

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON**  
**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2016 at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** Borough Councillor C. Pacey-Day  
Members of the public

**Apologies: None**

**175 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Warwick declared a personal interest in Agenda Item no. 8 - planning application no. 16/0300 – Bracken House, 3 Fernhill Way, Wolvey as the applicants were known to him.

**176 Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**177 Public Consultation**

Members of the public spoke on the following issues:

- (a) Planning Application No. 16/0446 – Caravan at Rose Field, Hinckley Road, Wolvey – request that during determination of this application, the special personal circumstances are taken into account.
- (b) Request for bus shelter – the Clerk confirmed that the list of signatures in support of the bus shelter had been sent round to councillors.
- (c) Wolds Lane – the condition along the whole length of Wolds Lane needed looking at. Reference was also made to the separate access to the business park for vehicles accessing the site which formed part of the original planning condition and whether this condition was being complied with.

**178 Co-option of Councillor**

**RESOLVED** that John Hawkins be co-opted onto Wolvey Parish Council.

## 179 Warwickshire Rural Watch

Carol Cotterill, Coordinator for Crime in Rural Communities, Warwickshire County Council, gave a presentation on the role and work of Warwickshire Rural Watch in raising crime awareness and tackling crime prevention.

**RESOLVED** that

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

## 179 Clerk's Report

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) The report be noted;
- (b) The parish amenity verge grass cutting agreement with Rugby Borough Council and the total amount payable of £1,807 be agreed;
- (c) Quotes be obtained to resolve the mole problem on the Axe and Compass traffic island, if their removal is not the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council.

## 180 Planning

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the update on planning applications be noted; and
- (b) the parish council makes the following comments in respect of new planning applications:
  - (i) Ref No. 16/0300 – Bracken House, 3 Fernhill Way, Wolvey LE10 3LP – erection of a first floor extension over existing attached garage – **no comments**

(N.B. Councillor Warwick declared a personal interest in the above item and did not speak or vote on the application as the applicants were known to him).

- (ii) Ref No. 16/0491 – Heathcote Farm, Mill Lane, Wolvey Heath – Demolition of existing dormer bungalow and erection of new replacement dwelling – **the council objects to this application on the grounds of its over bearing nature, out of character and the detrimental impact on the Green Belt;**
- (iii) Ref No 16/0446 – Caravan at Rose Field, Hinckley Road, Wolvey – continued use of land for the siting of a temporary mobile home

and the siting of a temporary building containing WC, shower and utility area for mobile home and stable for a temporary period of 3 years (Removal of Condition 4 of planning permission R14/1383 dated 02/09/2014 which restricts to occupation of the site to Mr & Mrs A. Smith and their dependant children) – **the council objects to the removal of Condition 4 of planning permission R14/1383 dated 02/09/2014 on the grounds that the personal permission which restricts occupation of the site to Mr & Mrs A. Smith and their dependent children, has never been properly implemented and its removal will result in general consent for occupation being given to a site within the Green Belt.**

- (iv) Ref No 16/0550 - Garden Cottage, Leicester Road, Wolvey Heath - erection of a room over the existing detached garage, including provision of an external staircase and associated works. Retention of brick boundary wall and gates to the front boundary of the property – **the council raises no objection to the brick boundary wall and gates to the front boundary of the property, but it objects to the room over the garage on the grounds that it is over-bearing and out of character. The parish council also objects in principle to the granting of retrospective planning applications. If, however, Rugby Borough Council is minded to grant planning permission, then the parish council requests a condition requiring the rendering and finish of the property to match existing.**
- (v) Ref No. R16/0606 - Milethorn Farm, Leicester Road, Wolvey Heath - erection of agricultural workers dwelling – **the council objects to this application on the grounds of over size, no biodiversity report attached to the application and the detrimental impact on the Green Belt.**

## 181 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. 300354)
  - (ii) WCC Pension Fund (protected under DPA 1998) (cheque no. 300355)
  - (iii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire – WEG - £17.00 (cheque no. 300356)
  - (iv) W S Gardens Ltd. – Lengthsman Scheme – February 2016 - £150 (cheque no. 300357)

