

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2012 at 7.45pm

12.216 Present

Cllr Orchard (Chair)
 Cllrs Slee, Buswell & Nixon

M Cartwright (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Kuncewicz

In attendance

Borough Councillor Pacey-Day, County Councillor Morris-Jones & 5 members of the public.

12.217 Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda

None

12.240 Requests from Councillors for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests dispensations for any items on the agenda

None

12.242 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October, 2012

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

12.243 Comment and information from members of the public:

Question about why Clerks salary does not appear on the Agenda and Minutes
 Reports of streetlights not working
 Wolvey Playing Fields donation from the Parish Council and dog mess on the playing fields

12.244 The Council received notice of the resignation of Councillor Hawkins.

Clerk reported that as there has been no request for an election the vacancy can now be filled by co-option.

Councillor Slee thanked Mr Hawkins for all his work on the council over many years. The chair also thanked him for the work he carries out at Wolvey Playing Fields.

12.245 Clerk's Report

1. The final claim form has been sent to Central Warwickshire Villages LEADER
2. The Jubilee celebrations have been entered for a FIT award but unfortunately it was not successful

12.246. Planning

12.246.1 The council received an **update** on previous Planning Applications:

R12/1501 3 WOLDS LANE, WOLVEY, LE10 3LL- approved

R12/1502 4 WOLDS LANE, WOLVEY, LE10 3LL- approved

R12/1815 6 HALL LANE, WOLVEY, LE10 3LF- approved

R12/1895 Axe & Compass Inn, Five Ways, LE10 3HG- pending

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

12.246.2 There were no **NEW** applications

12.246.3 Councillor Pacey-Day reported that he has been removed from the planning committee and has been unable to arrange for Wolvey Parish Council to meet with planning officers.

Chair to contact Anna Rose to arrange a meeting

12.247 The Clerk reported new arrangements for issuing the precept which will not be finalised by the government until after December 5th

RESOLVED: Parish Council to meet on 17th December when, hopefully, Rugby BC will have sent details of the council tax base for 2013 and any restriction set by the government will be known .

12.248 Finance

The council received notice of payments made under delegated powers:

12.248.1 cheque no.100647 Jonathans Fireworks (donation to Wolvey PFT): £800

Clerk reported that since the last meeting it was discovered that it is not possible for the Parish Council to reclaim VAT if entry was charged for the firework event.

Wolvey Playing Field Trust did not use this cheque as they found an alternative supplier. Unfortunately, the cheque was not returned to the Clerk but was destroyed.

To consider approval of payments:

12.248.2 cheque no.100648 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses): protected under DPA 1998

12.248.3 cheque no.100649 WS Gardens (grass cutting):£384.00

12.248.4 cheque no.100650 WJ Robinson (Cllr training):£150.00

12.248.5 cheque no.100651 Blachere Illumination (Christmas tree lights):£720.00

12.248.6 cheque no.100652 Phoenix Software (software licence):£412.80

12.248.7 cheque no.100653 NWHC(newsletter printing):£95.00

12.248.8 cheque no.100654 Phoenix Software (software DVD): £48.00

12.248.9 cheque no.100655 Wolvey Baptist Chapel (hire of room):£8.00

12.248.10 cheque no.100656 Friezeland ChristmasTrees: £450

12.248.11 cheque no.100657 R Buswell (woodstain & plants): £43.53

12.248.12 **RESOLVED:** Council agreed to sign the mandate to open an account with Unity Trust Bank. Clerk to arrange this.

12.249 The Council received a report from the Staffing committee

The staffing committee met on November 5th to consider staffing matters and a re-evaluation of the Clerk role. An in-depth independent evaluation has been carried out by the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils which recommended that the position of Clerk to Wolvey Parish Council should be set at scale point 26 or 27 on the National agreement.

The staffing committee agreed that the Clerk's job will be increased from scale point 23 to point 27 with effect from October 2012.

12.250 Environment

250.1 Councillor Buswell provided a report from the Environment group.

The baskets have been removed and the square tidied up. Planters have been planted. Christmas tree is up and has been decorated. An oak sapling donated by Fields in Trust will be planted in the Wetland. Fritillary bulbs have been planted.

No new purchases are needed.

