

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** Jackie Essex (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillor Paul Delargey  
Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day  
Rachel and Matthew Dore – Community Speed Watch

This meeting was held in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. The meeting was conducted using Zoom video conferencing software and all participants took part in the meeting remotely.

**113/20          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.

**114/20          Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**115/20          Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**116/20          Rugby Borough Council – Update**

Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day was not present at the meeting.

**117/20          Warwickshire County Council – Update**

County Councillor Adrian Warwick reported that proposals for the creation of a unitary authority had been put on hold by the Government. Warwickshire County Council was operating a welfare scheme to assist those households in need.

**118/20          Community Speed Watch**

Rachel Dore submitted a written report stating that no speed checks were being carried out during the current government COVID-19 restrictions.

There continued to be concerns over the level of noise from the motorbike being ridden through the village early each morning.

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

**119/20 Wolvey Wetland – Update**

Councillor Hawkins reported that strimming work had been carried out at the wetland. Unfortunately, grass cutting works, which had been carried out in accordance with the Management Plan, had left tractor tyre marks along the grass verge.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

**120/20 Wolvey Playing Field – Update**

Councillor Hawkins reported that the firework display planned for 7 November did not go ahead due to illness and difficulties with the supply of fireworks.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

**121/20 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported the following matters:

- (a) The Warwickshire and West Midlands Annual General Meeting would be held on 25 November 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom.
- (b) Two councillors were required to authorise the grant payments agreed at the last meeting on the Unity Trust Bank website.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Jas Guraya and Richard Hawcutt authorise the payments on the Unity Trust Bank website.

**122/20 Planning**

The following new planning applications were considered:

- (a) R20/0874 - Bayton Views, 3 and 4 Withybrook Road, Wolvey - substitution of house type for plot 3 and 4 of approved planning permission R18/0688 dated 22 June 2018.

**RESOLVED** that the parish council supports this planning application.

- (b) R20/0896 – 1 Bayton Views, Withybrook Road, Wolvey - erection of a car port and amendments made to dwelling during construction process (retrospective).

**RESOLVED** that the parish council supports this planning application.

- (c) R20/0938 – Fremar, Hinckley Road,. Wolvey - demolition of existing 5mx5m concrete panel double garage and erection of new larger 7mx10m double garage with a bedroom above in the loft space. The bedroom will be an extension to existing habitable space in the main house. Access

from the road already exists for existing garage, with parking for three cars. The front (as viewed from Gypsy Lane) will be in line with the current garage front.

**RESOLVED** that the parish council objects to this planning application on the grounds that it is inappropriate development in the Green Belt and the cumulative effect of too many extended buildings and structures in this area is having a detrimental impact on the open aspect of the area. Rugby Borough Council would be requested to confirm that the existing 5mx5m double garage did have the necessary planning consent.

## 123/20 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 – £734.31
  - (ii) WS Gardens Ltd. – strim wetland (invoice no. 8935) - £300.00
  - (iii) WS Gardens Ltd. – village mowing (invoice no. 8943) - £756.00
  - (iv) WS Gardens Ltd. – strim wetland (invoice no. 8994) – weed treatment and cleaning bus shelters - £330.00
  - (v) WS Gardens Ltd. – cut back hedge (invoice no. 8896) - £450.00

(Councillors Guraya and Hawcutt to authorise the above payments).
- (b) The following direct debit be noted:
  - (i) NEST pension – November - £97.16
- (c) There were no additional items suggested for inclusion in the 2021/22 budget and the budget would be considered at the next meeting. The parish council indicated its support for a 0% increase in Band D Council Tax bill.

## 124/20 Christmas 2020

The parish council considered the options for the arrangements to mark the annual switching on of the Christmas tree lights in light of the current government restrictions around COVID-19 which prohibited gatherings of more than two people in public. Current restrictions were in operation until Wednesday 2 December.

**RESOLVED** that the date for the switch on of the Christmas tree lights be changed to Sunday 6 December in the hope that the government will have lifted the current restrictions after 2 December to enable the arrangements agreed at the last meeting to proceed.

**125/20 Boardwalk – Update**

The parish council was keen for the Wetland and boardwalk to re-open as soon as possible. Grant funding for repairs or to replace the boardwalk would be investigated once government restrictions around COVID-19 had been lifted.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

**126/20 Village Sign – Update**

Councillor Hawcutt reported that renovation of the village sign was nearing completion and he had prepared a plan for installing the sign. The installation of the sign would need to comply with Warwickshire County Council's specification.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

**127/20 Streetlight Renewal Programme - Update**

Councillor Hawcutt reported that the scheme for replacement street lights had now been completed. Western Power had been requested to provide a quote for the connection of power to the replacement street light columns in Moat Lane and Coventry Road.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted and the Clerk notify Western Power that the works had now been completed.

**128/20 Neighbourhood Plan – Update**

The Chairman reported that the draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents were nearing completion for sending to Rugby Borough Council.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

**129/20 Environment Matters**

- (a) Councillor Hawkins would discuss the need for litter picking with WS Gardens Ltd. as Councillor Hindmarsh litter picked the village several times a week.
- (b) Councillor Warwick would raise concern over overgrown footpaths in the village with Warwickshire County Council as this had caused them to be very narrow in places.

**130/20 Date of Next Meeting**

Due to the proximity to Christmas it was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be changed to Monday 14 December 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.