

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 2014 at 7.45pm

14.220 Present

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

Apologies

None

In attendance

County Councillor Morris-Jones & 3 members of the public

M Cartwright (Clerk)

14.221 Declaration of Interest and dispensations

None

14.222 Minutes of the meetings held on 20th October, 2014

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

14.223 To receive comment and information from members of the public

None

14.224 County Councillor Morris-Jones- provided information relating to Warwickshire County Council:

Combined Community forum held in Rugby on 6th November – topic of discussion was healthcare

Applications for the Councillors fund will be decided tomorrow

Government grant received to improve condition of roads

Still a threat of an application for 7 wind turbines in Wolvey

Application for 4 turbines in Churchover is going to Appeal.

County boundary changes are being discussed- it is likely that Coton Park will merge with Rugby and the new mast site development will be linked to Hillmorton. Brinklow & Coombe Fields to join the Fosse Division.

Crime is declining, except for an increase in cyclists being killed or injured.

14.225 Borough Councillor Pacey-Day- not in attendance

Apologies received

14.226 Clerk's Report:

1. Grant application has been made for £500 from County Councillors fund towards the purchase of a defibrillator
2. An updated streetlight inventory has been sent to Western Power Distribution Unmetered Supplies Office.
3. New storage cabinet has been delivered.

14.227 Planning

14.227.1 The Council received an **update** on previous Planning Applications:

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

- (ii) R14/0973 FOURWINDS, MOAT LANE- Retention of summerhouse-
Appeal to Secretary of State APP/E3715/D/14/2225957- pending
- (iii) R14/1737 ARMSWELL HOUSE, CHURCH HILL, WOLVEY, LE10 3LB- **pending**
- (iv) R14/1885: WOLVEY HALL, HALL ROAD, WOLVEY, LE10 3LG- **pending**
- (v) R14/1871 COPSTON LODGE FARM- **pending**

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

- (i) R14/2022 BRAMCOTE MAINS, WOLVEY ROAD, BULKINGTON, CV12 9JX
Change of use of land to a caravan site with 15 pitches together with associated works.

RESOLVED: the Council **OBJECTS** to this application.

The site is located in the green belt and the Council believes it would have a detrimental impact on the openness of the greenbelt.

The Council is concerned about the visual effect of additional caravans on this site. There is a clear view across the whole site from the road and the existing large caravan storage area is already well seen. Additional caravans will have a further detrimental impact on the rural nature of the area. Therefore, if consent is being considered, the Parish Council requests that a condition be applied requiring substantial natural screening so the caravans are not visible from the road.

There are already three caravan parks within the parish and the Council is concerned about the cumulative effect of so many in a small area, the effect on existing businesses and the problems caused by the resultant increase in traffic.

14.228 Financial matters

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

- a) Payment of cheques:
 - (i) Cheque no. 300148 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses): (protected under DPA1998)
 - (ii) Cheque no 300149 WS Gardens (grass cutting October): £576.00
 - (iii) Cheque no 300150 Navigus Planning (annual subscription to planning journal): £50
 - (iv) Cheque no 300151 Warwickshire County Council (two new Streetlight columns): £4176.35
 - (v) Cheque no 300152 Wolvey Baptist Chapel (room hire): £8.00
 - (vi) Cheque no 300153 NWHC (newsletter printing): £140.00
 - (vii) Cheque no 300154 R Buswell (waders for Wetland): £112.96
 - (viii) Cheque no 300155 C Nixon (prizes for lucky dip): £50.53

Proposed: A Dixon

Seconded: B Kuncewicz

RESOLVED: To approve payment of cheques
Cheques signed and stubs initialled

- b) Income received:
 - (i) T Scoffham: Donation of £150 towards Christmas tree

c) Items for budget 2015-16 and future years:

- (i) Neighbourhood Plan

14.229 The Council considered a review and update of Council Policies:

- (i) New Standing Orders:

Following discussion, IT WAS AGREED to defer this to the next meeting to further consider the section regarding "Motions that require written notice".

- (ii) Powers delegated to the Clerk: IT WAS AGREED to defer to the next meeting. Clerk to compile a list all delegated powers to be included in the Standing Orders.

- (iii) Public participation policy:

RESOLVED to adopt the new policy for Public Participation

14.230 The Council considered the purchase and location of a new streetlight in Wolds Lane.

RESOLVED: to order a new streetlight column and LED lantern, at a cost of £995.23. The Column will be installed on the corner of Wolds Lane and School Lane, which is considered to be the best location for this light.

14.231 The Council considered problems related to road traffic signs in Coventry Road and Mill Lane/ Leicester Road.

Warwickshire County Council had been contacted regarding three matters relating to road traffic signs:

- (i) 30 MPH signs on Coventry Road in the wrong location- This is likely to cost in the region of £8000 and there is no funding available at present to deal with this matter. Clerk to contact Traffic & Safety group to ask this to be placed on a list for when funding is available.
- (ii) Camera warning sign- Safety Engineering Division will investigate whether the height of the sign can be changed
- (iii) HGV's using Mill Lane- County Highways to check that adequate " Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles" signs are in place.

