

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER, 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Dixon (Chairman); Councillors Buswell, Kenrick, Nixon, Tomlin and Warwick
J. Essex (Clerk)

In attendance: Borough Councillor C. Pacey-Day and 6 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Kuncewicz

At the start of the meeting, all stood for silent as a mark of respect in memory of the victims of the recent tragic events in Paris.

103. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

104. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October, 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

105. Public Consultation

- (a) Mr Hawkins thanked the parish council for the grant awarded to the Playing Fields Trust. The grant for maintenance would be put towards the servicing of the mower. Three sleeping policemen had been removed along the access road to the main gate and gaps had been inserted in the remaining sleeping policemen to allow pushchair/wheelchair access. Mr Hawkins also raised the issue of street lights maintenance and the Chairman reported that this would be a future agenda item.
- (b) The Clerk would report the damaged inspection cover outside the Wetlands to WCC Highways.
- (c) The Clerk would seek confirmation on timescales for Wolvey receiving superfast broadband.
- (d) The Clerk would report the powerful light which had been installed at the Stables, Wolds Lane to Rugby Borough Council and would seek confirmation on whether this light was part of the original planning application.

106. Neighbourhood Plan

The parish council considered proposals for establishing an Advisory

Committee for developing the Wolvey Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Wolvey Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee be formally established to develop a neighbourhood plan;
- (b) Councillors Buswell, Kenrick, Nixon and Warwick be appointed to the Wolvey Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee; and
- (c) the following residents be co-opted onto the Wolvey Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee:

David Bates
Dianne Bates
John Hardman
Julie Warwick

107. Wolvey and Burbage Surgeries

Unfortunately a representative from Wolvey and Burbage Surgeries was unable to attend the meeting. Wendy Shaw, Practice Manager, had provided a written response to the questions which councillors wished to raise. Councillors were also informed that they were welcome to attend meetings of the Burbage Surgery Patient Participation Group to discuss any issues with the PPG Committee. This Group represented all patients registered with both practices.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to a future meeting of the parish council to enable councillors to attend meetings of the PPG and report back.

108. Stretton Croft Site, Watling Street, Hinckley

Andy Marshall and Lucy Yates from Brackley Investments Ltd. attended the meeting and gave a presentation on proposals for the economic regeneration of the above site. Consultations were being held locally regarding the best mix of uses for the site.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the parish council raises concerns that the fast food restaurants included in the new proposals would result in a significant increase in traffic, particularly at peak times and exacerbate the litter problem in the area; and
- (b) the parish council would strongly support the addition of residential development, including the provision of affordable housing.

109. Clerk's Report

RESOLVED that

- (a) the following be noted:
 - (i) any difficulties using the public footpath which crosses the field next to the Cemetery in Wolds Lane, should be reported to WCC Rights of Way Team;
 - (ii) the submission of the parish council's application for Foundation Award Level under the Local Council Award Scheme.
- (b) the Leader of Rugby Borough Council, Councillor Michael Stokes, be invited to attend a future meeting of the parish council to brief councillors on Rugby Borough Council's discussions regarding a West Midlands Combined Authority; and
- (c) Councillors be appointed as links to the following local organisations:
 - (i) Wolvey School – Councillor Warwick
 - (ii) Wolvey Youth Club – Councillor Tomlin

110. Planning Applications

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update on planning applications be noted;
- (b) the parish council submits the following comments in respect of new planning applications:
 - (i) R15/2028 – St James House, Coventry Road, Hinckley – extension to the existing dropped kerb and provision of hard surfacing to the front of the property (retrospective) - the parish council objects to this application on the grounds of highway safety due to the dangers of reversing on and off the drive, especially because of the close proximity of the bend in Coventry Road.
 - (ii) R15/2168 – Wolvey Fields Farm, Main Street, Withybrook – redevelopment of site including the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 3 new dwellings – the parish council objects to this application on the grounds of over development in the Green Belt, highway concerns over vehicles reversing on and off the drives and the parish council considers the re-use of the existing dwellings to be preferable to 3 new dwellings.

