

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 19th OCTOBER, 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Dixon (Chairman); Councillors Buswell, Kenrick, Kuncewicz, Nixon, Tomlin and Warwick
J. Essex (Clerk)

In attendance: County Councillor P. Morris-Jones, Borough Councillor C. Pacey-Day, and two members of the public.

Apologies: None

83. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Tomlin to her first parish council meeting.

84. Declarations of Interest

The Chair declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 16 – Community Grant Applications 2015 as he regularly attended the Baby and Toddler Group. Councillor Warwick declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 16 – Community Grant Applications 2015 as he is an officer of the Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

85. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September, 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

86. Public Consultation

The following matters were raised by members of the public present at the meeting:

- (i) the blocked drains raised at the last meeting had not yet been cleared. The Clerk would again remind Warwickshire County Council Highways.
- (ii) In respect of planning application no. R14/1848 (land to the west of Ash Fell, 13 Hall Lane, Wolvey – erection of a detached dwelling) concern was expressed over access and parking and whether the residential dwelling was also being used for business purposes.

87. Warwickshire County Council - Update

Councillor Morris Jones reported on the following:

- (i) Government proposals to create combined authorities and the implications for Warwickshire;
- (ii) land had been identified for potential sites for gypsies and travellers;

- (iii) Wolvey Parish Council had been awarded a grant of £180 from the Fosse Councillor Fund for the provision of first aid training;
- (iv) The A5 Steering Group comprising representatives from local authorities affected by the expansion of Magna Park had written to Government ministers urging them to introduce measures to prevent HGVs driving through villages;.
- (v) The number of cyber and violent crimes were increasing. Elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner would be held in 2016.

88. Rugby Borough Council – Update

Councillor Pacey-Day reported on the following:

- (i) Rugby Borough Council voted not to join the west Midlands Combined Authority, but would keep its options open and continue to enter into discussions;
- (ii) Brackley Investments Ltd's proposals to develop the 9 acre site at Stretton Croft, Watling Street, Hinckley including a hotel, leisure facilities and offices. Councillor Pacey-Day had asked the Developers to engage with the local community and suggested a meeting with parish councils to explain further their proposals.

89. Clerk's Report

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted, including the awarding of a grant of £180 from the Fosse Councillor Fund for the provision of first aid training;
- (b) Enquiries be made with Rugby Borough Council over the control of moles on the Axe and Compass traffic island;
- (c) Approval be given for the clerk to undertake one day's training with RBS in the use of accountancy software at an approximate cost of £450;
- (d) Wolvey Parish Council confirms that it meets all the necessary criteria for applying for the Foundation Award Level under the Local Council Award Scheme.

90. Planning Applications

RESOLVED that

- (a) In respect of planning application no. R14/1848 – land to the west of Ash Fell, 13 Hall Lane, Wolvey LEW10 3LF – erection of a detached dwelling, the parish council makes the following comments:

The parish council is concerned that there may be commercial activity being undertaken in a private residence in that the premises are also being used as a builder's yard. It asks Rugby Borough Council to investigate and confirm whether there is any commercial activity being undertaken.

Wolvey Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

concerns over access and vehicular movements posing a danger; over development; the overbearing nature of the development in a confined space; and the development will detract from the street scene.

- (b) In respect of the Appeals to the Secretary of State in respect of land at Gipsy Lane, Wolvey LE10 3HQ, (R13/0497), the parish council reaffirm its objections on the grounds stated when the application was originally considered.

