

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL
MONDAY 18th AUGUST, 2014 at 7.45pm

14.157 Present

Councillor Orchard (Chairman)
 Councillors Dixon, Hardman, Nixon & Kenrick

Apologies received from Councillors Buswell & Kuncewicz
 and from Borough Councillor Pacey-Day

In attendance

County Councillor Morris-Jones, PCSO Bailie-Crabtree and 3 members of the public

M Cartwright (Clerk)

14.158 Declaration of Interest and dispensations

None

14.159 Minutes of the meetings held on 21st July, 2014

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

14.160 Comment and information from members of the public

Applicant of planning application on Hinckley Road stated that he has ordered bins from Rugby Borough Council and will begin to pay Council tax next month. If permission is granted he will plant hedges to comply with the conditions of the previous temporary permission. The amenity block will be built to look like a stable.

14.160 County Councillor Morris-Jones:

The next Fosse Community Forum will be held in Wolvey Baptist Chapel on September 11th. The meeting in November will be a joint meeting to be held in Rugby. They would like to try to encourage more members of the public to attend.

County Council has received funding from the government to improve road surfaces. Speed limits on rural roads were reduced from 60MPH to 50MPH to try to reduce traffic speed, but complaints have been received about the number of signs on the road. Also, parking is causing problems.

The annual County Councillor grant is open for applications.

Police Commissioner holds his meetings in public. Crime is decreasing except for violent crime due to a recent homicide in Newton. The Warwickshire & West Mercia strategic alliance may have a single Chief Constable in future to save costs.

14.162 Borough Councillor Pacey-Day- not in attendance**14.163 Clerk's Report**

- (i) Rugby in Bloom trophy has been returned
- (ii) Closure of Mill Row is now scheduled for 26th August
- (iii) Warwickshire County Council says that the remains of the old bridge will be cleared by the landowner
- (iv) The World War I commemoration was concluded successfully.

14.164 Planning

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

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

(ii) R14/0945 BREACH BARN COTTAGE, COALPIT LANE, LE10 3HD-**pending**

(iii) R13/0174 WOLVEY FIELDS FARM, COALPIT LANE, WOLVEY, LE10 3HD-**approved**

(iv) R13/1242 MAKINS FISHERY, BAZZARD ROAD, WOLVEY, CV11 6QJ-**approved**

(v) R14/1106 LAND AT WOLVEY WOLDS, WOLDS LANE, WOLVEY- **pending**,

This will go to the planning committee meeting on September 3rd. The Parish Council has applied to speak to the committee. Following discussion, **IT WAS AGREED** to ask Neil Pearce if it would be beneficial for him to attend the meeting of the planning committee or if it would be acceptable for a member of the Parish Council to summarise the letter of objection and read it to the committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to delegate authority to the Clerk to decide whether or not to engage APS to attend the committee meeting or not, following consultation with Council members.

14.164.2 The Council considered the following **NEW** applications:

(i) R14/1383 Land adjacent to ROSEFIELDS, HINCKLEY ROAD, WOLVEY, LE10 3HQ

Continued use of land for the siting of a temporary mobile home and the siting of a temporary building containing WC, shower and utility area for mobile home and stable for a temporary period of 3 years

RESOLVED: the Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application as it would constitute inappropriate development in the green belt. However, the Council requests that Rugby BC investigates if there are any exceptional circumstances associated with the application. Although the original temporary permission was granted 4 years ago, the site has only recently been occupied.

(ii) R14/1123 WOLVEY FIELDS FARM, COALPIT LANE, LE10 3HD

Siting of a mobile home for agricultural worker

RESOLVED: the Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application as it would constitute inappropriate development in the green belt. However, the Council requests that Rugby BC investigates if there are any exceptional circumstances associated with the application.

