

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2013 at 7.45pm

13.261 Present

Councillor Buswell (Chairman)
 Councillors Dixon, Kuncewicz, Nixon, Hardman & Kenrick

Apologies

Councillor Orchard

In attendance

Richard Mugglestone (Midlands Rural Housing), Borough Councillor Pacey-Day and 1 member of the public

M Cartwright (Clerk)

13.262 Declaration of Interest and dispensations

None

13.263 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November, 2013 and the Budget meeting on 25th November, 2013

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

13.264 To receive comment and information from members of the public

Streetlight numbers 2 & 8 at the Axe & Compass roundabout are out
 30 MPH Vehicle Activated sign on Church Hill does not cause traffic to slow down

13.265 The Council received a report from the recent Housing Needs Survey

provided by Mr Richard Mugglestone from Midlands Rural Housing.

There were 118 replies to the recent Housing Needs Survey, which was a 25% return. The survey results indicated a surprisingly low local housing need. Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed that it would like to try to obtain additional information by incorporating Housing Needs into the consultation for the Wolvey Action Plan. An open day is planned in the Spring 2014 and an article will be written in the next newsletter to explain affordable housing in more detail.

13.266 Clerk's Report was received by the Council:

1. Bridge on Footpath R12 –still waiting a report from WCC Bridges section to see if the existing bridge can be retained for pedestrian use only.
2. The Police has made speed of traffic on Coventry Road a priority for the next three months
3. PCSO has explained the difficulties caused by cars parked on the footpath on Coventry Road to the attention of car owners.
4. There was a great turn-out for the Christmas tree switch-on. The lights were switched-on by the Mayor of Rugby, Councillor Tony Gillias. £200 was raised in donations for Help for Heroes.
5. Fields in Trust now says that the manufacturer of the plaques will not visit to treat the plaque at the Wetland and they will not be collecting the plaque for the Playing Fields. A new plaque will be sent.
6. The Police Report was received and noted by the Council

13.267 Planning

267.1 The Council received the following **update** on previous Planning Applications and considered any further action to be taken:

Planning Inspectorate Appeal (Grove Farm hedgerow) Ref: APP/HGW/13/370- **pending**

APP 2192798 Planning Appeal for land at Gypsy Lane- **pending**

R12/1946 DONSTON, LUTTERWORTH ROAD, LE10 3HW- **approved**

New build adjacent to Beda House, Wolds Lane- planning enforcement has contacted the builder as the driveway has not been built in accordance with planning approval. If this is not rectified a stop notice will be issued.

Land at Grove Farm, Wolds Lane, Wolvey, LE10 3LL- **to be considered by planning committee on 18th December.**

Planning officers have listened to the Council's concerns and will recommend strict restrictions be imposed to any planning approval to ensure the site is not used for commercial purposes and only used by 6 named owners.

267.2 No **NEW** applications:

267.3 The Council discussed the enforcement of environmental conditions on approvals for planning permission. The Council felt that there is often a lack of information and poor quality environmental surveys submitted with planning applications. These surveys are often carried out at unsuitable times of the year to obtain meaningful information. It was also felt that there is insufficient enforcement of environmental conditions imposed on planning approvals.

IT WAS AGREED that the Council and WEG should do more regular local surveys of at risk species, linked to the Parish BAP, and send the results to Warwickshire Museum Field Services.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Rugby Borough Council to ask what checks are made to ensure surveys are conducted by a professional independent company and how these conditions are enforced?

267.4 The Council considered concerns over the impact of development on the Green Belt. Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to write to Rugby Borough Council to obtain clarification of the status of land after planning approval has been given for development in the green belt such as sheds, stables, etc. If the land is then classified as "previously developed land" what does this mean for any future development on that land? . Can the land be returned to the green belt when the approved use has finished?

267. 5 **RESOLVED:** to subscribe to the Journal of Local Planning at a cost of £50 per year. Delegated to the Clerk to arrange payment.

13.268 Finance

The Council considered financial matters relating to the Parish Council, including:

a) No payments made under powers delegated to the Clerk:

b) Payment of the following cheques:

268.1 cheque no. 300038 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses): protected under DPA 1998

