soon as possible.

ii) The Swan, Waters Upton

No further update is available. The untidy and unsafe site has been reported on numerous occasions.

22/0305

CORRESPONDENCE

a) All correspondence received for the attention of the Councillors has been circulated and no requests had been received for items to be added to this agenda.

b) Information from Shropshire Association of Local Councils

All information and News Bulletins are shared with Members and useful information and guidance is included in the publications, which include advice from NALC and other organisations.

c) Training

All training and information events should be recorded, if any Members have attended events, the information should be included in the Council's Training Register.

d) Wrekin Area Committee

The Clerk had represented Waters Upton Parish Council at the recent meeting. The AGM will take place in September. The Minutes will be circulated.

22/0306

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Updates

Fence to the North of Swan Bridge

This should be installed before the end of August.

Speedwatch Sessions

These one-hour sessions will be held throughout August at the three locations in the Parish.

Terrill Stables

A request had been received regarding an enquiry relating to the replacement fence and repositioning of the gate – these have been referred to TWC.

b) Waters Upton Village Footpath

A site visit had taken place today and the Clerk had met with a Highways Officer to assess the condition of the footpath and establish the extent of the work required. The condition is poor, and the project will move to the top of the priority list for when funding is available. Councillor Bentley will provide £2000 as matched funding. The project could be in the region of £10,000 and will include flexible surface dressing under the tree canopies because of the vulnerability of the tree roots. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Quin, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £2000 be allocated to this project, from reserves, in order to match fund the local contribution.

Tree roots are also evident on the path to Sytch Lane – this will also need to be reported.

c) Speed Indicator Device Scheme

TWC is awaiting the final agreed location for one of the Waters Upton sites and then the scheme can be completed and the project move forward.

22/0307 CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

A number of projects have been supported, with some funding. An agreement has been reached to provide overhead LED heaters for the Village Hall.

22/0308 PARISH PROJECTS

a) Dog Fouling

Following reports of Dog Fouling on a public path, new signs have been erected and a poo bag dispenser and bags will be installed. An article has been included in the newsletter.

22/0309 POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thanks would be recorded to the Rural PCSO for his valued support and regular visits around the rural areas. This is much appreciated by local residents.

Copies of the latest newsletter are available.

We Don't Buy Crime Initiative

This scheme has been in place in the Parish for some time and has been successful. It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Rothwell that the Parish Council should work with Ercall Magna Parish Council and to apply for a grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner to reduce the cost of more Smartwater Kits to £8.50. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Waters Upton PC will work with Ercall Magna PC to apply for a grant for Smartwater Kits.

22/0310 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Rev Naylor, from the Haughmond & Wrekin Benefice, intends to send an information circular to the new properties at Crudgington Fields to welcome new residents and to explain the changes that are being piloted in that St Michael's Church will move from the Edgmond Benefice. The Parish Council will respond to confirm that we have a newsletter which is delivered to every house and that an article can be included in a future publication. A parish noticeboard will also be provided for the Crudgington site in the near future and local notices will be welcome.

CLERK'S REPORT

STW Treatment Works, rear of Upton Stones

The site has been upgraded.

STW – installation of new pipework

Work has commenced to install a new pipe from the Lion Inn junction to Crudgington Crossroads. This will be installed inside the field boundary to avoid delays on the A442. This is likely to take up to 10 weeks to complete.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Group

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. Shropshire Council will continue to offer administrative support to the group and its next meeting will be in September. The group also monitors the use of drones, licences and helicopter training.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Thomas reported that following the success of the Jubilee Event, there is a wish to hold a Parish BBQ. The original proposed date is no longer suitable and a date in September is to be identified. Funding, raised at the Jubilee Fete, will be available to support the event and to provide entertainment on the Village Green. Volunteers will also organise a Pop Up Pub on the same date in the Village Hall. Great Bolas is holding its village BBQ on 20th August.

22/0311 INFORMATION FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL – Councillor Stephen Bentley

In addition to assisting local residents with individual queries, work has continued to investigate options for a rural transport initiative. Also, funding is available for local projects and Councillor Bentley will provide £2000 matched funding for the footpath improvements in Waters Upton Village. Other grant applications are invited for local projects.

The planning application at Crudgington Fields had been approved at Planning Committee tonight and will provide the roundabout at Crudgington Crossroads.

22/0312 PARISH MATTERS

The Chairman explained that this is now an opportunity for the public to ask any questions relating to items that have been discussed throughout the meeting. Members also have an opportunity to discuss items raised in the public session.

- 20mph outside of the school is advisory and the lights are often not working at school times
- A request for the police to attend outside of Crudgington School whenever possible to monitor speed
- Public access to the Village Green at Parish Room Croft will be via the pedestrian gate from The Paddocks. The gate must be shut after use and no dogs are allowed on the Village Green. Signs will be erected to assist. The public are reminded that they will be passing over a private road and therefore care must be taken as this is shared with vehicles.
- The solar VAS at Crudgington has still not been replaced and is hidden by overgrown hedging.
- The Right of Way from Pinfold Croft to Swan Court is to be dealt with by TWC, but the Parish Council has informed the estate agents selling the property adjacent to the path in order that any prospective purchasers are aware of the situation.
- A project to identify all Rights of Way in the Parish and to ensure that they are accessible and have appropriate styles and way-markers is to be led by Councillor Thomas.
- The lack of water pressure at Quarry View will be reported to STW.
- Wrekin Housing Group has been asked for permission to deal with the tree in front of numbers 1 and 2 Quarry View.

22/0313 NEXT MEETING

28th September 2022

7.30pm

Full Council Meeting

Waters Upton Village Hall

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting which closed at 8.40pm.

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 28th September 2022.