14.165 Finance

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

a) Payment of cheques:

Payments made under delegated powers

(i) Cheque no 300115 M Cartwright (banner for WW1 event): £40.73

(ii) Cheque no 300116 Wolvey Village Hall Foundation (insurance for WW1 event): £79

cheques to be paid

(iii) Cheque no. 300117 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses):protected under DPA 1998

(iv) Cheque no. 300118 WS Gardens (grass cutting) : £384.00

(v) Cheque no 300119 NWHC (WW1 Flyers) : £75.00

(vi) Cheque no 300120 Rugby Borough Council (election charge): £123.72 Cheque

(vii) no 300121 Avon Planning Services (planning advice): £480.00 Cheque no

(viii) 300122 R Buswell (reimbursement of expenses): £22.26

(ix) Cheque no 300123 K Orchard (reimbursement of expenses): £85

(x) Cheque no 300124 ESPO (youth club equipment and some PC stationery items): £138.33

(xi) Cheque no 300125 ESPO (youth club equipment): £127.20

- (xii) Cheque no 300126 Wolvey Baptist Chapel (room hire): £16.00
- (xiii) Cheque no 300127 UK1 (domain renewal): £14.39
- (xiv) Cheque no 300128 G Lewis (printing for WW1 event): £155.00
- (xv) Cheque no 300129 P Thompson (Guarderobe for WW1 event): £185.00

Proposed: Councillor Nixon
 Seconded: Councillor Dixon

RESOLVED: to approve payments
 Cheques signed and stubs and invoices initialled

(xvi) **Income received**

£100 received from resident to purchase daffodil bulbs (Cheque returned as it was made payable to WEG who do not have a bank account)

b) Closure of the Co-op bank accounts

IT WAS RESOLVED to close the three Co-operative bank accounts

c) Completion of forms for internet banking for the Unity bank account

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillors Hardman & Kenrick to complete the application forms for internet banking with the Unity Trust Bank.

d) IT WAS RESOLVED to purchase the new Governance & Accountability Practitioners guide

e) The Council received notice of an unqualified opinion from the external auditor Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED: to close the audit for the year ending 31st March 2014. The notice of conclusion of the audit to be displayed on the notice board and the website. An invoice will be sent for £300 in the next few days. Clerk to be to delegated authority to arrange payment of this invoice.

14.166 The Council received a report of the update of Standing Orders , Financial regulations and Council Policies needed as a result of changes in legislation.

It is hoped that at least some of this will be ready for adoption at the next meeting.

14.167 The Council received information about the “Lengthsman scheme” and considered action needed to progress this.

The contract was sent to the legal team at NALC and some issues were identified. It may be best to arrange another meeting with the County Council and other Parish Councils. It was suggested the Council speaks to a local solicitor.

Prices have been agreed with WS Gardens , but there is a delay in obtaining the necessary training.

We are still waiting for confirmation of ownership of three areas of land in Wolvey.

14.168 The Council considered progress on the Wolvey Action Plan.

A report was read to the Council.

A summary of the Action Plan was put into the latest newsletter

Newsletter contained an explanatory article and a request for some volunteers to provide their contact details.

Lead Councillors appointed to each action.

Target date for actions has been added to the rolling programme of the Council.

So, the work of the Action Plan working party is now complete. Thanks to the Council members and the Clerk for all the work involved.

Councillor Kenrick has contacted the people who volunteered for car services

Councillor Dixon is planning to organise a first aid course in the village. It might be possible to link this with the Youth Club.

14.169 The Council considered plans for the Christmas tree 2014

Councillors Buswell & Nixon to choose a tree from Friezeland Trees.

Clerk to ask Mark Pawsey MP if he is available to switch on the lights this year

Clerk to obtain advice on how to make access easier to the electricity box

14.170 The Council received a report from the Environment group

It has been necessary to close the Wetland temporarily because some treads on the boardwalk have deteriorated. We are in discussions with the supplier of the boardwalk who has contacted the manufacturer. The Wetland will remain closed until the matter has been resolved. Warning signs are in place on both entrance gates

IT WAS RESOLVED: to close the gates with chains and padlocks.

A recent Moth Watch at the Reserve identified 11 new species, 6 of which have never been recorded in this area before.

14.171 Publications and documents circulated to members:

- (i) Countryside Voice (CPRE journal)
- (ii) Warwickshire Wild from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

14.172 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting

- (i) an email has been received by the Chairman of the Parish Council from the Chairman of the Playing Fields Trust regarding an inspection of the play area equipment

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask for a copy of the play inspection report

- (ii) Review of Community Grants policy next meeting
- (iii) Councillor Orchard thanked the Council for its support for the recent WWI

Commemoration event which was a great success. Mr Alford has sent a cheque for £558 to the British Legion from donations given at the event.

14.173 Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting of the Council to be held in Wolvey Baptist Chapel on **Monday 15th**

September, 2014

14.174 The meeting was closed at 9.20pm