

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2016 at 7.30pm

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Buswell

154 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

155 Minutes of the meetings held on 18th January and 1st February 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 18th January and 1st February, 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

156 Public Consultation

Members of the public reported the following issues which the Clerk would report to Warwickshire County Council Highways:

- (a) the street light outside the church gate in Church Hill remained on during daylight hours;
- (b) the 40mph sign along Leicester Road needed repairing;
- (c) the drains in Leicester Road and Church Hill remained blocked with soil; and
- (d) Warwickshire County Council Highways officers be reminded to contact the resident of The Grange when access was required to attend to the manhole cover inside the gates to the property.

157 Warwickshire County Council Update

County Councillor Morris-Jones reported on the following matters:

- (a) Government proposals to create combined authorities and the implications for Warwickshire;
- (b) Warwickshire County Council budget - required savings have meant a 4% increase in Council Tax;

- (c) Applications were invited for funding for small schemes from the £5,000 Councillor Grant Fund;
- (d) The next Community Forum meeting was scheduled for 10 March 2016 at Pailton and the expansion of Magna Park would be discussed;
- (e) The A5 Steering Group comprising representatives from local authorities affected by the expansion of Magna Park were campaigning to introduce measures to prevent HGVs driving through villages, including the widening of the A5;
- (f) On- going issue with Gypsies and Travellers at Coton Park;
- (g) Increase in the number of violent crimes;
- (h) Elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner would be held in May – the current Police and Crime Commissioner was not standing for re-election; and
- (i) The strategic alliance with West Mercia Police had resulted in savings through improved efficiency.

158 Rugby Borough Council Update

Borough Councillor Pacey-Day reported on Rugby Borough Council's Local Plan and its Preferred Option on how it would meet its development needs over the next 10 years. Developers were considering providing 45 – 60 dwellings on land at Stretton Croft which could affect Wolvey's allocation of housing.

159 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following:

- (a) As no requests had been received for a by-election, the Council could begin the co-option process to fill the vacancy on the parish council;
- (b) WALC Annual Briefing Day – 12th March 2016; and
- (c) There were no consultations or planning applications pending in respect of Magna Park.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

160 Planning

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update on planning applications be noted; and
- (b) the following objections/comments be made in respect of new applications:
 - (i) Ref No. R15/0310 – Land at Gipsy Lane East of the Chalet on Hinckley Road, Wolvey LE10 3HQ – replacement of existing stable building with residential mobile home – **the parish council objects on the grounds that the development is in the Green Belt, the applicant has not demonstrated any special need and there is nothing to support agricultural use.**

- (ii) Ref No. 15/1236 – Five Ways Lakes, Coventry Road, Wolvey LE10 3HF – Conversion and extension of existing stable building to form new dwelling house to support the existing business at Five Ways Lakes, together with the continued siting of a temporary log cabin for a further temporary period of three years – **the parish council requests a condition which ties the dwelling to the business use of the property.**
 - (iii) R16/0154 – Wolvey Hall, 8 Hall Road, Wolvey LE10 3LG – Variation of Condition 3 of Listed Building Consent ref R14/1885 (Listed Building Consent for the subdivision of Wolvey Hall into 6 no. apartments and 1 no. mews dwelling) dated 8 January 2016, to enable internal works to commence prior to submission of a written scheme of archaeological investigation – **No Comment.**
 - (iv) R16/0160 - Wolvey Hall, 8 Hall Road, Wolvey LE10 3LG – Variation of Conditions 3 and 6 of Planning Permission ref 14/1897 (subdivision of Wolvey Hall into 6 no. apartments and 1 no. mews dwelling, together with associated works) dated 8 January 2016, to enable internal works to commence prior to submission of a bat survey and a written scheme of archaeological investigation – **No Comment.**
- (c) the Clerk to confirm whether planning permission is required for the new footbridge at the Wetland Nature Reserve.

161 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 (cheque no. 300346)
 - (ii) WCC Pension Fund (protected under DPA 1998) (cheque no. 300347)
 - (iii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire – WEG and Wolvey Parish Council - £17.00 (cheque no. 300348)
 - (v) Warwickshire County Council Footway Lighting Maintenance Contract 2015/16 - £823.97 (cheque no. 300349)
 - (vi) WS Gardens Ltd – Lengthsman Scheme – January 2016 - £150 (cheque no. 300350)
- (b) a donation of £40 be made to CPRE for 2016/17; and
- (c) the Direct Debit payment to Opus Energy for the period 20 December 2015 – 19 January 2016 - £352.54 be noted.

162 2016/17 Annual Budget

The council considered the draft budget for 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the budget for 2016/17 be approved.

163 Bus Shelter – Coventry Road, Wolvey

The Council considered a request from a local resident for the provision of a bus shelter at the bus stop in Coventry Road, Wolvey.

RESOLVED that

- (a) further information on possible types of shelter, cost, dimensions and the level of local support be reported to a future meeting ; and
- (b) the Clerk write to residents of nearby properties seeking their views on this proposal.

164 Superfast Broadband

The Council considered a request for the providers of superfast broadband to attend a meeting in order to answer queries from local residents.

RESOLVED that a representative from CSW Broadband be invited to attend the March meeting to answer questions from residents.

165 Spring Newsletter

The Council considered articles for the Spring edition of the Newsletter.

RESOLVED that the following articles be included in the Spring Newsletter: Neighbourhood Planning (Councillor Warwick), Dog Fouling (Councillor Nixon), 2016/17 Budget (Chairman), March Litterpick (Councillor Buswell), Co-Option of Parish Councillor (Clerk).

166 Street Light Maintenance Contract 2016/17

The Council considered the renewal of the Street Light Maintenance Contract for 2016/17 with Warwickshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the contract with Warwickshire County Council be renewed for 2016/17.

167 Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17

The Council considered the renewal of the grass cutting contract for 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the grass cutting contract for 2016/17 be renewed with W S Gardens Ltd.

168 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

The Council received an update from Councillor Warwick on progress with the setting up of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee. The Committee was looking to appoint a consultant who had experience in assisting local villages with neighbourhood plans. The NP Advisory Committee would first check the procedure for the appointment of a consultant with Rugby Borough Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) the Parish Council extends its thanks and appreciation to all members of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee for their work to date.

169 Lengthsman Scheme

Councillors considered proposals on the Lengthsman Scheme following a recent meeting with Warwickshire County Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Chairman and Clerk meet with Wayne Byles of WS Gardens to discuss works for 2016; and
- (b) the parish council's thanks be extended to John Hardman for his work on this scheme.

170 Annual Parish Meeting – 27th April 2016

Councillors considered arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting.

RESOLVED that

- (a) local groups who had received grants from the parish council in 2015/16 be invited to attend to provide a brief account of how the grant money has been spent;
- (b) a presentation on progress with the neighbourhood plan be given at the Annual Parish meeting; and
- (c) representatives from Rural Watch be invited to give a presentation at the next parish council meeting in March.

171 Council Policies

The council reviewed the following policies:

Biodiversity
Complaints

FOI Publications Scheme
Retention of Documents.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the above policies be approved; and
- (b) the following policies be reviewed at the next meeting:

Councillors Expenses Policy – Councillor Tomlin
Training Policy - Chairman

172 Wolvey Environment Group

Councillor Nixon provided an update on the work of the Wolvey Environment Group, including planned works to clear trees for a new path and pond clearance.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) the quotes from Buildbase for £302.20 (incl VAT) and Travis Perkins for £328.75 (incl. VAT) for materials to make the support cushions for the Wetland bridge be approved; and
- (c) the quote from Baginton Nurseries for the supply of hanging baskets, troughs and flower tower for £249.44 plus VAT be approved.

173 Items for the next meeting

- (a) Highway issues in Wolds Lane
- (b) Drainage issues in Bulkington Road – outside Thatch Cottage

174 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st March 2016 in **Wolvey Baptist Chapel**.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.