

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

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

Apologies: Paul Delargey and Jas Guraya,

47/20 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

48/20 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.

49/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

50/20 Public Participation

- (a) With reference to Agenda item no. 14, a member of the public enquired over responsibility for the cutting back of the overhanging hedge and clearing weeds etc. from the footpath along Leicester Road. The Chairman reported that the overhanging hedge was the responsibility of the landowners to maintain, and not the parish council. He had, therefore, spoken with the landowners who had immediately arranged for the hedge to be cut back. The parish council's thanks and appreciation were extended to the landowners for their prompt action in this.

With regard to the clearing of weeds which were coming up from the pavement, enquiries would be made with officers from Warwickshire County Council to determine whether the county council was responsible for this section of public footpath or whether this rested with the parish council. In the meantime, the Clerk would arrange for up to date maintenance plans to be made available.

51/20 Rugby Borough Council – Update

Unfortunately, Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day was not able to participate in the meeting due to technical difficulties he was experiencing.

52/20 Warwickshire County Council – Update

County Councillor Adrian Warwick reported that Warwickshire County Council was currently working on its Covid 19 Recovery Plan.

He also reminded residents that any visits to Warwickshire County Council recycling centres needed to be booked in advance.

53/20 Community Speed Watch

Rachel Dore reported that Community Speed Watch operations should recommence in mid-August. Further road safety training would be arranged.

Residents had raised complaints over a noisy motorbike driving through Wolvey early in the mornings.

RESOLVED that the update be noted and the noise nuisance from the motorbike be reported to Warwickshire Police.

54/20 Wolvey Wetland – Update

Councillor Hawkins reported that due to current circumstances, minimum work was currently being carried out at the Wetland.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

55/20 Wolvey Playing Field – Update

Councillor Hawkins was pleased to report that the Wolvey Playing Field Trust had received a grant which had been awarded to assist businesses and organisations during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The first game of cricket this season had been played at the weekend.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

56/20 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that dog fouling continued to be a problem in the churchyard, despite signs being put up.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and dog owners be urged to clear up after their dogs.

57/20 Planning

(a) The following new planning applications were considered:

(i) R20/0407 - 18 Bulkington Road, Wolvey - proposed front porch and single and two-storey rear extension.

RESOLVED that the parish council supports the above planning application

(ii) R20/0442 - Ash View, Coventry Road, Wolvey - demolition of existing single storey detached dwelling and ancillary structures to be replaced with two storey detached dwelling with detached garage/gymnasium and associated parking.

RESOLVED that the parish council supports the above planning application.

(iii) R20/0471 - Furlong, Coalpit Lane, Wolvey - demolition of existing garage/workshop and store (comprising of three buildings) and erection of one replacement building comprising of a garage/workshop and garden store.

RESOLVED that the parish council supports the above planning application.

58/20 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 – £707.17
- (ii) WS Gardens Ltd. – village mowing (invoice no. 8688) - £504.00
- (iii) WS Gardens Ltd. – strim either side of boardwalk (invoice no. 8637) - £162.00
- (iv) WS Gardens Ltd. – litter picking (invoice no. 8691) - £60.00
- (v) Baginton Nurseries Ltd. – supply bedding plants - £247.80
- (vi) Yourlocale – Neighbourhood Plan (invoice no YL/WPC/011) - £1,200

(Councillors Silvester and Warwick to authorise the above payments)

(b) the following direct debits be noted:

- (i) NEST pension – June - £61.82
- (ii) Opus Energy – streetlighting – 19 April – 19 May - £451.79
- (iii) Opus Energy – streetlighting – 20 May – 18 June - £410.64

- (iv) Information Commissioner's Office – data protection renewal - £35.00
 - (v) Unity Trust bank - Quarter 1 service charge - £18.00
- (c) The following first quarter financial reports for the period 1 April – 30 June 2020 be noted:
- (i) Cash Book as at 30 June 2020 amounting to £71,388.14
 - (ii) Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30 June 2020 amounting to £71,388.14
 - (iii) Budget Monitoring

59/20 Christmas 2020

The parish council considered arrangements for this year's Christmas tree.

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to purchase this year's Christmas tree from Friesland Trees and to purchase new tree baubles.

60/20 Overgrown Hedges along Footpath in Leicester Road, Wolvey Heath

This item was dealt with under minute no. 50/20 – Public Participation.

61/20 Maintenance of Land at rear of Pipers End

A resident had asked the parish council to cut back the weeds and brambles which were encroaching into her garden from land at the rear of her property.

RESOLVED that as the land at the rear of the property was not owned by the parish council, it was not the parish council's responsibility to cut back any weeds. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would, however, speak to the landowner and request that the encroaching weeds be cut back.

62/20 Offer to Paint Village Noticeboard

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by a resident who had offered to stain the village noticeboard.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the offer from the resident to stain the village noticeboard be accepted with thanks; and
- (b) this task be removed from the Village Maintenance list.

63/20 Boardwalk - Update

Councillor Warwick referred to the quotes which had now been received for the replacement of the boardwalk. Unfortunately, these quotes were far in excess of

what the parish council had originally expected any work to repair or replace the boardwalk to cost.

The Chairman explained that the boardwalk was originally installed in 2008. In 2014, attempts had been made to repair several boards which had failed. The parish council had sought legal advice in 2014 in respect of claiming for the failed boards under the guarantee. Unfortunately, the parish council at the time had not been able to provide the evidence and necessary paperwork which would have demonstrated that the boardwalk had been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's agreed specification. This had, therefore, invalidated the warranty and this oversight rested entirely with the parish council.

The parish council wanted to place on record its thanks and appreciation to those volunteers from the Wolvey Environment Group for all their efforts in installing the boardwalk and in no way were they held accountable for any failings.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the existing boardwalk be written off and removed from the parish council's Asset Register; and
- (b) investigations continue into removing the boardwalk to see if any part of it could be salvaged in order to keep any replacement costs to a minimum.

64/20 Village Sign

Councillor Hawcutt reported that the village sign was ready for mounting and installation in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's specification.

RESOLVED that the update be noted and quotes for the installation of the village sign in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's specification be investigated.

65/20 Streetlight Renewal Programme – Update

Councillor Hawcutt reported that the outstanding works agreed at the last meeting were due to be completed Hi-Lite Electrical Ltd. in September 2020.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

66/20 Neighbourhood Plan – Update

The Chairman reported that a grant of £2,500 had been approved by Groundwork UK to enable the parish council to complete the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

67/20 Environment Matters

The parish council considered a quote from WS Gardens Ltd. for the lifting of trees in Wolvey to enable mower access.

RESOLVED that the quote from WS Gardens Ltd. for the lifting of trees at a cost of £175.00 + VAT be approved.

68/20 Date of Next Meeting

Due to the August recess, the next meeting would be held on Monday 21 September 2020. It was planned to hold the meeting in the main Baptist Chapel to enable social distancing.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.