268.2 cheque no. 300039 R Buswell (plants & refreshments): £51.20

268.3 cheque no. 300040 Post Office Ltd (PAYE for HMRC): protected under DPA 1998
 268.4 cheque no. 300041 Bulkington Silver Band: £50
 268.5 cheque no. 300042 Help for Heroes: £200
 268.6 cheque no. 300043 WAYC (training for L Perkins): £120
 268.7 cheque no. 300044 Mark Iliffe (electrician): £55.00
 268.8 cheque no. 300045 L Stanislawski (delivery of flyers & posters): £60.00
 268.9 cheque no. 400091 Wolvey Youth Club (transfer of funds): £70
 268.10 cheque no.400092 Wolvey PCC Millennium Acc (Youth Club MC room hire): £5.00
 268.11 cheque no.300046 Wolvey PCC Millennium Acc (Cllr training room hire): £20.00
 268.12 cheque no.300047 R Buswell (sand & cement for plinth): £12.64
 268.13 cheque no.300048 Warwickshire Training Partnership: £35.00
 268.14 cheque no.300049 NWHC (printing flyers): £22.50
 268.15 cheque no.300050 NWHC (newsletter printing): £90.00
 Proposed: Councillor Buswell
 Second: Councillor Kuncewicz
RESOLVED: to approve payments
 Cheques signed and stubs and invoices initialled

c) Income received was noted:

- (i) T Scoffham (donation for Christmas tree): £160
- (ii) Donations at Christmas tree switch-on: £200
- (iii) K Orchard (donation for Christmas tree): £160
- (iv) M Hardman (purchase of bottles of mulled wine): £17.45

d) The Council considered other financial matters:

268.16 **RESOLVED:** To approve an indicative value for the precept 2014-15 of £35,000 Clerk to send this to Rugby Borough Council as a draft figure. The actual precept to be finalised after the level of council tax benefit support grant is known.

13.269 The Council considered a draft Biodiversity Policy which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Biodiversity Policy

13.270 The Council received a report from the Working Party regarding an update of the Action Plan.

The working party has attempted to prioritise possible actions. There should be five proposed boards on display at an Open Day in the Spring to consult and discover priorities for Wolvey people.

Council to consider Community Rights at the next meeting. Next meeting of the working party to be held in February.

13.271 Streetlights

271.1 The Council considered a possible upgrade of Streetlights. A visual survey of concrete columns has been requested for January to establish if any need to be replaced urgently. Councillor Dixon to undertake a check of all streetlights and include current numbers on a spreadsheet so they can be then be plotted on a digital map. Council to consider a workable strategy on streetlights with a possible consultation to decide the best way forward.

271.2 A number of problems with trees affecting streetlights has been reported. Councillor Dixon also, to check trees near to lights that may be obstructing access to the light.

271.3 LP4 on Leicester Road is out but engineers report a fault due to water leakage. This may need a new lantern. Clerk to request a quote to be considered at the next meeting.

13.272 The Council received a report from the meeting to commemorate WWI

No decisions have been made yet. The next meeting to be held on 30th January

13.273 The Council considered the possible lease of a room in the Village Hall for storage.

RESOLVED: Councillor Kuncewicz and the Clerk to establish what needs to be stored in the room before a meeting is arranged with members of the Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED: To go through items stored in the Baptist Chapel, discard anything no longer needed and store some in a place that is more convenient for the Chapel.

273.1 The future for Councillor's surgeries was considered.

It was considered necessary to continue with surgeries for the time-being as a criteria for Quality Parish status. It may be possible to vary the days and times of future surgeries if access to a room is more readily available.

273.2 Montage of Village competition certificates has been made by Mr Hopkins. The Village Hall Committee has agreed to display these in the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: to ask Mr Buswell to provide a quote for a frame.

Mr Alford to obtain a quote for printing

To discuss at the next meeting

13.274 The Council considered any action on banners erected in the Square

RESOLVED: to talk informally to the owner of the signs and say the Council would support a planning application for a formal sign to be erected.

An article to be inserted into the newsletter.

13.275 Publications and documents for consideration at meeting:

(i) Community Resilience Workshop- 23rd January- Councillor Dixon to attend

(ii) Scrutiny Event on 27th January- Councillor Hardman to attend

(iii) Training events- Councillor Orchard to attend the Governance & Accountability Briefing- 1st February

(iv) Bespoke training for Wolvey Councillors- to be held on 10th February- waiting confirmation from Bill Robinson

13.276 To note any Publications and documents for circulation to members

276.1 Emails previously circulated- **noted**

276.2 Correspondence received by post :

LCR

Scrutiny event

WALC newsletter

13.277 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting

(i) Old Christmas lights to be donated to the Baptist Chapel

(ii) Wall on Church Hill is bulging and causing concern. Clerk to contact Rugby Building Control to ask them to check if it is a dangerous structure

(iii) Alan Cure has offered to take down and shred the Christmas tree free of charge. IT WAS AGREED to accept this offer. Council will need to discuss problems with the concrete sleeve supporting the Christmas tree after it has been removed.

13.278 Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday 20th January 2014**

13.279 The meeting was closed at 10.25pm