

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** 3 members of the public

**Apologies:** Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day

**151/19 Chairman's Welcome and announcements**

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

**152/19 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.

**153/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

With reference to minute no. 126/18 of the meeting held on 17 December 2018, it was reported that further enquiries had confirmed that the Wolvey Wetland Reserve site had in fact been purchased by Wolvey Parish Council through grant funding.

**154/19 Parishioners' Time**

(a) The grass area at the bottom of Church Hill was still being churned up by vehicles turning. The Clerk would make enquiries over a suitable location for the erection of a "No U Turn" sign.

**155/19 Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council – Update**

**(a) Rugby Borough Council**

Councillor Pacey-Day was not present at the meeting but had forwarded a government paper on new extended powers for the Police in respect of unauthorised encampments.

**(b) Warwickshire County Council**

County Councillor Warwick reported on the following:

- (i) Warwickshire County Council had increased council tax by 2.9% plus an additional 2% which would be ring fenced for adult social care.
- (ii) Warwickshire Police had increased its precept which would go towards funding for an additional 100 police officers. In addition, a Rural Police Team comprising five police officers would be established to assist with rural crime. It was agreed that the parish council would write to the Police & Crime Commissioner supporting the setting up of two Rural Crime Teams to assist the Safer Neighbourhood Teams – one for the north and one for the south of the county.
- (iii) Concerns over the suspected illegal practice of hare coursing taking place in Wolds Lane/Coalpit Lane would be reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- (iv) New measures had been introduced to make adult social care more flexible, with people being able to employ their own carers.
- (v) Due to the success of Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service Safe & Well Scheme, the scheme was being extended to all elderly and vulnerable members of the community.

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**Wolvey Wetland**

John Hardman reported that following the recent meeting with a representative from the parish council's insurers, concerns over liability had been satisfactorily addressed.

Authority had previously been granted to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the parish council to investigate the preparation of a lease for a proposed Trust. It was suggested that the following matters should be included in the lease:

- (i) A clause which would allow the parish council to terminate the lease at any time in the event that it considered any Trustee to be unsuitable for the role.
- (ii) A schedule of significant assets, including environmental assets, would be drawn up. No works would be carried out to any of these identified assets without the prior consent of the parish council.
- (iii) All works carried out on site were to be in accordance with the approved Wetland Management Plan.

John Hardman referred to other activities which were carried out by WEG members around the village, in addition to those tasks carried out at the Wetland. In the event of the setting up of a Wetland Trust, with the exception of the maintenance of the Square, WEG members had indicated that they would be willing to continue with other activities around the village including litter picking, watering hanging baskets/tubs, Rugby in Bloom entry and bulb planting.

The Clerk had received a letter signed by John Hardman, Chairman of WEC, on behalf of Wolvey Environment Group (WEG) formally requesting the parish

council to consider a 25 year lease of the Wolvey Wetland to a proposed Wolvey Environmental Trust.

The Clerk sought approval to obtain a quote from Baginton Nurseries for this year's summer bedding.

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the letter from WEG formally requesting the parish council to set up a Wetland Trust be considered at the next meeting;
- (b) the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the parish council, continue to liaise with the solicitor on the drafting of a lease for the Wetland Trust on the terms outlined in (i) – (iii) above;
- (c) WEG obtains a quote from its solicitor for legal work in connection with the formation of a Trust for submission to the Clerk;
- (d) the future maintenance of the Square be considered at the next meeting; and
- (e) the Clerk obtain a quote from Baginton Nurseries for the 2019 Summer bedding. Authority be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of WEC and the Chairman of Wolvey Parish Council, to accept the quote provided it has not significantly increased from last year.

#### **157/19 Community Speed Watch**

The Clerk had been contacted by eight residents who were interested in volunteering for Community Speed Watch.

Residents in the neighbouring villages of Shilton and Barnacle were also concerned over speeding vehicles. Shilton & Barnacle Parish Council had enquired whether Wolvey Parish Council would be willing to support the running of a joint Community Watch scheme and training be offered to volunteers from all three villages.

