

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON**  
**MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2017 at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** Borough Councillor Chris Pacey Day  
 Borough Councillor Heather Timms  
 Members of the public

**55/17 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Chairman reported that the leaflet, which had been distributed to households in Wolvey informing residents that Rob Back from Rugby Borough Council would be attending the meeting to discuss development in the Green Belt, had been produced by a local resident and not Wolvey Parish Council.

**56/17 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.

**57/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July, 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**58/17 Parishioners' Time**

The following issues were raised and would be reported to Warwickshire County Council:

- (i) the vehicle activated sign on Temple Hill was not working
- (ii) the vehicle activated traffic sign on Leicester Road was not working
- (iii) the drain at the junction of Leicester Road and Temple Hill was still blocked
- (iv) the drains outside The Grange were blocked
- (v) at least two drains in Temple Hill were almost totally blocked
- (vi) two drains on Leicester Road were blocked resulting in flooding
- (vii) the 40 mph sign by the junction of Leicester Road and Mill Lane had been knocked down and was lying in the hedge
- (viii) the 40 mph sign along Leicester Road, which was knocked down 2-4 years ago, had been removed and never replaced
- (ix) the lights were not working on the traffic sign at the bottom Church Hill (by the bridge)
- (x) the small man hole cover was missing along Temple Hill
- (xi) a 2 inch stump remained along Temple Hill, following a sign being knocked down several years ago.
- (xii) Moat Lane required road repairs
- (xiii) a large pothole in Hall Lane required repair.

**59/17 Planning**

(a) The Chairman welcomed Rob Back, Head of Growth and Investment with Rugby Borough Council and Borough Councillor Heather Timms, Cabinet Member for Growth and Investment, to the meeting. Rob gave a presentation on planning matters, particularly in relation to development in the Green Belt and the issue of granting planning permission on grounds of “previously developed land”.

Representatives from neighbouring parish councils had been invited to attend this meeting as these issues were also of concern to them. It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow representatives from neighbouring parish councils to ask questions and make comments.

Rob Back answered questions from parish councillors from Wolvey and neighbouring parishes and residents with regard to planning issues, particularly in respect of Paragraph 89 of the National Planning Policy Framework in relation to previously developed Green Belt sites.

The Chairman reported that he had been advised by Mark Pawsey, MP that a debate would take place in the House of Commons on 9 October on gypsy and traveller encampments.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Wolvey Parish Council write to Mark Pawsey, MP requesting him to lobby the Secretary of State to issue guidance and clarification on the meaning of Paragraph 89 of the National Planning Policy Framework in relation to previously developed Green Belt sites and express concern over permissions being granted on Green Belt sites due to lack of clarity and misuse of the NPPF provisions;
  - (ii) neighbouring parish councils be requested to make representations to Mark Pawsey, MP, rather than a joint “petition” style approach; and
  - (iii) Rob Back and Councillor Heather Timms be thanked for attending the meeting.
- (b) Councillors considered the following planning application:

R17/1621 – Bayton Lodge, Withybrook Road, Wolvey CV12 9JW – conversion and extension of existing quarantine kennels to form a separate dwelling house, including the demolition of some existing buildings.

**RESOLVED** that no objection be raised.

**60/17 Rugby Borough Council – Update**

Councillor Chris Pacey- Day reported that, following an anonymous call to Rugby Borough Council’s Environmental Health Department, a local resident had recently been fined £1,700 for burning tyres.

The Planning Inspector had identified a need for an additional 45 gypsy and traveller pitches in Rugby Borough by 2019. Reference was made to the Warwickshire Protocol 2017 which set out procedures for dealing with unauthorised gypsy and traveller encampments, including “tolerated trespass” in cases of low impact encampments on council owned land.

#### **61/17 Warwickshire County Council - Update**

County Councillor Adrian Warwick reported that Warwickshire County Council had been advised that the parish council wished to be consulted on proposals for the traffic calming/accident reduction scheme at the Temple Hill junction.

Arrangements were in hand for the drains in the Square to be jetted.

At the recent Fosse Forum meeting, reference was made to a community bus scheme. It was agreed to approach Dee Kenrick to see if she would be interested in being involved with arrangements for the operation of this scheme in Wolvey.

#### **62/17 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported that the certified Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 had been received from the Council’s External Auditor, Grant Thornton. The report acknowledged the parish council’s response and actions taken to address budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

**RESOLVED** that the matters raised in the report be implemented by the parish council.

#### **63/17 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. 300506) - £725.14
  - (ii) WS Gardens (grass cutting) (cheque no.300507) - £432.00
  - (iii) WS Gardens (clear weeds from footpath Bracken Drive/Hollick Way) (cheque no. 300508) - £30.00
  - (iv) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire (cheque no. 300509) - £12.00
- (b) The following payments made during the August recess (authorised and cheques signed by Councillors Warwick and Hawcutt) be noted:
  - (i) Your Locale - invoice no. WPC/005 – Neighbourhood Plan theme groups (cheque no. 300502) - £2,400
  - (ii) WS Gardens – invoice no. 6727 – cut back bramble along Bulkington

- Road and lift trees around Wolvey (cheque no. 300503) - £366.00
    - (iii) WS Gardens – invoice no. 6768 – grass cutting (cheque no. 300504) - £432.00
    - (iv) Clerk's salary and expenses for August (cheque no. 300505) - £744.49
  - (c) Other Financial Matters:  
the monthly direct debits to Opus Energy be noted:  
Street Lighting –19 June – 19 July - £398.86  
Street Lighting – 20 July – 19 August - £404.34
  - (d) The Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30 August 2017 for the amount of £69,103.55 which corresponded with the cash book total for the period be noted; and
  - (e) The following income be noted:
    - (i) Rugby Borough Council – Precept - September 2017 - £19,038.50

#### **64/17 Christmas Tree**

The Clerk reported that the local Salvation Army band were unable to play at the event. The Chairman confirmed that a pa system, a portable keyboard and speaker would be available for use at the event in place of a band. He also reported that Graham had agreed to dress up as Father Christmas.

The Clerk confirmed that representatives from CAVA would attend the event. There was some question over whether there would be sufficient room to accommodate stalls selling goods, in addition to those promoting local groups.

#### **RESOLVED** that

- (a) John Hardman raise the issue of whether there would be sufficient room in the village hall to accommodate stalls selling goods with the Village Hall Committee; and
- (b) a further meeting be arranged to discuss arrangements for the Christmas Event.

#### **65/17 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) – Update**

Councillor Warwick would provide an update at the next meeting

#### **66/17 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

#### **67/17 Wolvey Environment Committee – Update**

The Chairman of Wolvey Environment Committee updated parish councillors on the work carried out by WEG Members, which included monthly inspections.

Ruth Buswell was thanked for her presentation at the recent Fosse Forum meeting.

An increase in dog fouling was a problem at the Wetland. This was a village-wide concern, with a minority of irresponsible dog owners not picking up dog mess.

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) the Clerk contact Rugby Borough Council Community Wardens for advice on tackling the problem of dog fouling in Wolvey.

**68/17 Any Other Items**

The Chairman referred to the recent damage to the grass verge on the bend outside the Wetland caused by an Eddie Stobart lorry. The company had admitted liability and would make arrangements to have the damaged area of land re-instated.

**69/17 Date of next Meeting** – 16 October at 7.30pm in Wolvey Bowling Club.

**The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.**