

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN WOLVEY BOWLING CLUB ON
MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Warwick (Chairman); Councillors Hawkins and Hawcutt

In attendance: 6 Members of the public

Apologies: Borough Councillor C. Pacey-Day

16/199 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Chairman informed those present that the Clerk, Rachel Atkinson, had submitted her resignation and this was her last meeting. The Committee thanked Rachel for her work on the parish council. He introduced Jackie Essex who had agreed to act as temporary Clerk until a new Clerk had been appointed.

16/200 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Warwick declared an interest in Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

16/201 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16/202 Public Consultation

The on-going problems with drains on Temple Hill/Leicester Road junction was reported.

The parish council's concern and dissatisfaction over the confusion with refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period be reported to Rugby Borough Council.

16/203 Warwickshire County Council – Update

As Councillor Morris-Jones was not present at the meeting, there was nothing to report.

16/204 Rugby Borough Council – Update

Councillor Pacey-Day had submitted a written report which focused on information regarding Rugby Borough Council's draft Local Plan. An additional 12,400 houses were required in the borough by 2031. The allocation of 1,500 houses had been removed from Walsgrave Hill Farm and allocated to Lodge Farm and this would have minimum impact on

Wolvey. Any decision, however, to reinstate development at Walsgrave Hill Farm would impact on Wolvey.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

16/205 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED that

- (a) There were no additional schedule of payments made since the last meeting;
- (b) Receipts and payments to date of £38,808.60 be noted;
- (c) The Bank Reconciliation for the period 3rd October – 2nd November 2016 be noted.

16/206 Budget 2017/18

Councillors considered the budget for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the budget for 2017/18 be set at £39,907;
- (b) the Council's precept required (less Council Tax Support Grant) is £37,532.07, resulting in an increase of 1.5%; and
- (c) any surplus balance in reserves be used to fund the upgrade of streetlights.

16/207 Removal of Christmas Tree

The parish council considered a quote from WS Gardens for the sum of £75.00 + VAT for the removal of the Christmas Tree from the Square. An offer to remove the tree had also been received from two local residents – Roy and Ian Lewis.

RESOLVED that

- (a) Roy and Ian Lewis be thanked for their kind offer to remove the tree but, due to health and safety and insurance implications, the quote from WS Gardens be accepted; and
- (b) WS Gardens be requested to provide details of their public liability insurance, risk assessment and method statement for the removal of the tree.

16/208 Wolvey Environmental Committee – List of Volunteers

RESOLVED that the updated list of Wolvey Environment Group's volunteers be noted.

16/209 Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee (NPAC) – Update

Councillor Warwick provided an update on the work of NPAC.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update be noted; and
- (b) Ruth Buswell and Dee Kenrick be co-opted onto the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee.

16/210 Wolvey Environmental Advisory Committee (WEC) – Update

Ruth Buswell updated councillors on WEC. It was pointed out that whilst Wolvey Environmental Group (WEG) met informally, WEC was an Executive Committee of the parish council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

16/211 Any Other Business

- (a) The Chairman had registered on the WALC training course - End of Year Financial Procedures at a cost of £30 which would be held on 25 January 2017.
- (b) Following the resignation of Rachel Atkinson, Jackie Essex had agreed to assist as Clerk on a temporary basis for 4 hours per week until the recruitment of a new Clerk.

16/212 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

16/213 Staffing Matters

RESOLVED that Jackie Essex be paid at Point 25 on the NJC Salary and Payscale and be entitled to the usual benefits associated with the post, including mileage claim and working from home allowance.

16/214 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20 February 2017 at 7.30pm at Wolvey Bowling Club.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.