

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON
MONDAY 18TH APRIL, 2016 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: County Councillor Philip Morris-Jones
Members of the public

Apologies: Borough Councillor C. Pacey-Day

191 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

192 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March, 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

193 Public Consultation

Members of the public spoke on the following issues:

- (a) With regard to the problems with blocked drains, due to other pressures, the Chairman had not met with Chris Lucas from Warwickshire County Council but he would send him the photographs showing the extent of the problems with flooding.
- (b) With regard to enquiries over the bus shelter, this was an item for discussion later on the agenda.

194 The Mayor of Rugby Borough – Councillor Richard Dodd

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Richard Dodd, Mayor of Rugby, to the meeting. The Mayor was keen to meet with as many residents of the Borough as possible, especially in rural areas. The Mayor then answered questions from councillors and members of the public.

RESOLVED that the Mayor be thanked for attending the meeting.

195 Superfast Broadband

Leigh Hunt, CSW Stakeholder Engagement & Communications Manager, gave a presentation on the background and progress with Contracts 1 and 2 in

respect of the installation of superfast broadband in Wolvey. Leigh then answered questions from councillors and members of the public.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the presentation be noted; and
- (b) Leigh be thanked for her informative presentation.

196 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 Community Forum meeting held on 10 March 2016 at Pailton was well attended and the expansion of Magna Park was discussed;
- (e) Efforts were continuing to introduce measures to prevent HGVs driving through villages, including representations being made to the Transport Minister;
- (f) There would be changes to the county boundaries in 2017 to ensure greater consistency; and
- (g) Elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner would be held in May. Future proposals under consideration included an alliance between the Fire and Rescue Service and the Police.

197 Rugby Borough Council – Update

As Councillor Pacey-Day had submitted his apologies for the meeting, there was nothing to report.

198 Clerk's Report

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) other bank accounts be investigated further in light of Unity Trust Bank's proposals to introduce a monthly tariff and no longer pay interest; and
- (c) no action be taken at the present time to control moles on the Axe and Compass island.

199 Planning

RESOLVED that the update on planning applications be noted.

200 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. 300364)
 - (ii) WCC Pension Fund (protected under DPA 1998) (cheque no. 300365)
 - (iii) Parish Online – annual fee - £33.60 (cheque no. 300366)
 - (iv) W S Gardens Ltd – Lengthsman Scheme – March 2016 - £150 (cheque no. 300367)
 - (v) North Warwickshire and Hinckley College – printing Spring Newsletter - £94.93 (cheque no. 300368)
 - (vi) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire invoices 190 and 191 for WEG - £7.00 and main chapel on 6 April - £10.00 – total £17.00 (cheque no. 300370)
 - (vii) Trinity Mirror Publishing Ltd - Fish4Jobs – advertisement for Clerk’s post - £214.80 (cheque no. 300371)
 - (viii) Paul Case & Co. – payroll services - £84.00 (cheque no. 300372)
 - (ix) SLCC – advert for Clerk - £210.00 (cheque no. 300373)
 - (x) Virtual Names – UK Servers Ltd. - renewal of hosting - £48.00 (cheque no. 300374)
 - (xi) HMRC – Employer Contribution - £113.40 (cheque no. 300375)
- (b) the Direct Debit payment to Opus Energy for the period 18 February – 19 March 2016 - £327.90 be noted; and
- (c) the income received be noted as follows:
 - (i) Bank interest for final quarter - £26.10
 - (ii) HMRC VAT Reclaim - £1,061.02

201 Action Plan Review

Councillors discussed progress and updated the Action Plan.

RESOLVED that the Action Plan, as set out in Appendix A to these minutes, be agreed.

202 Staffing Committee

It was necessary to appoint another councillor to the Staffing Committee in place of the Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor Warwick be appointed to the Staffing Committee.

203 Bus Shelter – Coventry Road, Wolvey

The parish council considered further the request for a bus shelter for the bus stop in Coventry Road, Wolvey.

RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee for consideration, including the setting up of a working party comprising both councillors and residents, which would report back to the NPAC.

204 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC)

The council received an update from Councillor Warwick on the work of the NPAC.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

205 Request for a Litter Bin – Lay-by in Cloudesley Bush Lane

The Council considered a request from a local resident for a litter bin to be provided in the lay-by in Cloudesley Bush Lane at a cost to the parish council of £210.65. As most of the litter was fly-tipping, it was considered that a litter bin would not help and, in any event, Rugby Borough Council was prompt in the removal of fly tipping.

RESOLVED that due to budget constraints and the amount of fly tipping on this site, no further action be taken on this request.

206 Newsletter

Councillors reviewed arrangements for the printing of the quarterly Wolvey Newsletter in light of the increase in printing costs based on quotes received. Help with delivering the Newsletter was also required.

RESOLVED that

- (a) a black and white version of the Wolvey Newsletter be printed in house and it be published twice a year for a trial period of 12 months; and
- (b) Councillor Buswell would contact Colin Gutteridge, who had expressed an interest in assisting with delivery of the Newsletter a few months ago, to see if he would still be willing to assist with delivery.

207 Annual Parish Meeting

Councillors discussed final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.

RESOLVED that the draft agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting be approved.

208 Local Council's Charter

The Council considered Warwickshire's Local Councils' Charter on how councils can work together to provide better services.

RESOLVED that the Local Council's Charter be noted.

209 Rural Crime

This item would be dealt with at the Annual Parish Meeting.

210 Wolvey Environment Group

Councillor Buswell updated the Council on the work of WEG.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

211 Items for the next meeting

Newsletter
Blocked drains

212 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16th May, 2016 in Wolvey Baptist Chapel

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.