

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Warwick (Chairman); Councillors Delargey, Guraya and Hawkins

Apologies: Councillor Hawcutt

139/18 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

140/18 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensation

The following Declarations of Interest were recorded:

Councillor Warwick declared an interest in Wolvey Baptist Chapel and in any matter by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor Hawkins declared an interest in any matter relating to Wolvey Playing Field.

141/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

142/18 Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council – Update

(a) Rugby Borough Council

Borough Councillor Pacey-Day was not present at the meeting.

(b) Warwickshire County Council

County Councillor Warwick reported that Warwickshire County Council had increased Council Tax by 4.99%. £9 million budget cuts had to be made as a result of no additional Government funding being received.

A default notice had been issued in respect of The Square.

Councillor Warwick reported that he had arranged for the verges in Mill Lane to be made good when the weather had improved and for the discarded barriers, road signs and sandbags etc which had been left by highway contractors to be removed.

143/18 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that local parish elections would be held on 3 May 2018. A supply of nomination papers would be sent to the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

144/18 Planning

The parish council considered the following two planning applications:

(a) **R18/0199 - Rosemere, Hinckley Road, Wolvey** - proposed two storey side extension and rear extension; other alterations to include changes to the roof and the increase in the ridge height.

RESOLVED that Wolvey Parish Council objects to this planning application on the following grounds:

- (i) over development in the Green Belt due to the size of the proposed extension;
 - (ii) the proposed extension is out of keeping and would have a detrimental impact on the character of the area; and
 - (iii) the parish council considers the proposals go beyond what could reasonably be deemed an extension to the property and there is concern that if approved, this development would be more of a re-build than an extension to the property.
- (b) **R18/0239 - Site: The Chalet, Hinckley Road, Wolvey** - Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Outbuilding

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with Julie Warwick, to agree a form of wording for submission to Rugby Borough Council objecting to this proposal on the grounds that the development is not lawful.

145/18 Financial Matters

The parish council considered the financial matters relating to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the following payments be agreed:
 - (i) Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses (cheque no. 300543) - £746.24
 - (ii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire invoice nos 244 and 245 (cheque no. 300544) - £15.00
 - (iii) WS Gardens – cut back brambles in Bracken Drive (invoice no. 7042 – cheque no. 300545) - £30.00
 - (iv) Colledge Tree & Landscape – cut down branch in Wolvey Wetland (invoice no. 771 - cheque no. 300546) - £120.00
 - (v) Seddon Plant & Engineers Ltd – purchase of blower machine (cheque no. 300547) - £253.90
- (b) The direct debit from Opus Energy for Street Lighting for the following periods be noted:
 - 20 December 2017 – 19 January 2018 - £588.91
 - 20 January 2018 – 16 February 2018 - £527.35

- (c) The reimbursement to Councillor Warwick for the purchase of the Clerk's new laptop and software for £569.98 (cheque no. 300542) be noted.

146/18 Parking in Wolvey

Councillors discussed concerns over the increasing number of vehicles parking in the road in Pipers End, Wolvey. These vehicles made it difficult for motorists to drive through Pipers End, increasing the risk of accidents. There were also concerns over pedestrian safety, particularly in respect of children, when crossing the road between parked vehicles.

There were seven council owned garages with seven parking spaces in Pipers End. Councillors were concerned that over time, a number of these garages and parking spaces had been rented out by Rugby Borough Council to non-residents of Pipers End, including people who did not reside in Wolvey. This was having a knock-on effect with parking congestion as residents without garages/parking spaces were having to park in the road.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Clerk make enquiries with Rugby Borough Council on the number of garages and parking spaces currently allocated to non-residents of Pipers End; the number of garages/parking spaces in Pipers End which were currently available for rent; and the process of determining the allocation of garages and parking spaces when they became vacant;
- (b) the parish council requests that vacant garages and parking spaces be restricted to Pipers End residents to try and ease the parking congestion;
- (c) Warwickshire Police be consulted on highway safety grounds.

147/18 Streetlight Renewal Programme 2017/18 – Update

The Chairman reported that following the street light inspection last month, Councillor Hawcutt had drawn up list of priorities for replacing street lights.

Councillor Hawkins had offered to store a few old street lights at Wolvey Playing fields for use as spare parts.

RESOLVED that

- (a) authority be delegated to the Chairman, Vice–Chairman and Councillor Hawcutt to meet with officers from Warwickshire County Council to draw up a list of street lights for replacement; and
- (b) Councillor Hawkins' offer to store old streetlights be accepted.

148/18 Wolvey Playing Fields Pavilion – Grant Application

Councillors discussed applying for a grant for fascia, soffit and guttering works at the Pavilion. Quotes for the work had been circulated to councillors. Following enquiries, it was suggested that the parish council could apply for a grant under the Rugby Borough Council's Rural Development Fund, which would require 50% match funding.

RESOLVED that the parish council submits an application for grant funding from the Rugby Borough Council Rural Development Fund for these works.

(Councillor Hawkins declared an interest in the above item and took no part in the discussion or voting).

149/18 Replacement Bench in The Square

Councillors considered four options for the replacement bench in The Square.

RESOLVED that the Glasdon Pheonix bench in brown Enviropol material at a cost of £416.69 + VAT plus fixings be agreed.

150/18 Asset Register

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register.

RESOLVED that the Asset Register be approved.

151/18 Grass Cutting Contract 2018/19

Councillors considered the Grass Cutting Contract for 2018/19. The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting confirmation from Rugby Borough Council that the grant towards grass cutting would be received this year.

RESOLVED that subject to the grant money towards grass cutting being received from Rugby Borough Council, WS Gardens be awarded the grass cutting contract for 2018/19.

152/18 Internal Audit Arrangements

The Clerk reported that the three year agreement with the parish council's internal auditor, Mike Spencer, had expired.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Mike Spencer to see if he would be willing to enter into a new three year agreement to carry out an internal audit of the parish council's accounts, and if so, what his fee would be.

153/18 Annual Parish Meeting

Councillors considered arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 25 April 2018.

RESOLVED that in addition to the village groups, both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Warwickshire County Council Portfolio Holder for Fire and Community Safety be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

154/18 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) – Update

Councillor Warwick reported that the next meeting of NPAC would be held on Thursday 1 March 2018 to consider policies.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

155/18 Wolvey Environment Committee – Update

A representative from Wolvey Environment Committee was not present at the meeting.

156/18 Date of next Meeting – 19 March 2018 at 7.30pm in Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.