(iii) R15/1877 – Ashgrove, Grove Farm, Wolds Lane, Wolvey – Removal of condition 7 of planning permission R80/0023/7297/OP dated 29/09/1980 which restricts the occupation of the dwelling house limited to a person solely or mainly employed in the locality in agriculture or forestry including any dependent residing with such person – the parish council objects to the removal of the restricted tie as it would consider a new dwelling on this site to be inappropriate development, but would support the applicant seeking a personal permission to enable him to rent the property to an individual/named person, whilst still retaining the condition restricting the occupation.

111. Finance

Councillors considered financial matters relating to the parish council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the payment of cheques as listed below be approved:
- (i) J. Essex (salary, allowances and expenses) protected under DPA 1998 (cheque no. 300313)
 - (ii) WCC Pension Fund (protected under DPA 1998) (cheque no. 300314)
 - (iii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire WEG – 9.11.15 - £7.00 (cheque no. 300315)
 - (iv) W S Gardens - £399.98 Lengthsman Scheme for September and October (cheque no. 300316)
 - (v) W S Gardens - £1020 – mowing for September and October (cheque no. 300317)
 - (vi) North Warwickshire and Hinckley College - £115 – printing Autumn Newsletter (cheque no. 300318)
 - (vii) CPA Health and Safety Training - £180 – First Aid Training course - 31.10.15 (cheque no. 300319)
 - (viii) WALC – £50 - Accreditation fee for Foundation Level (cheque no. 300320)
 - (ix) Councillor C Nixon - £51.48 – reimbursement for gifts for bran tub (cheque no. 300321)
 - (x) Internet Ink - £63.50 – ink cartridges (cheque no. 300322)
 - (xi) ESPO -£51.43 – stationery (cheque no. 300323)
 - (xii) Councillor R Buswell - £13.78 – reimbursement for refreshments and beam drills (cheque no. 300324)
- (b) the direct debit payment to Opus Energy for the period 19 September – 19 October 2015 - £285.46 be noted; and
- (c) income of £55 for the training fee for the First Aid training held on 31 October, 2015 be noted.

112. Newsletter

Volunteers were needed to assist Derek Warren with the layout of future editions of the Newsletter and when printed, to count out and take copies to the distributors. Councillor Buswell volunteered to assist Derek Warren with layout and Councillor Nixon volunteered to count out and deliver the Newsletter to the distributors.

A local resident, Colin Gutteridge, had offered to assist with the distribution of the Newsletter. It was anticipated that his assistance with distribution rounds was likely to be required during 2016.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the above report be noted; and
- (c) Colin Gutteridge be thanked for his interest and he be advised that he would be contacted for his assistance next year.

113. Wolvey Parish Council Logo and House Style

The parish council considered a report which provided an update on the consolidation of its Corporate Identity which was to be used on all parish council paper and electronic correspondence, documents, promotions, publications, website and social media. This had been agreed by the parish council in July 2013.

RESOLVED that the proposals for Wolvey Parish Council's corporate identity be approved.

114. Wolvey Action Plan

Councillors received an update on the recent First Aid training course which was held on 31 October and attended by 11 people. Feedback from the First Aid training was excellent.

The Chairman also gave an update on the website meeting with Pete Hopkins which he and the Clerk had recently attended to discuss moving forward with the parish council website.

RESOLVED that the updates be noted.

115. Christmas Tree Switch-on Event – 6th December, 2015

Councillors received an update on arrangements for the annual Christmas Tree Switch-on event. The closing date for nominations for a resident to switch on the Christmas lights had passed.

RESOLVED that Catherine Goffin be invited to switch on the Christmas tree lights.

116. Update from Wolvey Environment Group

Councillor Buswell updated the parish council on works carried out by WEG, including the planting of 80 kilos of daffodil bulbs. The Royal Engineer Reserve Unit would be approached for assistance with the installation of the new bridge as it was extremely heavy.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

117. Items for the next meeting

- (a) Wolvey and Burbage Surgeries
- (b) Street Lighting
- (c) Warwickshire Rural Watch

118. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 26th November, 2015 at Wolvey Millennium Building.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.