

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 17th DECEMBER 2012 at 7.45pm

12.278 Present

Cllr Orchard (Chair)
 Cllrs Buswell, Kuncewicz & Nixon

M Cartwright (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Slee

In attendance

Borough Councillor Pacey-Day, County Councillor Morris-Jones & 8 members of the public.

12.279 Declaration of Interest and dispensation

None

12.280 Minutes of the meetings held on 19th November & 28th November, 2012

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

12.281 Comment and information from members of the public

- (i) Chairman of WPFT wishes to speak at the item relating to the Wolvey Playing Fields
- (ii) Question about what DPA1998 stands for (Data Protection Act) and payment for Clerks training.

12.282 Clerk's Report:

1. A grant of £1000 has been awarded by Rugby BC towards the cost of setting up a new youth group
2. New litter bin has been ordered for top of Temple Hill
3. Donation of £20 sent to Keep Britain Tidy
4. Dog mess posters have been ordered and received
5. LEADER has agreed the application for £1000 to set up a new youth group but this must be spent before the end of September 2013
6. Request for Flexibus on Bulkington to be included in a review of the service early next year.
7. Flooding questionnaire has been completed and sent to WCC
8. An inventory of historical documents deposited at Warwickshire County Records Office has been received

12.283. Planning

12.283.1 The Council received an **update** on previous Planning Applications:
 R12/1895 Axe & Compass Inn, Five Ways, LE10 3HG- approved

R12/ 1879 Plot adjacent to Alarene, Bulkington Road- approved

R12/1763 Land off Orchard Close, Wolvey, LE10 3LR-pending (minor amendments have been made to the application)

Planning Appeal for Land at Stretton Croft, Wolvey Road, Burbage- appeal to be held

in Council Chamber, Rugby on Tuesday 8th January – Friday 11th January and Tuesday 15th January – Wednesday 16th January 2013.

12.283.2 The Council considered the amended plans for land off Orchard Close
RESOLVED: No comments to be sent

12.283.3 The meeting with planning officers Anna Rose and Nick Freer will be held on Wednesday 16th January . Shilton Parish Council to be invited to attend. Councillors to provide the Clerk with a list of questions to be sent to planning department.

12.283.4 The Council considered making an application for a development completion notice for the bungalow adjacent to Beda House, Wolds Lane.
RESOLVED: Clerk to speak to planning enforcement to find out how the proceed with this.

12.284 Finance

To receive notice of the following payments made under powers delegated to the Clerk:

12.284.1 cheque no 100658 Warwickshire County Council (hire of VAS): £200

To consider approval of payments:

12.284.2 cheque no 100671 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses)-protected under DPA 1998

12.284.3 cheque no 100672 Mark Iliffe (electrician for Christmas lights): £84

12.284.4 cheque no 100673 Warks Training Partnership (financial clinic): £70

12.284.5 cheque no 100674 Wolvey Baptist Chapel (hire of room): £8

12.284.6 cheque no 100675 Ruth Buswell (Christmas refreshments): £109.77

12. 284.7 cheque no 100676 Bulkington Silver Band: £50

12.284.8 cheque no 100677 Help for Heroes: £196

12.284.9 cheque no 100678 Wolvey PCC : £10 (donation for printing Christmas flyers)

12.284.10 cheque no 100679 G&A Coventry (Services) Ltd (cable ties & metal support for star): £25.20

12.284.11 cheque no 100680 Post Office Ltd (for HMRC PAYE payment): £393.12

12.284.12 cheque no 100681 Kompan (new play equipment): £30,000

12.284.11 The Council received information about new legislation regarding setting of the precept and the Council tax base for 2013-14.

Following discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept for 2013-14 be set at £33,920.

The allocation of funds within the budget will be decided at a future meeting, after the exact amount which will be received is known.

12. 285 The Council considered a review of the standing orders as a result of changes made by the Localism Act 2011

Proposed changes to the Standing Orders (as recommended by WALC) were distributed to members prior to the meeting.

- (i) Code of Conduct
Following discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the proposed changes regarding the new Code of Conduct
- (ii) Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
Following discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the proposed changes regarding Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. This includes the clause that Councillors with a DPI will leave the room when the item in which they have an interest is discussed.

References to the Power of Well being in the Standing Orders to be changed to General Power of Competence.

12. 286 The Council received an update on the formation of a new youth group.

The first meeting of the Youth group will take place on January 21st in the Millennium Building. It is hoped that future meetings can be held in the Village Hall if this can be arranged. A new youth leader has been appointed for the group.

Grants have been awarded by Rugby BC and LEADER which should cover most of the expenses until at least September 2013 and provide funding for new equipment as well as the employment of a youth leader.

