

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 20th OCTOBER, 2014 at 7.45pm

14.202 Present

Councillor Buswell (Chairman)
 Councillors Kuncewicz, Dixon & Nixon

Apologies received from Councillors Orchard, Hardman & Kenrick

In attendance

County Councillor Morris-Jones & Borough Councillor Pacey-Day

M Cartwright (Clerk)

14.203 Declaration of Interest and dispensations

None

14.204 Minutes of the meetings held on 8th October, 2014

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

14.205 To receive comment and information from members of the public

None

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

Next Community forum is the combined forum in Rugby on November 6th
 Warwickshire County Council will be discussing the proposed boundary changes next week.
 It is likely to adopt the recommended changes which will mean that the Rugby mast site will be removed from the Fosse Division and Coombe Fields will join.
 There has been an increase in cyclists being killed or seriously injured.
 Live & Local is currently subsidised by the County Council but the funding is under threat.
 There is a petition asking people to oppose the cut in funding for this.

14.207 Borough Councillor Pacey-Day- provided information relating to Rugby Borough Council

Rugby mast site, which is a large urban extension, has been delayed because of newts at the site. The developer must install a newt sanctuary before the development can proceed.

14.208 Clerk's Report received and noted by the Council:

1. Streetlight LP4 on Leicester Road has been installed and is working. We will receive an invoice soon.
2. Clerk & Councillor Buswell attended the Financial Briefing and Finding Funding workshop.
3. Clerk & Councillor Orchard are registered to attend the WALC AGM
4. Letter received from a resident regarding the end of Wolds Lane

14.209 Planning

14.209.1 The Council received an **update** on previous Planning Applications and consider any further action to be taken:

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

(ii) R14/1123 Wolvey Fields Farm, Coalpit Lane, LE10 3HD- **refused**

(iii) R14/ 1568 2 B Orchard Close- **pending**

(iv) R14/1106 LAND AT WOLVEY WOLDS, WOLDS LANE, WOLVEY- **approved by planning committee meeting on 24th September**

Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that prior to an application for 7 wind turbines the following action be taken:

Wolvey Environment Group to organize surveys of bats/ birds, etc by local residents
WEG to liaise with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and other groups for advice about how to conduct these surveys

Results to be sent to Warwickshire County Council biological records centre

Ecological surveys paid for by Parish Council may be necessary as a follow-on to WEG surveys – to monitor

Clerk to continue contact with CPRE

Planning Consultant has been engaged to advise.

Clerk to continue application to designate Wetland Reserve as a Local Nature Reserve

Clerk to continue to report any planning breaches to planning enforcement at Rugby Borough Council

Representative from Churchover Parish Council to be invited to a briefing event with Wolvey Parish Council

Information sharing with WASTE- Councillors Buswell & Hardman to attend WASTE meeting as observers.

(v) **Widening of gate at Wolvey Wolds Farm-** Landowner has been advised by Rugby planning that this will require a retrospective planning application

(vi) **Bungalow adj to Beda House, Wolds Lane-** Western Power Distribution has advised the Council that the pole in front of this property will be removed and overhead cables undergrounded on 25th November. This means that the streetlight on the pole will also be removed.

A quote for a replacement steel column and LED lantern has been received for £768.44.

RESOLVED: to order a new column to be installed in the Highways verge, approximately 1 metre to the left of the existing pole.

Clerk to inform landowner.

To consider any **NEW** applications:

14.209.2 R14/1737 ARMSWELL HOUSE, CHURCH HILL, WOLVEY, LE10 3LB

works including gabion retaining walls (revised description of development and amended plans

RESOLVED: The Parish Council has some concerns that there may not be sufficient turning space available to enable vehicles to exit in a forward gear. The property is located on a bend at the brow of a hill. Otherwise, the Council has no objections to the application.

14.209.3 R14/1966 WOLVEY HALL, HALL LANE- Listed Building Consent: Conversion of Wolvey Hall to 6 apartments and 1 mews house

RESOLVED- no objections

14.209.4 R14/1871 COPSTON LODGE FARM- Erection of extension to existing agricultural building for the storage of farm machinery and crops

RESOLVED- no objections

14.210 Finance

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

- a) Half year financial statements and bank reconciliations
As this is a new accounting system there were a few changes suggested to improve understanding in the future.
RESOLVED: to approve the financial statements and bank reconciliations
- b) No payments made under powers delegated to the Clerk
- c) Payment of the following cheques:
 - (i) Cheque no. 300141 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses): protected under DPA 1998
 - (ii) Cheque no 300142 WS Gardens (grass cutting September): £ 384.00
 - (iii) Cheque no 300143 Wolvey Baptist Chapel (room hire): £16.00
 - (iv) Cheque no 300144 Avon Planning Services: £150.00
 - (v) Cheque no 300145 Wolvey Village Hall Foundation (room hire): £ 21.00
 - (vi) Cheque no 300146 Eon (quarterly electricity supply): £752.51
 - (vii) Cheque no 300147 R Buswell (reimbursement of expenses): £65.46

Proposed: A Dixon

Seconded: B Kuncewicz

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

- d) Income received:
Rugby Borough Council precept payment : £17,500
- e) Other financial matters considered:
 - (i) Items for budget 2015-16 and future years:
 - Upgrade of website
 - Comparison of savings and cost of borrowing to upgrade the streetlights
 - Subsidising of courses for Action Plan
 - Ecological and Wildlife surveys
 - (ii) The Council considered what further information is required prior to deciding applications for Community grants 2014 at Budget meeting in November: Following discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** the Clerk to ask Wolvey Playing Field Trust for more information.
 - (iii) **RESOLVED:** Clerk to order a new storage cabinet from ESPO at a cost of £117

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

- (i) Press & Media Policy:
RESOLVED: to adopt the draft policy previously circulated to members
- (ii) Posters on Wetland fence:
RESOLVED: to adopt the draft policy previously circulated to members
IT WAS AGREED to approve request from Wolvey Playing Fields Trust for a poster for the Fireworks Fireworks display. Clerk to send a copy of the adopted Policy.
Clerk to write to WASTE to ask for a request to keep the existing signs within the next 14 days.
Clerk to send a copy of the adopted Policy.
- (iii) Councillor's surgeries
Following discussion IT WAS RESOLVED to stop holding Councillor's surgeries as very few residents have attended.

(iv) Newsletter distribution:

Following discussion, IT WAS AGREED that Councillor Buswell will co-ordinate the distribution of newsletters for delivery. Two residents have volunteered to help with delivery.

(v) Welcome Pack: it is one year since this was introduced and 28 packs have been delivered. It was agreed that this has been a successful initiative.

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

Unfortunately, progress has been delayed because Warwickshire County Council have still not arranged training for the contractor. Clerk to ask WCC if training can be carried out on site as originally promised and whether the first year’s funding will begin at the start of the scheme.

14.213 The Council considered progress on the Wolvey Action Plan:

Many of the initiatives are up & running.

We are still waiting for responses regarding the energy seminar.

No responses received from residents interested in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Waiting for responses regarding the Dial-a-ride scheme.

No responses regarding improved Youth facilities. Councillor Kuncewicz to speak to the Youth Club and Scouts.

Defibrillator- **RESOLVED:** to apply for £500 contribution from the County Councillors fund towards the purchase of a defibrillator

First Aid courses- possible subsidy from Parish Council

- Course to be arranged for 12 residents to attend
- Date and cost to be put into next newsletter

14.214 The Council considered plans for the Christmas tree 2014:

Tree to be delivered and erected by Friezeland trees during the week beginning 17th November

Tree to be decorated on 22nd or 29th November depending on the weather

Mosaics, baubles and hand-made goods to be provided at the switch on event.

Lucky dip for children – Councillor Nixon to arrange.

Electrician is hoping to adapt the electricity box to make connection easier to manage.

14.215 The Council received a report from the Environment group

Reeds have been removed from the pond in the Wetland

RESOLVED: to approve the purchase of two pairs of waders using the donation of £100 received

A new battery is needed for the water bowser.

Boardwalk- a quote of £1585.80 has been received for additional support for new treads.

Warwickshire County Council legal services has been approached for advice.

14.216 Publications and documents circulated to members- noted

- (i) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council- adoption of Earl Shilton & Barwell Area Action Plan
- (ii) Warwickshire County Council draft recommendations for Electoral Review

14.217 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting:

1. Driveways have been built on the front of new properties on Coventry Road- this will potentially cause accident as vehicles reverse onto the road.

2. 30 MPH signs on Coventry Road are located in the wrong position. A recent accident involving a tractor exiting onto Coventry Road has further highlighted the problem. Clerk to contact Road Safety team at Warwickshire County Council.

14.218 Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday 17th November, 2014 in Wolvey Bowling Club.**

Budget meeting to be held on Thursday 27th November in Millennium Building

14.219 The meeting was closed at 10.15pm