250.2 RESOLVED: to purchase of a new litter bin for the top of Temple Hill at a cost of £164. Rugby BC will supply and install this.

250.3 The council considered issues with dogs

(i) There are increased reports of dog mess on the streets, in the fields and at the playing fields.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact dog warden to check position with the bye-law at the playing fields.

Clerk to order large posters and send a donation of £20 to Keep Britain Tidy

Article to be put into the newsletter.

Councillor Nixon will investigate the costs of bag dispensers

(ii) There is considerable concern by local residents for community safety over the lack of control of some dogs in Wolds Lane. This has been reported to the dog warden and the police.

Residents have been advised that the Police will be attending the Fosse community forum on 22nd November in Wolvey, and this could provide an opportunity for residents to raise this matter with the Police.

12.251 Traffic speed control measures

1. Church Hill- A radar survey has taken place on Church Hill. When the results are known it will hopefully be possible to get the police to carry out regular speed checks.
2. Clerk has requested that speeding on Church Hill be designated as a priority at the Fosse Community forum.
3. The permanent vehicle activated signs for Church Hill and Coventry Road have been ordered and should be installed before the end of the year.
4. The best location for a temporary VAS on Bulkington Road is on LP 5. Clerk to order this at a cost of £200.

12. 252 The next meeting to set up a new youth group will be on December 3rd.
It has been necessary to appoint a new youth leader who will meet the young people at this meeting. The plan is to arrange an open day in the new year.

12.253 To consider plans for the Christmas tree 2012

253.1 RESOLVED: Help for Heroes will be the nominated charity for the switch-on event.

All the arrangements are in place for the event.

253.2 The council considered whether to send Christmas cards

RESOLVED: a message will be put onto the website and the newsletter. No Christmas cards to be sent.

12.254 Wolvey Playing Fields

254.1. The Fields in Trust application has now been sent to be signed and sealed.

254.2 The new play equipment and outdoor exercise equipment has been ordered from Kompan and will be delivered on 5th December.

Kompan had arranged for the council to use the services of a grant advisory company, free of charge, to assist with grant applications. This service was used by the council but the Clerk reported possible difficulties with this arrangement as the grant advising company reports that they have not been paid by Kompan.

12.255 The council considered issues raised by the public:

(i) Clerk has received a request from residents for a bus service along Bulkington Road. An email from WCC transport services that they are unable to provide a bus that travels along Bulkington Road. Clerk to ask if a Flexibus might be used for this.

(ii) Tree in Pipers End- a resident has asked that a tree in Pipers End be pruned.

The Rugby BC arboricultural officer reports that this tree is an attractive, healthy natural amenity and will not be pruned.

RESOLVED: The Council agrees with this assessment.

Clerk to advise the resident of this decision.

12.256 The chairman provided a report from the Emergency workshop attended by Cllr Slee and himself

The recommendation is for the council to look at possible needs during the first critical 24-48 hours of an emergency and to produce an emergency plan for this.

RESOLVED: to be discussed at a future meeting

12.257 Publications and documents for consideration at meeting:

1. **WALC Financial Clinic** on Thursday 17th January in Alcester for £35- Clerk and Chairman to attend

12.258 Publications and documents for circulation to members:

Email (forwarded to members):

- (i) Highways & Transport update
- (ii) WALC newsletter
- (iii) WCC Rights of Way Partnership scheme
- (iv) WCC Councillors fund
- (v) Potential Precept capping 2013-14 and Dispensation Required for Budget Setting and Members' Allowances
- (vi) Precepts update
- (vii) Localism update

Post (enclosed):

- (i) Clerks & Councils Direct
- (ii) Countryside Voice
- (iii) Vitalise
- (iv) Community Oil Syndicate
- (v) WALC newsletter
- (vi) Warwickshire Rural Housing- Keeping Villages alive

12.259 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting

1. Accidents at Temple Hill crossroads and traffic on Hinckley Road

12.260 Date of Next Meeting:

The next meetings of the Parish Council due to be held on Wednesday 28th November (Budget meeting) at Wolvey Baptist Chapel at 7.30pm and Monday 17th December in Wolvey Village Hall at 7.45pm.

12. 261 Closure of meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.08pm