

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON
MONDAY 17 JULY, 2017 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: 7 Members of the public

Apologies: Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day

38/17 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

39/17 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensation

Councillor Warwick declared an interest in Wolvey Baptist Chapel and in any matter by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.

40/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June, 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41/17 Temple Hill Crossroads – Safety Issues

Residents and councillors discussed the danger and safety issues at the crossroads at Temple Hill, especially in light of the recent accident which resulted in Wolvey residents sustaining injuries.

Councillor Warwick was pleased to report that he had received an email from Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Engineer, Ema Jones, advising him that this junction had been earmarked for a Casualty Reduction Scheme. Councillors thought that the parish council should be consulted on proposals to ensure that an appropriate scheme is implemented.

RESOLVED that Ema Jones be advised that Wolvey Parish Council wishes to be involved in discussions on proposals for a Casualty Reduction Scheme at Temple Hill crossroads.

42/17 Parishioners' Time

- (i) The road sign outside Galliford Try on Leicester Road was still not working correctly.
- (ii) The drain in Leicester Road, opposite Temple Hill, was still blocked.
- (iii) A representative from CSW Broadband be asked to provide an update on broadband in rural areas.
- (iv) The manhole cover was missing along Temple Hill.
- (v) A bumper from a Transit van needed removing from under the hedge in Church Hill.

43/17 Rugby Borough Council – Update

There was no report from Councillor Chris Pacey- Day as he was not present at the meeting.

44/17 Warwickshire County Council - Update

County Councillor Adrian Warwick reported that the Warwickshire County Council Councillor Grant Fund of £5,000 was now open for applications. In response to a suggestion from a local resident for the provision of a salt bin in Leicester Road, Councillor Warwick suggested that this was something the parish council could provide.

45/17 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided an update on the Council's legal duties in respect of the Pensions Regulator.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Clerk be enrolled in NEST pension scheme.

46/17 Planning

(a) Councillors considered the following planning applications:

(i) R17/1096 – Wolds Lane, Wolvey LE10 3LL – outline application with all matters reserved for the change of use of land and erection of up to 3 holiday lodges land north of Wolvey House Farm, Wolds Lane, Wolvey.

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

(i) The development severely compromises the open aspect of the Green Belt and would damage the character of the area. The parish council would like to point out that during the process of identifying site allocations for the Wolvey Neighbourhood Plan, Rugby Borough Council had opposed development in this area and had stated that any development in this area would compromise the open aspect and damage the character of the Green Belt;

(ii) Rugby Borough Council has been stringent in controlling development and removing permitted development rights in respect of previous applications in this area – the parish council considers that if this development was approved, this would then have a negative effect on previous control measures;

(iii) Wolds Lane is not suitable for further development due to difficulties and dangers with access.

(ii) R17/1139 – Bayton Lodge, Withybrook Road, Wolvey CV12 9JW – conversion and extension of existing garage to form separate dwelling, including

demolition of ancillary buildings and formation of new site access.

RESOLVED that no objection be raised.

(iii) R17/1138 – 40 Wolds Lane, Wolvey LE10 3LL – proposed bungalow at land to the rear of no. 40 Wolds Lane, Wolvey.

RESOLVED that no objection be raised.

(iv) R17/1226 - 10 Bulkington Road, Wolvey – erection of proposed first floor side extension above existing garage and single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED that no objection be raised.

- (b) The Clerk had circulated the response from Rugby Borough Council Planning Officers concerning “previously developed land”.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Councillor Chris Pacey-Day be asked to make further enquiries regarding Rugby Borough Council’s response to the parish council’s letter dated 20 December 2013 relating to the policy in respect of previously developed land;
- (ii) Rugby Borough Council be informed that the parish council endorses the content of Councillor Warwick’s email concerning previously developed land; and
- (iii) Rob Back from Rugby Borough Council be invited to attend a meeting of Wolvey Parish Council.

