

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019 at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance: 6 members of the public

Apologies: Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day

188/19 Chairman's Welcome and announcements

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Internal Auditor had concluded that the parish council's audit papers were well presented and provided a good audit trail. The Clerk was thanked for her work in respect of the parish council's accounts.

189/19 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensation

The following Declarations of Interest were recorded:
Councillor Warwick declared an interest in Wolvey Baptist Chapel and in any matter by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.
Councillor Hawkins declared an interest in any matter relating to Wolvey Playing Field.

190/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

191/19 Parishioners' Time

(a) Due to a further incident of vandalism at Wolvey Playing Field, Trust had implemented its disciplinary policy and had excluded the persistent offender from the playing field until 1 June 2019. This course of action followed the issuing of both verbal and written warnings to the individual concerned on previous occasions. The parish council supported this course of action.

192/19 Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council – Update

- (a) **Rugby Borough Council**
Councillor Pacey-Day was not present at the meeting.
- (b) **Warwickshire County Council**
County Councillor Warwick reported on the following:

- (i) Warwickshire County Council's Switch and Save scheme helped residents save money on their gas and electricity bills.
- (ii) Warwickshire County Council and borough/district councils were working together on the Slim your Bin campaign to encourage residents to recycle more as 50% of black bin contents were recyclable.

193/19 Proposed Wolvey Wetland Trust - Update

The Clerk had received a letter from the proposed Trustees requesting the parish council to reconsider some of the terms it wished to see included in the draft lease. These terms were based on advice received from the parish council's solicitor. Further discussions had been held with the parish council's solicitor and the original advice received remained unchanged.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hawkins, John Hardman and Clare Nixon for their attendance at meetings to discuss the proposed Trust.

RESOLVED that

- (a) in light of advice received from its solicitor, the parish council notes the contents of the letter received from the proposed Trustees;
- (b) in the meantime, the parish council asks its solicitor not to proceed with any further work in connection with the Trust until further notice; and
- (c) this matter be deferred to the next parish council meeting to provide the opportunity for further discussions to be held with members of the Wolvey Environment Group on this matter.

194/19 Wolvey Environment Committee - Update

The Woodland Walk remained closed due to the fallen branch. Councillor Hawcutt had agreed to produce a sign closing the walk.

195/19 Community Speed Watch - Update

The Clerk reported that to date there were six volunteers from Wolvey and three from Shilton who had completed Police forms for Community Speed Watch.

196/19 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following updates:

- (a) The parish council had purchased two packs of 30mph wheelie bin stickers for any household who was interested in displaying a sticker.
- (b) The defibrillator at Wolvey School was out of service and would require repair.

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to approve the repair of the defibrillator.

197/19 Planning

The parish council considered the following planning applications:

- (a) Planning Application no. R19/0538 - Wolvey Pastures (Heathbank), Moat Lane, Wolvey - replacement gates

RESOLVED that the parish council supports this planning application.

- (b) Planning Application R19/0685 - Bayton Lodge Kennels, Bayton Lodge, Withybrook Road, Wolvey – erection of a single storey dwelling with associated access.

RESOLVED that the parish council objects to this planning application on the grounds that it is inappropriate development in the Green Belt as the kennels have closed and, therefore, the special reason for a tied tenancy to support the kennels no longer applies.

- (c) The Chairman reported that recent activity along Gypsy Lane had been reported to Rugby Borough Council Enforcement Officers.

198/19 Financial Matters

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

RESOLVED that

- (a) the following payments be agreed:
- (i) Clerk's salary, allowances and expenses (cheque no. 300648) - £775.98
 - (ii) E-on – festive illuminations 2018 (cheque no. 300649) - £12.14
 - (iii) WALC Annual Subscription renewal (cheque no. 300650) - £469.00
 - (iv) Paul Case & Co – preparation of wages (cheque no. 300651) - £180.00
 - (v) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – room hire 25.3.19 for NPAC and 8.4.19 for WEG (cheque no. 300652) - £17.00
 - (vi) W S Gardens Ltd – invoice no. 7811(cheque no. 300653) – clean bus shelters - £120.00
 - (vii) W S Gardens Ltd – invoice no. 7812 – village mowing (cheque no. 300654) - £216.00
 - (viii) Namesco – renewal of domain name (cheque no. 300655) - £48.00
 - (ix) Smartwheelie – purchase 2 x 30mph wheelie bin stickers (cheque no. 300656) - £17.90
 - (x) M S Audit & Consultancy Services – annual internal audit (cheque no. 300657) - £195.00
 - (xi) Came & Company – renewal of parish council insurance with Ecclesiastical under its long term agreement (cheque no. 300658) - £704.15

- (b) The following direct debit be noted:
 - (i) Opus Energy – street lighting 17 Feb – 19 March 2019 - £523.02
- (c) The following income be noted:
 - (i) Rugby Borough Council 2019/20 Precept - £19,563.50
- (d) The financial reports for Quarter 4 be noted:
 - (i) Cash Book for the period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 amounting to £73,690.38
 - (ii) Bank Reconciliation Statement for the period ending 31 March 2019 amounting to £73,690.38.
 - (iii) Budget Monitoring Report for period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019

199/19 The Square, Wolvey

The Clerk had received two quotes for the repair work to the loose slabs in the Square and had attempted to obtain a third quote. Warwickshire County Council Highways Officers had confirmed that Warwickshire County Council would accept responsibility for the paved area within the Square following renewal of the existing York stone slabs, providing the scheme was completed in accordance with its approved specification. The shrub beds and village coat of arms would remain the responsibility of Wolvey Parish Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Clerk continues with her attempt to obtain a third quote within a two week deadline; and
- (b) due to the urgent nature of the works, authority be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to accept the lowest quote after the two week deadline has expired.

200/19 Smockington Lane, Wolvey

The parish council considered the problem of fly tipping in the lay-by along Smockington Lane. Warwickshire County Council had advised that this lay-by could not be closed. The Chairman urged people to be vigilant as there was a general increase in incidents of fly tipping in the area.

RESOLVED that the problem of fly tipping continue to be monitored.

201/19 Annual Parish Meeting

The parish council discussed the final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April 2019.

202/19 Streetlight Renewal Programme – Update

The Clerk had obtained quotes for the installation of part night cells on replacement lanterns. Residents would be consulted on the installation of part night cells at the Annual Parish Meeting.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

203/19 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) – Update

Councillor Warwick reported that a meeting had been arranged for Thursday 18 April 2019.

204/19 Date of next Meeting

The date of next meetings of the parish council had changed and would be held on Wednesday 15 May 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.