

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Adrian Warwick (Chairman), John Hawkins, Sid Hindmarsh and Bill Silvester

In attendance: Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day
Jackie Essex (Clerk)
Rachel Dore – Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator
2 members of the public

Apologies: Paul Delargey, Jas Guraya, Richard Hawcutt

159/20 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.
Councillor Hawkins declared an interest in any matter relating to Wolvey Playing Fields Trust.

160/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

161/20 Parishioners' Time

Councillor John Hawkins confirmed that there had been two recent bonfires on the playing field in order to burn ivy (which was not suitable for composting) and diseased Ash trees. The parish council would, however, monitor the smoke emanating from a property along Bulkington Road.

162/20 Rugby Borough Council – Update

Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day reported on the following:

- (a) Plans to demolish two large tower blocks in Rugby had started. This would need to be carried out by specialist contractors due to the presence of asbestos and this was expected to take approximately one year.
- (b) Rugby Borough Council had established a Climate Emergency Working Group to investigate and suggest measures to address climate change, which would be reported to the full council. Councillor Warwick suggested that this was an opportunity for both Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council to work with parish councils on this and asked Borough Councillor Pacey-Day to feed this back to the borough council.
- (c) Borough Councillor Pacey-Day was asked to chase up the byelaw banning dogs from the Wolvey playing field.

163/209 Warwickshire County Council – Update

County Councillor Adrian Warwick reported on the following:

- (a) Residents were being made aware of rogue traders taking advantage of the recent stormy weather for property repairs, in some cases knocking on doors and making false claims about damage to roofs etc.
- (b) Warwickshire County Council was considering its budget the next day and £1m had been earmarked for traffic calming at Temple Hill crossroads.

164/20 Wolvey Wetland – Update

The fallen tree would be made into a “bug den”.

165/20 Community Speed Watch

Rachel Dore reported that volunteers had carried out a further 10 hours of speed watch operations along Coventry Road. A total of 207 vehicles had been recorded as driving over the speed limit. A total of 8% of vehicles recorded exceeded the speed limit at an average speed of 49mph.

A further training date was being arranged and volunteers from neighbouring parishes had expressed interest in attending.

Councillor Warwick reported that as Wolvey Parish Council was prepared to lend its laser devices to neighbouring parishes, the annual calibration charges would be met by Warwickshire Police.

The Clerk reported that the inclusion of the two devices on the Asset Register had incurred an additional insurance premium of £19.95.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the speed watch update be noted and the volunteers thanked for their efforts; and
- (b) in view of the offer by Warwickshire Police to meet calibration charges, the laser devices be loaned to neighbouring parishes free of charge, subject to them providing proof that their insurance would cover any loss or damage to the devices.

166/20 Clerk’s Report

- (a) Rugby Borough Council had invited topics to be submitted for scrutiny. It was agreed to submit the amount of grant money awarded to parish councils for grass cutting.
- (b) The Clerk would ask Rugby Borough Council if a planning officer could attend a meeting with Wolvey parish councillors and neighbouring parish councils to provide information on planning matters, particularly for new councillors.
- (c) The parish council’s condolences were extended to the former Parish Clerk, Margaret Cartwright, following the death of her mother.

167/20 Planning

The parish council considered the following planning application:

- (i) R20/0008 - 24 Leicester Road, Wolvey - Listed Building Consent for the replacement of three single glazed timber windows with double glazed timber windows.

RESOLVED that the parish council supports the application as the replacement windows will be more energy efficient and benefit the environment.

168/20 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 and expenses (cheque no. 300728) – £694.54
 - (ii) WS Gardens Ltd – remove the village sign from the Square (invoice no. 8389) (cheque no. 300729) - £90.00
 - (iii) WS Gardens Ltd. – clean drain grills, sweep leaves (invoice no. 8421) (cheque no. 300730) - £240.00
 - (iv) Glasdon UK Ltd. – replacement Phoenix bench in Pipers End (invoice no. S1791629) (cheque no. 300731) - £551.28
- (b) The following direct debits be noted:
 - (i) NEST pension – December - £64.34
 - (ii) NEST pension - January – £64.34

169/19 Asset Register

The parish council considered its Asset Register.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Asset Register be noted; and
- (b) a new shredder be purchased.

170/20 Review of Policies

The parish council reviewed its Document Retention and Disposal Policy and Information Data Protection Policy.

RESOLVED that the policies be noted.

171/20 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2020

The parish council had advertised for quotes for the grass cutting contract for 2020 and one quote had been received.

A request had been received for the grass verges outside nos. 38 – 44 Wolds Lane to be included in the grass cutting contract. A quote had been received and this would cost an additional £10.00 per cut.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the grass cutting contract for 2020 be awarded to WS Gardens Ltd.; and
- (b) the grass verges outside nos. 38 – 44 Wolds Lane be included in the grass cutting contract at a cost of £10.00 per cut, subject to the concrete slabs in the verge not posing any maintenance issues.

172/20 Neighbourhood Watch

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

173/20 Boardwalk

The Clerk reported that she was arranging quotes for the boardwalk.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

174/20 Village Sign – Update

The parish council received an update in respect of the village sign in the Square. The sign had been taken down by WS Gardens and would be re-furnished by Councillor Hawcutt at no charge. The Clerk was having difficulty in obtaining quotes from contractors approved by Warwickshire County Council to fix the sign in accordance with the County Council's specification.

RESOLVED that the update be noted and the Clerk continue in her attempts to obtain quotes for the work to replace the sign in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's specification.

175/20 Annual Parish Meeting

The parish council considered arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22 April 2020.

RESOLVED that

- (a) a presentation on the Community Speed Watch Scheme in Wolvey by the Speed Watch team be made at the meeting; and
- (b) David Lowe, Team Leader - Warwickshire County Council Ecology, Historic Environment & Landscape, be invited to give a presentation at the meeting.

176/20 Streetlight Renewal Programme – Update

The Chairman reported that Councillor Hawcutt was chasing Hi-Lite for a progress report on the remaining few streetlights.

177/20 Neighbourhood Plan – Update

The Chairman reported that the Neighbourhood Plan would soon be ready for the formal consultation stage. He thanked John Hardman and members of the History Group for their work on the Plan.

RESOLVED that the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan be submitted to the parish council for approval prior to the formal consultation stage.

178/20 Environment Matters

There were no environment matters to report.

179/20 Items for Next Meeting

(a) Replacement street name sign for Fernhill Way.

180/20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 16 March 2020 in Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.