14.232 The Council received information about the "Lengthsman scheme" and consider action needed to progress this.

Warwickshire County Council has now arranged training for the contractor on 24th November. Councillor Hardman will also attend the training.

We are still seeking legal guidance on the contract with Warwickshire County Council. It is hoped this will be resolved so the scheme can commence soon after the training has been completed.

Councillor Hardman to obtain clarification of when the funding will begin.

14.233 The Council considered progress on the Wolvey Action Plan.

- (i) **Dial-a-ride-** Councillor Kenrick has been working to arrange transport to the Doctor's emergency service at Burbage surgery. 3 drivers have volunteered and provisional arrangements were made to administer the scheme. Unfortunately, a recent survey produced a very poor response from Wolvey residents. Therefore, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to abandon this scheme. However, it has led to some useful contacts which might help with other transport requirements in the future.

Item to be placed in the newsletter. Thanks to be sent to the volunteer drivers. Also, the Council thanked Councillor Kenrick for all the work she has put in to this project.

- (ii) **Energy Seminar-** this project is being delayed because there is no WiFi available at venues in Wolvey. Also, response to the recent survey was poor.
- (iii) **Improved Bus service for Wolvey-** Councillors Orchard & Hardman have met with Arriva to discuss the possible deviation of routes from Hinckley that currently pass near to Wolvey, so there might be public transport available from Wolvey to Lutterworth & Market Harborough.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with Warwickshire County Council transport team to discuss this with them.

- (iv) **Neighbourhood Watch-** First meeting took place on 11th November. Aims & objectives were discussed Next meeting to be arranged with PCSO in attendance. Date to be put into the newsletter.
- (v) **First Aid courses-** Provider has been chosen and a date will be arranged in February for a 3 hour session.
- (vi) **Neighbourhood Plan-** a government grant of £7000 is available towards the cost of doing a neighbourhood plan, but applications must be made before the end of the financial year.
Council to consider whether to apply in the new year.

14.234 The Council considered plans for the Christmas tree 2014 and reviewed the risk assessment:

The tree has been installed today and will be decorated at the weekend , weather permitting.
Risk assessment to be amended to include powered speakers and decoration of the tree.
The tree to be erected by the company that supplies it.
Refreshments have been arranged
Prizes have been purchased for the children's lucky dip
Electricity box has been adapted to make connection easier.
Electrician will PAT test connections.

14.235 The Council received a report from the Environment group:

Troughs & baskets have been emptied
Overgrown reeds have been removed from the pond in the Wetland
Daffodil bulbs have been planted on Bulkington Road
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will be mowing part of the Wetland at the end of November.

14.236 The Council considered a request to place posters at the Wetland:

Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that WASTE signs can remain in place at the Wetland until January 17th. This will then be reviewed.
Clerk to ask WASTE their intentions relating to how long the signs should be in place.

14.237 Publications and documents circulated to members-noted:

- (i) Clerk & Councils Direct
- (ii) Warwickshire Gritting routes
- (iii) CPRE- Countryside Voice

14.238 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting:

- (i) Sandbags- no order to be placed

- (ii) School Council meeting on 19th November- Councillors Buswell & Kuncewicz to attend as observers.
- (iii) Newsletter– items needed
- (iv) Planning and Travellers consultation– response to be sent by 2nd November
- (v) Mobile phone “not-spots” consultation– response to be sent .
- (vi) WALC funding consultation- response sent

14.239 Date of Next Meeting:

Budget meeting to be held on **Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm in Wolvey Millennium Building**

Next ordinary meeting of the Council due to be held on **Monday 15th December, 2014 in Wolvey Bowling Club**

14.240 The Council considered exclusion of the public under Public Bodies (Amendment Act 1960, section 1) in view of confidential nature of business to be discussed:

- (i) Legal advice regarding boardwalk at the Wolvey Wetland Reserve
- (ii) Staffing matters

RESOLVED: to exclude the public

14.241 The Council considered Legal advice regarding the boardwalk at the Wolvey Wetland Reserve

The Council noted the information received so far from the solicitor. Council will discuss this again at the Budget meeting when more information should be available.

14.242 The Council considered staffing matters:

A report was received from the Staffing Committee. An incremental increase of Clerks salary to SCP 29 has been approved by the Committee.

The Clerk informed the Council of her intention to retire next year. An advertisement will be posted in December for the position of Parish Clerk/RFO, for a new Clerk to be in post for 1st March.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED that there will be a minimum of 3 months handover period.

14.243 The meeting was closed at 10.00pm