**RESOLVED** that Wolvey Parish Council supports the joint running of a Community Speed Watch scheme with residents from Shilton and Barnacle.

#### **158/19 Speed Awareness Wheelie Bins Stickers**

The parish council considered the purchase of 30 mph stickers for wheelie bins. There was some uncertainty whether Rugby Borough Council would permit the use of these stickers.

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the Clerk makes enquiries with Rugby Borough Council on the permitted use of these stickers; and

- (b) if there is no objection from Rugby Borough Council on the use of the 30 mph stickers, authority be delegated to the Clerk to purchase two packs of 8 stickers at a total cost of £17.90

**159/19 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported the following updates:

- (a) The launch of Rugby Borough Council's new grant funds on 14 February 2019. Grant funding could not be applied for retrospectively.
- (b) The Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre at Kenilworth had offered to give a talk to parish councils about the work of the charity and offered councillors a tour of the kennels.
- (c) A letter had been received from the Wolvey History Group thanking the parish council for its assistance with the WW1 Commemoration event and for the purchase of the display boards.
- (d) Rugby Borough Councillor Tony Gillias had been appointed parish champion to provide support and assistance to parish councils.

**160/19 Planning**

There were no planning applications to consider.

The Chairman reported that an archaeological dig and a geology survey were being carried out on the site along Coventry Road (adj. to Glendower Lodge).

**161/19 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. 300641) - £698.05
  - (ii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – invoice nos. 266 – Room Hire on 13 February 2019 (cheque no. 300642) - £7.00
- (b) The following direct debits be noted:
  - (i) NEST Pension – February - £61.37
  - (ii) OPUS Energy – Street Lighting – 20 Jan – 16 Feb 2019 - £526.84

**162/19 Asset Register**

Parish Councillors considered the Asset Register.

**RESOLVED** that the Asset Register be noted.

**163/19 Renewal of Footway Lighting Maintenance Contract 2019/20**

The parish council considered the renewal of the Footway Lighting Maintenance Contract with Warwickshire County Council for 2019/20. The maintenance for street lights had increased from £1.90 + VAT in 2018/19 to £1.93 + VAT for LED lanterns and from £9.72 + VAT in 2018/19 to £9.88 + VAT.

**RESOLVED** that the parish council renew its Footway Lighting Maintenance Contract for 2019/20 with Warwickshire County Council.

**164/19 Internal Audit Arrangements**

The Clerk had been informed by the parish council's internal auditor, Mike Spencer, that following advice from WALC, he would be taking out Professional Indemnity Insurance and he would share the cost of this across his clients. This would mean an additional £10 on his fee bringing the total fee for 2019 to £195.

**RESOLVED** that the increase of £10 for the 2019 internal audit fee be approved.

**165/19 Annual Parish Meeting**

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

**RESOLVED** that Borough Councillor and Parish Champion, Tony Gillias, be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, in addition to Warwickshire Police and those local organisations which had received a parish council community grant in 2018/19.

**166/19 Streetlight Renewal Programme 2018/19 – Update**

The Chairman would chase quotes for the replacement streetlights.

**167/19 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) – Update**

Councillor Warwick reported that a meeting would be arranged in the near future.

**168/19 Any other Business**

- (a) Councillor Warwick would find out the date of the next Fosse Forum meeting.
- (b) The Clerk would chase Warwickshire County Council Highways on the overhanging branches/brambles at the bottom of Temple Hill (opposite Wolvey Wetland) and the overgrown hedge opposite 8 Hall Lane.

**169/19 Date of next Meeting**

The next meetings of the parish council would be on Monday 18 March 2019 at 7.30pm in Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

**170/19 Exclusion of the public under Public Bodies (Amendment Act 1960, Section 1)**

**RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

**171/19 Grass Cutting Contract 2019**

The parish council considered quotes for the grass cutting contract for 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the grass cutting contract for 2019 be awarded to WS Gardens Ltd.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.