

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH MEETING HELD
IN WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2016 at 7.30pm**

1. Apologies

None

2. Present

Councillor Dixon (Chairman of Wolvey Parish Council) and electors

County Councillor Morris-Jones, Borough Councillor Pacey-Day
J. Essex (Parish Clerk)

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the parish meeting held on 29th April, 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Presentation - Warwickshire Rural

Guest Speaker, Carol Cotterill, Coordinator for Crime in Rural Communities – Warwickshire County Council gave a presentation on the role and work of Warwickshire Rural Watch in raising crime awareness and tackling crime prevention in rural areas.

PC Baker and PCSO Sharon Bailee-Crabtree were also in attendance.

5. Presentation by County Councillor Morris-Jones

County Councillor Morris-Jones provided an overview of Warwickshire County Council matters.

Warwickshire County Council was the administrative body for the County. The full Council met at least 6 times a year. Council tax had increased by 4% this year.

The Council had been looking at combined working and strategic alliances with other authorities (eg. a joint alliance between Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police). Discussions were on-going regarding a combined authority for the West Midlands, with the possibility of an elected Mayor.

A Boundary Review had recently been held to even out the population between wards and there had been changes to the Fosse Division.

The Fosse Community Forum met quarterly and considered such issues as traffic issues and crime.

The Council provided a number of grants. One was the Annual Highways grant of £35,000 which was awarded to each Council division, and there was also the modest Councillors Fund of £5,000 per year to be divided between

applications towards a community enhancement scheme.

6. Presentation by Borough Councillor Pacey-Day

Borough Councillor Pacey-Day provided an overview of Ruby Borough Council matters. This was his fourth year as Rugby Borough Councillor for this ward.

Wolvey was one of 7 villages in the Borough which had been identified as a Main Rural Settlement as it had facilities which could sustain development. This would mean that each of these villages had been allocated a development of 100 houses. More affordable housing and rented accommodation for young people was required in the village.

Developments at Magna Park, Callendar Farm and Sketchley Grange were likely to increase traffic problems in the area.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Adrian Warwick, Chairman of the recently formed Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee, gave a presentation on progress to date with neighbourhood planning, including the benefits to Wolvey in having a neighbourhood plan and the challenges ahead.

8. Wolvey Parish Council Chairman's Report

Councillor Dixon provided a report giving details of the activities of Wolvey Parish Council for the year 2015/16. He thanked residents and organisations who contributed to community initiatives.

9. Annual Accounts of Wolvey Parish Council for year 2015-16

The annual financial report was circulated by Jackie Essex, Responsible Financial Officer for Wolvey Parish Council.

10. Annual Reports from Village Groups

The following reports were received from Village Groups:

a) Wolvey Environment Group

Parish Councillor Ruth Buswell presented the Wolvey Environment Group's report for 2015/16. Projects included a display at the Burbage Country Show, the planting of daffodil bulbs, planting of hanging baskets, flower tower and troughs, boardwalk repairs and installation of the bridge at the Wetland to create a circular walk.

b) Wolvey Youth Club

Barbara Jones reported on the work of the Youth Club which had been operating for 3 years and was now well established, delivering a number of activities aimed at young people.

c) Playing Fields Committee

Robert Hawkins reported that the parish council grant had been spent on the new main access gate and had helped towards the maintenance of the playing field.

d) Baptist Chapel

Adrian Warwick reported that the parish council grant contributed towards the maintenance of the area outside the Chapel and the communal areas. He appealed for dog walkers to clear up dog mess when exercising their dogs outside the Chapel.

e) Baby and Toddler Group

There were currently around 25 families attending this group, which provided an opportunity for parents, carers and grandparents to socialise. Many attended from neighbouring villages. The parish council grant helped the group pay the Village Hall rent.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.