Rugby BC officers from Positive Futures and Play Development have been extremely helpful.

12.287 Wolvey Playing Fields

287.1 The new play equipment and outdoor exercise equipment has been delivered. The Clerk received a request from Rugby BC for an update on the project. In order to comply with the conditions of the Parish Capital Spending Fund grant information was requested by Rugby BC about how often the existing play equipment is inspected and maintained. The Clerk asked WPFT Chairman John Hawkins and Vice-chairman Paul Merchant for this information on 29th November but received no response until today. However, an email was received this afternoon from Colin Horton, an officer from Rugby BC Parks department. As he had not received the information requested, he visited the site and has serious concerns regarding the safety of some of the existing equipment.

Following discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council strongly recommend that Wolvey Playing Field Trust close the playground play area until this can be inspected by an independent safety inspector and any necessary work carried out. A notice to this effect is to be put at the entrance to the Playing Fields and the play area taped off.

Mr Hawkins & Mr Merchant AGREED that WPFT would arrange for an urgent inspection to be completed as soon as possible. A copy of the report to be sent to the Parish Council.

Mr Merchant will contact Colin Horton at Rugby BC.

287.2 The Fields in Trust application has now been completed. The original Playing Fields conveyance needs to be endorsed and a certified copy sent to Fields in Trust
RESOLVED: Cllr Orchard to take the documents to a solicitor to get this done.

12.288 Environment

288.1 A report from the Environment group was noted. No new purchases needed.

288.2 The Council considered the provision of grit bins for Hall Road & School Lane .
RESOLVED: Clerk to check with Highways that they will agree that bins can be installed at these locations. If this is agreed then the Clerk will order two Slimline grit bins.

12.289 Highways and Traffic related matters

289.1 The Council considered making an application to the Highways and Safety Maintenance fund.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk will request funds from the Highways Maintenance & Safety fund for the following projects (in order of preference):

1. Footpath on Hinckley Road , from Temple Hill crossroads to entrance to Abbey Farm.
2. Footpath on Bulkington Road, from Wolvey square to Fernhill Way
3. Footpath on Pipers End, near the garages ,
4. Surface the unofficial lay-by at the top of Temple Hill. Or, if not bollards to be installed to stop vehicles from parking

289.2 Accidents at Temple Hill and traffic speed on Hinckley Road.

To be discussed at a future meeting

289.3 Email from resident about lorries using Wolds Lane dumping waste .

Clerk to ask the resident for more information and evidence. Clerk to speak to Environmental protection about what can be done.

12.290 The Council discussed the Christmas lights switch-on and considered any action to be taken for future events.

The switch-on event was again very successful. There were more people than at previous events and the mulled wine ran out.

Need to investigate a loud speaker system.

Letter from Mr. Woodward suggested that a hoist is needed (from the tree supplier) to help erect the tree.

Donations of £196 received for Help for Heroes.

12.291 Reports from events attended by Councillors and consider any action:

(i) Fosse Community Forum in Wolvey on 22nd November- there was a problem because the Police did not arrive for the 7pm Drop-in session until nearly 7.30pm. A number of Wolvey residents attended the drop-in session to speak to the Police about dogs in Wolds Lane.

(ii) Rugby branch of WALC meeting in Dunchurch on November 29th. The Gypsy & Traveller session was not very informative. Rugby is waiting for the result of the appeal at Top Farm, Barnacle before it can proceed. There was also an interesting talk on Emergency planning.

12.292 Publications and documents for consideration at meeting:

None

12.293 Publications and documents for circulation to members:

Email (forwarded to members):

(i) LOCAL COUNCIL PRECEPTS –EXPLANATION OF POSSIBLE IMPACT ON LOCAL COUNCILS' PRECEPTS

(ii) Local Council Precepts and Government Decision on Localising Support for Council Tax

(iii) Transparency of Information Consultation

(iv) Flooding questionnaire

(v) LOCAL COUNCIL PRECEPTS –EXPLANATION OF POSSIBLE IMPACT ON LOCAL COUNCILS' PRECEPTS

(vi) PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CHANGE TO METHOD OF PAYING BENEFITS

(vii) Recent flooding issues

(viii) Planning Journal

Post (enclosed):

CPRE Outlook magazine

LCR magazine

Winter Service Warwickshire 2012/13

Snow warden scheme
Big Picture Show
Amberol newsletter

12.294 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting:

Councillor recruitment
Housing Needs Survey. Clerk to invite Midlands Rural Housing to attend next meeting

12.295 Date of Next Meeting:

Date of next meeting to be held on January 21st 2013 in Wolvey Village Hall at 7.45pm

12. 296 Closure of meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.