

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day
1 Member of the public

Apologies: Councillor Delargey

126/18 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

127/18 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.

128/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December, 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

129/18 Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council – Update

(a) Rugby Borough Council

Borough Councillor Pacey-Day reported on the following:

- (i) Rugby Borough Council's Twitter Campaign to promote "Love Parks Week" had been successful and had been nominated for a national award.
- (ii) The Public Hearing to consider Rugby Borough Council's Local Plan would start in January. It was agreed that Julie Warwick would be asked to attend if necessary.
- (iii) Constituent Member authorities of the West Midlands Combined Authority would be required to pay an additional precept to the Mayor.

(b) Warwickshire County Council

County Councillor Warwick reported that Harborough District Council's Planning Committee had approved the planning application for the expansion of Magna Park. This decision had, however, been called in by a group of Councillors and referred to the full Council which had then refused the application. Councillor Warwick would be attending a meeting of the Magna Park Liaison Committee on 6 February 2018 and so would keep councillors updated.

130/18 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that WALC had asked for nominations from parish councils to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 31 May 2018. The final selection was made by a blind and random selection of nominations submitted.

The Clerk also reported on the General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR) which come into effect on 25 May 2018 and will replace the current data protection legislation. Both NALC and WALC were sending parish councils updates on the changes and clarifying certain aspects. The Clerk would keep councillors updated.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Clerk's report be noted; and
- (b) the parish council nominates Councillor Jas Guraya (and companion) to attend the Royal Garden Party on 31 May 2018.

131/18 Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider.

132/18 Financial Matters

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

RESOLVED that the following payments be agreed:

- (i) Clerk's salary, allowances & expenses – cheque no. 300535 - £731.13
 - (ii) Councillor Jas Guraya – reimbursement of items purchased for Wolvey Christmas Event on 3.12.17 cheque no. 300536 - £39.36
 - (iii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire (18.12.17 and 10.1.18) – cheque no. 300537 - £12.00
 - (iv) CPRE – annual renewal – cheque no. 300538 - £40.00
 - (v) Farol Ltd – mower repair (invoice no. 436254) – cheque no. 300539 - £270.57
 - (vi) WS Gardens – invoice no. 7039) – take down Christmas tree – cheque no. 300540 - £120.00
 - (vii) HMRC – PAYE for Quarter 3 – cheque no. 300541 - £27.96
- (b) The direct debit from Opus Energy for Street Lighting for the period 19 November – 19 December 2017 - £592.82 be noted.
 - (c) The Cash Book, Bank Reconciliation Statement and Budget Monitoring report for Quarter 3 were considered.

RESOLVED that the totals of the Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation Statement for the period ending 31 December 2017 amounting to £73,576.20 and the budget monitoring for Quarter 3 be noted.

133/18 Request for “No Turning Places” sign at entrance into Moat Lane

Councillors considered a request from a local resident for the parish council to approach Warwickshire County Council for a “No Turning Places” sign (or similar) to be positioned at the entrance to Moat Lane.

The Chairman had made enquiries with Warwickshire County Council prior to this meeting to see what could be done. County Council Highway officers had advised that this type of notice was not on the County Council’s approved list of traffic signs. In addition, the County Council’s Traffic and Road Safety Team were extremely reluctant to erect any sign that might set a precedent and could lead to numerous other requests. It was also pointed out that Warwickshire County Council had a policy of de-cluttering signs on the highway network where possible.

RESOLVED that the resident be informed that, following consultation with Warwickshire County Council, the parish council is unfortunately unable to assist any further with this matter.

134/18 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) – Update

Councillor Warwick reported that a meeting of NPAC would be held on Wednesday 17 January 2018 to consider policies.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

135/18 Streetlight Renewal Programme 2017/18 – Update

The Chairman suggested that councillors carry out an inspection of all streetlights around Wolvey to prioritise a programme of streetlight replacement.

RESOLVED that councillors carry out an inspection of the streetlights around Wolvey on Tuesday 16 January 2018.

136/18 Wolvey Environment Committee – Update

The Chairman of Wolvey Environment Committee (John Hardman) gave an update on WEG and WEC activities. The report from the Senior Officer, Local Wildlife Sites Project had been well received by WEG members. Councillor Hawkins’ comments would be forwarded to John Hardman, who would prepare a response to the report on behalf of the parish council.

The Woodland Walk had re-opened following removal of the overhanging branch. The Clerk would chase Russell Colledge for the invoice for this work.

Councillor Warwick thanked WEC for the contribution towards clearing the kerbs and was pleased to report that Warwickshire County Council had issued an order for the edges to be filled.

Councillors discussed the procedure for the purchase of small items by WEG/WEC in order to avoid a delay in works being carried out.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) John Hardman be given delegated authority to purchase small items up to a maximum limit of £50. The Clerk must be consulted in all cases of items over £50.

137/18 Any Other Items

- (a) Prices for a replacement UPVC wood effect bench for The Square would be obtained.
- (b) WS Gardens be requested to cut back the shrubs on the public area of land in Bracken Close.
- (c) Warwickshire County Council be requested to clear the overgrown path between the Village shop and the Bull's Head.
- (d) The Clerk was pleased to report that she had received a letter of thanks to Wolvey residents for the £200 which had been raised for the Salvation Army at the 2017 Wolvey Christmas Tree Switch-on Event.

138/18 Date of next Meeting – 19 February 2018 at 7.30pm in Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.