

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL**  
**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2011 at 7.45pm**

**11.18 Present**

Cllr Buswell (Chair)  
 Cllrs Elliott, Hawkins, Podesta, Slee & Orchard

M Cartwright (Clerk)

**Apologies**

None

**In attendance**

Cty Cllr Morris-Jones, B Cllr A Warwick, two police officers & six members of the public

**11.19 Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

Cllrs Hawkins & Elliott declared a prejudicial interest in a planning application on land south of the Telephone exchange, Coventry Road. This application was received after the agenda was compiled and therefore cannot be decided at this meeting.

**11.20 Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2011**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were confirmed and signed by the chair as a true record

**11.21 Comment and information from members of the public and members with a prejudicial interest**

No comments received

**11.22 Police report**

A police report sent by PCSO Bailie was read and note by the council  
 PC Giustine Cree and PC? attended the meeting to answer questions by the council.  
 A response has been received to the council's comments on the low detection rate for crime in Wolvey.

Police visits and speed controls in Wolvey have been increased recently  
 The police need more information from the public to solve crimes and an active Neighbourhood Watch would play an important part in achieving this.

**11.23 Clerk's Report**

1. A letter has been sent to West Midlands Ambulance Service stating that Wolvey is withdrawing from the Community First Responder scheme and asking them to collect their equipment - no reply received
2. Streetlight no. 3 on Bazzard Road has been demolished. This has reported to Eon and the Police. The police has no information about who did this, so the council will be unable to claim on their insurance. The light has been removed and made safe.
3. Clerk & the chairman attended the Big Society conference in Coventry.
4. Clerk & the chairman attended the WALC Conflict Resolution workshop.
5. Replies received from Mark Pawsey MP regarding problems on Church Hill.
6. Letter sent to CPRE expressing disappointment with lack of advice- reply received
7. Annual litter pick arranged for April 9<sup>th</sup>

### 11.24 Councillor's Vacancy

No applications have been received for the vacancy for a councillor

Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** A more interesting advert to be placed in the newsletter and on notice boards.

Drop-in session to be arranged to explain the role to interested residents

### 11.25. Planning

11.25.1 An **update** on previous Planning Applications was received and noted:

R09/1023/PLN 3 COVENTRY ROAD, WOLVEY – approved

R10/2141 1, Wolds Lane, Wolvey, LE10 3LL- approved

R10/0534 Land adjacent to Wolvey Hall, Hall, Road, Wolvey-pending

R10/2197 Land off Orchard Close, Wolvey- approved

R10/0383 WOLVEY HOUSE FARM, WOLDS LANE-approved

R11/0004 MILETHORN FARM Erection of a steel framed building- approved

To following **NEW** application was considered:

11.25.2 R11/1073 MILETHORN FARM, LEICESTER ROAD, LE10 3HJ

Erection of a ground level storage tank

**RESOLVED:** No objections

### 11.26 Finance

11. 26.1 **RESOLVED:** The effectiveness of the Internal Audit and systems of internal control was discussed and approved

11.26.2 The review of the Risk Assessment Policy was discussed.

**IT WAS AGREED** to discuss this further at the next meeting

11.26.3 The Parish Council Assets Register was reviewed and agreed by the council Clerk to check and amend number of streetlights as necessary. To be approved at the next meeting

The following payments were considered by council:

11.26.4 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses): £509.80

11.26.5 J Hawkins (padlock for Christmas tree lights): £22.96

11.26.6 Eon (streetlight repair): £46.80

11.26.7 SLCC (membership renewal): £135

Prop: Cllr Orchard

Seconded: Cllr Buswell

**RESOLVED:** To approve payment

The council received notice of payment made under powers delegated to the clerk:

11.26.8 WALC ( Briefing day): £74

The council received notice of the following funds received

11.26.9 VAT reclaim: £1506.08

11.26.10 £1600 grant returned by Wolvey Playing Fields Trust

### 11.27 Streetlights

11.27.1 The council considered whether to replace streetlight no.3 on Bazzard Road (minimum charge £1034).

Following discussion, **IT WAS AGREED** to ask the Highways department to assess whether or not this streetlight is required

11.27.2 Report received of a second damaged streetlight on Bazzard Road. Clerk to ask Eon to assess the damage.

### **11.28 Highways**

11.28.1 The problem with the wall next to footpath on Church Hill was discussed. A reply has been received from County Highways via Mark Pawsey MP but no further action is proposed by WCC.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to WCC Highways to ask if

- a) the wall is now considered safe
- b) will WCC accept liability if the wall collapses and causes injury

11.28.2 The water leak on Church Hill is still ongoing. A reply received from Severn Trent via Mark Pawsey MP.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact County Highways and Rugby Environmental Health to ask what further action is planned.