- (v) E.On – Christmas lights - £9.06 (cheque no. 300359)
  - (vi) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire - £7.00 (cheque no. 300360)
  - (vi) W S Gardens Ltd – cleaning of bus shelters - £120 (cheque no. 300361)
  - (vii) Councillor Buswell – refreshments - £6.62 (cheque no. 300362)
  - (viii) ESPO – stationery - £27.36 (£22.80 plus VAT) (cheque no. 300363)
- (b) the payment to HMRC for PAYE Employer Contribution of £340.80 be noted;
- (c) the Direct Debit payment to Opus Energy for the period 20 January – 17 February 2016 - £313.50 be noted; and
- (d) the council agrees not to opt out of the SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment) for the 2017/18 Audit Procedures.

## **182 Drainage Problems**

Councillors identified those areas in and around Wolvey with drainage problems and associated flooding, including Church Hill, Milethorn Farm, Bulkington Road, Thatch Cottage, Garden Cottage and the roads around Bramcote.

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman meet with Chris Lucas from Warwickshire County Council Highways to discuss and resolve the drainage problems in Wolvey.

## **183 Wolds Lane – Damage to Grass Verges**

Councillors discussed the damage to grass verges in Wolds Lane. Warwickshire County Council Highways had advised that the damage was probably being caused by farm vehicles travelling along the narrow lane and the wet weather was exacerbating the problem. The County Council would fill in deep ruts when the weather improved.

The issue of vehicles using the separate access to the business park for accessing the site, which was part of the original planning condition, was raised and further investigation was needed to ensure that this condition was being complied with.

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman meet with Chris Lucas from Warwickshire County Council to discuss (a) concerns over speeding traffic along Wolds Lane and (b) the monitoring of the traffic flow from the business park.

## **184 Bus Shelter – Coventry Road, Wolvey**

The parish council considered further the request for a bus shelter for the bus stop in Coventry Road, Wolvey. A letter signed by residents objecting to the

proposal and a petition signed by 51 residents in support of this proposal had been received.

**RESOLVED** that the setting up of a working party comprising councillors and residents be considered at the next meeting. Those residents who were interested in serving on this working party were requested to contact one of the parish councillors or the Clerk.

**185 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC)**

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

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the parish council makes application to Rugby Borough Council for the parish to be designated as a "Neighbourhood Area";
- (b) Yourlocale be appointed to assist in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan; and
- (c) the Clerk meet with Councillors Warwick and Kenrick to discuss her role in the Neighbourhood Plan process.

**186 Annual Parish Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

The Council considered arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**RESOLVED** that the following groups and organisations be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting:

Groups/organisations in receipt of parish council grant in 2015/16  
Presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan  
Wolvey Youth Club  
Warwickshire Rural Watch

**187 Council Policies**

The council considered the review of the Expenses and Training policies.

**RESOLVED** that the above two policies be approved.

**188 Wolvey Environment Group**

Councillor Buswell reported that 12 people took part in the Clean for the Queen Litter Pick event. Councillor Buswell also provided an update on the planting of the flower troughs, work on the wetland and bridge and was pleased to report that there was evidence of voles living in the Wetland.

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) approval be given for the submission of entry forms for Britain in Bloom in respect of The Square and Wetland;
- (b) an officer from Rugby Borough Council be asked to carry out a survey of the trees in Wolvey to identify any which were in need of protection by Tree Preservation Orders; and
- (c) the parish council's thanks be passed onto Sid Hindmarsh for his dedication in regularly picking up litter in the village. An article be included in the Summer edition of the Newsletter asking for volunteers to assist Sid with litter picking in the village.

**189 Items for the next meeting**

Local Council's Charter  
Rural Crime  
Bus Shelter in Coventry Road  
Review of Action Plan

**190 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 in Wolvey Baptist Chapel

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**