91. Finance

Councillors considered financial matters relating to the parish council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the payment of cheques as listed below be approved:
- (i) J. Essex (salary, allowances and expenses) protected under DPA 1998
 - (ii) WCC Pension Fund (protected under DPA 1998)
 - (iii) Wolvey Village Hall - £162 – re-imbusement of electrical charges for the defibrillator cabinet fitted at Wolvey Village Hall
 - (iv) Davidson Electrical Services - £13.00
 - (v) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire WEG – 12.10.15 - £7.00
 - (vi) HMRC – Employer Tax owed as at 19 October, 2015 - £341.44
 - (vii) Tranter Training Solutions – 2 sets of paediatric pads - £192
 - (viii) Secure-a-Field – plastic posts, bolts, nuts etc. - £427.30
- (b) the direct debit payment to Opus Energy for the period 20 August – 18 September - £252.31 be noted;
- (c) the budget reports and bank reconciliation statement as at 30 September, 2015 be noted; and
- (d) the following changes to the Mandate for the operation of Wolvey Parish Council's bank account with Unity Trust Bank plc for the addition of Councillors A. Warwick and E. Tomlin as authorised signatories and registering for internet banking be approved:
- (i) The amendments to the Mandate for the operation of the bank account, payment instructions and banking services and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures and the Mandate;
 - (iii) The Bank is entitled to rely on the amended Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it, and the Bank is entitled to rely on instructions given it by any person named in Section 3 and may disclose any information relating to the account to any such person;

(iii) The bank is under no duty to make enquiries before acting on the instruction of any person named in Section 3;

(iv) The bank will be notified in writing of any changes to the organisation as per terms and conditions of the account.

92. Lutterworth Road, Bazzard Lane, Thompsons Lane near Burton Hastings

The parish council considered proposals by Warwickshire County Council to provide a 50mph speed limit on the above roads.

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported.

93. Advertising

Councillor Kenrick reported that it would be helpful if there was a list of suitable venues and locations for displaying leaflets and other materials which promoted parish council initiatives and events.

RESOLVED that a list of suitable locations for the display of leaflets and promotional materials for parish council events be compiled and circulated to all councillors.

94. Wolvey Action Plan

Councillors considered progress with items in the Wolvey Action Plan.

RESOLVED that the updates to the Action Plan be approved, subject to Councillor Nixon being re-instated as lead councillor for the Local Produce Day.

95. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors discussed the final arrangements for the public meeting and presentation to Wolvey residents on Wednesday 21 October which would provide information on neighbourhood planning.

RESOLVED that the arrangements for the Neighbourhood Plan meeting be agreed.

96. Display Boards

Councillors discussed progress with arrangements for the parish council display boards.

RESOLVED that the arrangements for the display boards be noted.

97. Council Policies

Councillors considered the following policies:

Health and Safety Policy
Equal Opportunities Policy
Safeguarding Policy

RESOLVED that the above policies be approved, subject to the following additions being made to the Health and Safety Policy:

- (i) To regularly review working practises, including the general working environment of individuals' work area and workload
- (ii) To review risk assessments annually.

98. Community Grant Applications 2015

Councillors considered the community grant applications received for 2015/16.

RESOLVED that

- (a) Community grants be awarded as follows:

Wolvey Baby & Toddler Group - £300
Wolvey Baptist Chapel - £650
St John the Baptist Church, Wolvey - £2,000
Wolvey Playing Field Trust – Field Maintenance - £2,000
New Main gate - £2,500

- (b) the Wolvey Playing Field Trust be requested to confirm the access arrangements for all users of the new main gate; and
- (c) the request from Wolvey PTA to transfer the grant awarded to them in 2014/15 to the Head Teacher be approved and the award deadline be extended to 31 March, 2016.

(Councillor Warwick took no part in the discussion or voting relating to the grant application from Wolvey Baptist Chapel)

99. Christmas Tree Switch-on Event – 6th December, 2015

Councillors received an update on arrangements for the annual Christmas Tree Switch-on event.

RESOLVED that

- (a) The Royal British Legion be offered a stall at the event; and
- (b) The British Red Cross Society be this year's nominated charity to receive monies raised at this event.

100. Update from Wolvey Environment Group

Councillor Buswell updated the parish council on works carried out by WEG. Councillor Buswell reported that the bowser required servicing, but as she was having difficulty in finding someone to carry out the work, she suggested that her brother-in-law be approached as he was experienced in this type of work.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) approval be given for Councillor Buswell to ask her brother-in-law to service the bowser.

101. Items for the next meeting

- (a) Access to public right of way across the field in Wolds Lane;
- (b) Newsletter;
- (c) Wendy Shaw, Practice Manager from Wolvey and Burbage Surgeries, be invited to attend the next meeting to answer questions from councillors on the difficulties being experienced by villagers in making appointments to see their local GPs.

102. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 16 November, 2015 at Wolvey Bowling Club.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.