11.28.3 No response has been received to the request for a temporary vehicle activated sign on Church Hill. Clerk to write to Cty Cllr Morris-Jones to ask for his assistance.

11.28.4 Other Highways matters discussed:

- i) request to be made for white lines on Bazzard Road near to Bramcote barracks
- ii) some of Leicester Road footpath has been improved but footpath is still dangerous near to Mill Lane.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact County Highways.

### **11. 29 Wolvey Playing Fields**

11.29.1 Council considered a request from Wolvey Playing Fields Trust for help to refurbish the showers and seating in the pavilion

Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the council will pay £3800 for the refurbishment (using reserve funds earmarked for use at the Playing Fields). There will be an expected shortfall of approximately £418 - this to be paid using funds allocated for the year 2011-12.

11.29.2 Council considered making an application to Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. To be discussed at the next meeting

11.29.3 Information about possible funding for new play equipment was received and noted by the council

### **11.30 Royal Wedding on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

RESOLVED: no action to be taken by the council to mark the occasion

### **11.31 Review of the Parish Plan**

RESOLVED: a meeting for councillors to be arranged with Steve Patalong of WRCC

### **11.32 Parish Council Newsletter**

11.32.1 A quote of £15 has been received to deliver 300 issues of the newsletter to the village. Delivery to outlying areas would need to be arranged separately.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to continue as before

11.32.2 Council considered possible articles for next issue:

- i) Police and Neighbourhood Watch
- ii) Project Green Energy at Village Hall
- iii) Update on the Wetland
- iv) Plans to improve Wolvey Playing Fields
- v) Youth activities- volunteers needed
- vi) Councillor vacancy

11.32.3 Council received information that publication of "the Link" will be continuing

### **11.33 A proposal has been made by the WCC Youth Service to link Wolvey youth and young people with Bramcote barracks youth club**

For this to proceed the parish council will need to provide a someone to accompany the young people.

Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to advertise this and ask for volunteers.

#### **11.34 Environment**

11.34.1 Councillor Slee provided an update from the Environment Group.

New trees have been planted and the Christmas tree and tree branches have been shredded. Parts of the Wetland will be mowed soon.

11.34.2 RESOLVED: to purchase winter plants at a cost of up to £30

Cllr Buswell to obtain quotes from Four Winds nursery for the hanging baskets and planters.

11.34.3 RESOLVED: to pay invoice of £58.45 to purchase trees and £74 for the hire of equipment to maintain the Wetland.

11.34.4 RESOLVED: to renew the grass cutting contract with WS Gardens for 2011

#### **11. 35 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (April 27<sup>th</sup>) were considered**

Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to ask local groups who receive grants from the Parish Council to attend and give a short presentation of what they do and how they use these funds.

A speaker may also be asked to attend- to be decided.

#### **11.36 The following publications and documents were considered:**

1. Fosse Community Forum- next meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011
2. Time to Care- fostering in Warwickshire questionnaire. Cllr Buswell to complete
3. WRCC Community Awards roadshow dates
4. WALC Induction day for new councillors- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April
5. Nominations for Royal garden party at Buckingham Palace in July

#### **11.37 Publications and documents for circulation to members:**

1. Rugby Core Strategy – Hearing Changes schedules consultation
2. NALC- Pointers to Good Practice
3. Commission for Rural Communities- supporting a stronger Civil Society consultation response
4. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge
5. NALC Legal Briefing- Sustainable communities Act 2007 ( Amendment) Act 2010
6. Local Councils and VAT
7. WALC newsletter
8. Request for funding for campaign against HS2
9. Thank you email from Wolvey Playing Fields Trust
10. Letter from Mark Pawsey MP about water leak on Church Hill
11. Letter from Mark Pawsey MP about wall on Church Hill
12. CPRE response and planning information
13. Warwickshire Police response to FOI request
14. NALC Policy Consultation- A community right to challenge
15. NALC Policy Consultation- A community right to buy- assets of community value
16. CPRE advice on wind turbine planning application
17. WALC RAC meeting minutes

#### **11.38 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting:**

1. change of date of May meeting from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> if venue can be arranged
2. Risk assessment
3. Library closures

#### **11.39 Date of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2011** in Wolvey Village Hall.

**11. 40 Closure of meeting**

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm