

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY 18TH JANUARY, 2016 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Borough Councillor C. Pacey-Day
12 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Buswell
County Councillor P. Morris-Jones

134 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

135 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st December, 2015

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

136 Public Consultation

Members of the public spoke on the following issues:

- (a) Request for a bus shelter for the bus stop in Coventry Road, Wolvey – this would be considered at the next meeting.
- (b) Request for providers of superfast broadband to attend a meeting to answer queries from residents – this would be considered at the next meeting.
- (c) David Lloyd confirmed that the safe which was located in the Village Hall was owned by the parish council. The Village Hall Committee had no objection to it remaining in the Village Hall.

137 Rugby Borough Council – Preferred Options Local Plan Document

Sarah Alexander and Vicky Chapman from Rugby Borough Council Planning Department attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the Borough Council's Local Plan and its Preferred Option. This was an emerging plan on how Rugby would meet its development needs over the next 10 years.

Wolvey was one of 7 villages in the Borough which had been identified as a Main Rural Settlement as it had facilities which could sustain development. This would mean that each of these villages had been allocated a development of

100 houses. Sarah stressed that the Borough Council was keen to work with parish councils and local residents in identifying suitable sites for development and in moving forward with the delivery of the plan. The importance of the role of a neighbourhood plan in this process was also emphasised.

Sarah then answered questions from parish councillors and members of the public.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the presentation be noted; and
- (b) Sarah and Vicky be thanked for their informative presentation.

138 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) Councillor Buswell be consulted on the litter pick for the Clean for the Queen Campaign on the weekend of 4 – 6 March 2016 to see if this could be carried out as part of the annual litter pick held in the Spring;
- (c) the parish council supports the lighting of a beacon in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday; and
- (d) Councillor Kenrick and guest be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party in May.

139 Planning

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update on planning applications be noted; and
- (b) in respect of the proposals for High Cross Quarry, the parish council makes the following comments:

No objections to the specific proposals, but a general concern over the number of heavy lorries travelling through Wolvey to access the site.

140 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. 300341)
 - (ii) WCC Pension Fund (protected under DPA 1998) (cheque no. 300342)
 - (iii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire – WEG - £7.00 (cheque no. 300343)
 - (iv) North Warwickshire and Hinckley College – printing of Winter Newsletter - £90 (cheque no. 303344)
 - (v) Bulkington Silver Band – donation for Christmas lights switch-on - £50 (cheque no. 303345)
- (b) the Direct Debit payment to Opus Energy for the period 19 November – 19 December 2015 - £334.52 be noted.

141 Lengthsman Scheme

Councillors considered a briefing note on the Lengthsman Scheme which runs until January 2017 and the options available to the parish council after this date.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred for consideration at the meeting in June.

142 2016/17 Annual Budget

The council considered the draft budget for 2016/17.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Rugby Borough Council be informed that the precept (excluding Council Tax Benefit Grant) required by Wolvey Parish Council be set at £36,646 resulting in an annual increase to parishioners of 2% in respect of Band D properties; and
- (b) the Clerk prepare draft figures for the proposed changes made at the meeting for consideration at the next meeting.

143 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Warwick stated that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee had been arranged for Monday 1 February 2016 at 7pm in the Baptist Chapel. He suggested that Bozena Kuncewicz be invited to join the Advisory Committee as she had experience with working groups.

RESOLVED that the proposal to co-opt Bozena Kuncewicz onto the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee be approved.

144 Confirmation of ownership of safe located in the village hall

It had already been confirmed earlier in the meeting that the parish council owned the safe in the Village Hall.

145 The Link

The Editor of The Link had made a number of requests for the parish council to consider.

RESOLVED that

- (a) permission be granted to use the black and white Wolvey Parish Council logo alongside the parish council Summary of Minutes published in The Link;
- (b) due to space restrictions, any changes to the wording would have to fit in the existing box; and
- (c) councillors could not support the request to include a copy of The Link in the Welcome Pack as it was unfair on those other groups and organisations who were also mentioned in the pack and it would be difficult to manage.

146 Council Policies

The council considered the review of the following policies:

Biodiversity
Complaints
FOI Publications Scheme
Retention of Documents.

RESOLVED that the Chairman review the above policies for submission to the next meeting for approval.

147 Items for the next meeting

2016/17 Budget
AGM – April
Spring Newsletter
WEG
Street Lighting

148 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15th February 2016 in Wolvey Bowling Club

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.