47/17

Financial Matters

The parish council considered the financial matters relating to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the following payments be authorised:
 - (i) Clerk’s salary, allowances and expenses (cheque no. 300496) - £736.19
 - (ii) WS Gardens (grass cutting) (cheque no.300497) - £648.00
 - (iii) Colledge Trees & Landscape (Tree works in the Wetland) (cheque no. 300498) - £1,350.00
 - (iv) SLCC membership renewal (cheque no. 300499) - £108.00
 - (vii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire (cheque no. 300500) - £6.00
 - (viii) Wolvey Village Hall – room hire (cheque no. 300501) - £20.00
- (b) payment of the revised invoice from Baginton Nurseries Ltd in respect of the baskets and troughs of £290.88 be noted (agreed at last meeting to pay

£313.68 as stated in the quote).

- (c) Other Financial Matters:
the monthly direct debit to Opus Energy be noted:
Street Lighting – 20 May – 18 June - £391.87
- (d) the following financial reports for Quarter 1 were noted:
 - (i) Cash Book – 1.4.17 – 30 June 2017;
 - (ii) Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2017 for the amount of £75,188.84 which corresponded with the cash book total for the period; and
 - (iii) Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring report – the following virements were agreed:
 - the surplus £38 from WALC renewal fee and £2 from Miscellaneous to cover the £40 renewal fee for CPRE;
 - £500 from salaries to office expenses for the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk.
- (e) The following income be noted:
 - (i) Rugby Borough Council – grass cutting 2017 - £1,807

48/17 Newsletter

The Chairman reported that Bob Hilliard had offered to assist in the publication of the Newsletter.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Bob Hilliard be thanked for his kind offer to assist with the Newsletter; and
- (ii) Village organisations be asked to produce articles for inclusion in the Newsletter.

49/17 Christmas Tree

The Chairman reported back from the meeting which had been held prior to the parish council meeting on arrangements for the Christmas Tree Switch-on event on 3 December 2017.

RESOLVED that the Clerk email a summary of the meeting held earlier that evening with regard to arrangements for the 2017 Christmas event.

50/17 WS Gardens – Works

Councillors considered requests from WS Gardens concerning the control of moles on the Axe & Compass roundabout, the lifting of trees and maintenance of verges by the Warwickshire County Council.

RESOLVED that

- (i) In the absence of a long-term solution to control moles, WS Gardens be requested to rake the mole hills flat prior to mowing on the Axe & Compass roundabout;
- (ii) Approval be given to the crown lifting of trees around Wolvey to allow mower access at a cost of £175 + VAT to be funded from the Lengthsman budget; and
- (iii) Warwickshire County Council be requested to mow the verges heading towards Hinckley and the Axe & Compass.

51/17 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) – Update

Councillor Warwick updated the meeting, including progress with field surveys and policies.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

52/17 Streetlight Renewal Programme 2017/18 – Update

Councillors Hawcutt and Warwick would arrange to meet with Kevin Fennell, from Warwickshire County Council, to discuss the street light renewal programme

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

53/17 Wolvey Environment Committee – Update

The Chairman of Wolvey Environment Committee updated parish councillors on the work carried out by WEG Members, which included cutting back bushes along the woodland walk and the setting up of a rota for the monthly inspection of trees at the Wetland. The Clerk would keep a record of the monthly inspection sheets.

Worksheets now contained a declaration, signed by WEG volunteers, which confirmed that they were fit and able to carry out the tasks required.

The trees had been lowered and dead wood removed. The Tree Surgeon had confirmed that all trees were currently safe and the Woodland Walk had, therefore, re-opened.

Councillor Hawcutt would arrange for the production of metal plates numbered 1 – 20 for the mapping of trees.

Councillor Warwick referred to a complaint which he had received regarding the poor visibility when turning left out of Wolds Lane because of the planting scheme in The Square. He had requested that officers from Warwickshire County Council Highways Department inspect the visibility splay at this junction on grounds of highway safety. It was suggested that Warwickshire County Council be requested

to confirm the terms and arrangements of any historic agreement which existed which allowed the parish council to maintain the planting area in The Square. The county council would be informed that the parish council was willing to continue maintaining the planting area in The Square.

The request from Messy Church for the display of a temporary banner on the wetland fence was agreed.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made with Warwickshire County Council on the above proposals in respect of the planting scheme in The Square.

54/17

Date of next Meeting – It was agreed that there would be a recess in August and the next meeting would, therefore, be held on 18 September at 7.30pm in Wolvey Baptist Chapel.