



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 27th September 2017** at 7.30p.m. in Waters Upton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: L M Baker Oliver (Chairman)
Mrs E Thomas
J Griffin
B Rothwell
T Revitt

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
5 Members of the public
Cllr S Bentley (TWC)

17/3376 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Baker Oliver, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION

As recorded at the last meeting, there is still no water evident in the Well at Catsbritch Lane despite the recent heavy rain and flooding. A recent visit by engineers to address the severe flooding opposite Lower House Farm removed 7 tankers of water from the blocked system. This seems to confirm that the system is blocked and therefore not flowing to Orchard Close.

The drain at the bottom of the VH car park remains blocked.

17/3377 APOLOGIES

None

ABSENT

Cllr D Smith

17/3378 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to declare their interests in any matters appearing on the agenda. Should a personal or prejudicial interest be declared, the member should leave the room and take no part in the decision on the subject.

Councillor Mrs E Thomas

Flooding, opposite Lower House Farm

17/3379 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JULY 2017

It was proposed by Councillor T Revitt and seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas that the Minutes of the July meeting be accepted and agreed as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the July meeting be signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED that, with the amendment that unanimous be amended to majority regarding the Councillor's support for the Neighbourhood Plan, the Minutes of the Extra meeting held in September be signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

Councillor Griffin explained that he believed the design of the proposed dwelling was of exceptional architectural merit, and if not outside of the NP, would have offered his support. Whilst understanding that the NP offers protection against inappropriate development, when the NP is reviewed, he would wish consideration to be given to adding a suitable policy for exceptional circumstances where design is taken into consideration.

17/3380 MATTERS ARISING

River Lane Development – Rectory Fields

The Clerk reported that a further letter had been received from Mr Higgins requesting that his request for local people to support his campaign against the house in Rectory Fields be encouraged. It was confirmed that the poster remains on display in the noticeboard. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask TWC for an update of the complaint, in writing, as soon as it is available.

Broadband for Meeson

Thanks were extended to Councillor Rothwell for distributing the information. TWC has confirmed it has the evidence of 'need'. We are awaiting the next stage towards connection.

Parish Litter Pick

This took place at the end of July, was well supported and successful, although it remains sad that such an event is necessary. It is hoped that this can take place again in the future when necessary.

The Parish Council wishes to encourage local residents to become Street Champions and be supported in this and other similar roles within the Parish.

'Beware of Horses' signs

Following the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk has spoken to the owner of Crescent Farm Livery who had confirmed that she would welcome the signs and she believed that they should be in Waters Upton and Great Bolas. TWC would need to confirm the locations and the costs of purchase and installation would have to be taken into consideration. The Clerk was instructed to get a quotation before further discussions take place.

17/3381 FINANCE

a) Payments

Payments, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council were agreed and signed by two Members of the Council.

Payment	Cheque No	Statute	Amount
Subscription to SLCC (25%)	000001	LGA 1972 s143	£62.50
Purchase of Bark	000002	LGA 1972 s135	£1020.00
Audit Fee	000003	LGA 1972	£240.00
PAT Testing	000004	LGA 1972 s133	£163.25
Premises Licence	000005	LGA 1972 s133	£70
Waters Upton Stores	000006	LGA 1972 s133	£573.06
Clerks Salary	000007	LGA 1972 s 112	£600
PAYE / NI	000008	LGA 1972 s 112	£150.00
Roadman, Centre, Churchyard, play areas	000009	LGA 1972 s112	£1055.00

b) End Of Year Accounts, Annual Return and Governance Statement

The completed Annual Return, with Auditor's Report, has been received. There are no matters to bring to the attention of the Council.

c) Initial Budget Considerations

Members were reminded that they should submit any proposed projects for consideration during the budget discussions.

The Clerk informed the Council of the need to upgrade the street lights by 2019. This will be taken into consideration at the time of the budget.

d) Grant Application

Members agreed that the application for funding to support Telford Patients First, was outside of the Grants Policy and therefore no funding is available at this time.

17/3382 PLANNING

- a) **Planning Applications Updates**
TWC/2017/0623 Highfields, Cold Hatton Applicant had withdrawn the application
- b) **New Applications for Consideration**
TWC/2017/0752 Myrtle Cottage, Crudgington
Members discussed the application for the erection of a stable block on land adjacent to the residential property. Taking into consideration a concern that there may be a future change of use application, Members resolved not to object to the proposed stable block but to request a condition to ensure that no future change of use would be admitted without a full planning application.
- c) **Other Planning Matters**
18 Crudgington – Pre-application consultation on the design and reserved matters.
Members agreed to have no comment at this stage, but to wait for a future Full Application in order to submit any views on the design and materials.

17/3383 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received for information – please contact the Clerk if you wish to read any of these documents or if you require additional information.

- a) All correspondence has been shared with Members throughout the period since the last meeting
- b) Edmond Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
Anyone with comments on the Regulation 16 consultation, can forward them to TWC by 27th October 2017.

17/3384 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

The Parish Council looks forward to a Partnership Meeting in the near future in order that the project can move forward to improve the Rights of Way across the Parish. Andrew Careless had informed the Parish Council that the work to update the Definitive Map is time consuming and has a deadline looming. The rights of way partnership meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

Councillor Griffin informed the meeting of concerns regarding the status of the right of way adjacent to Cedar Lodge in Waters Upton. It was agreed to purchase an OS map with Waters Upton as it centre in order that the paths can be clearly identified. Details of the bridle path will be requested, as it is not possible to understand how the status can change along a path which would cause access issues.

17/3385 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a) **Open Watercourse, Orchard Close**
Councillor Mrs Thomas reported to the Council regarding the discussions and agreements that took place in the meeting at the beginning of September. It had been established, the extent of the riparian ownership responsibilities. The cost for the necessary work, to create a brick square with gridding could cost in the region of £6400.
John Bellis, TWC, is to apply for Pride Funding for the project, which included a blocked pipe in the field adjacent to The Chestnuts.
It had been agreed that a legal agreement will be required to confirm riparian ownership responsibilities for future maintenance and repairs, before public money can be spent to rectify the current problem. It would appear that the flooding near Lower House Farm and the dry Well could all be related to the same issue which is underground at this part of the village. It had previously been stated that drainage work is planned for the end of Catsbritch Lane, the Clerk will ask if this can be brought forward to rectify the problem as a matter of urgency.
- b) **Highways Liaison Meeting**
The Chairman and Vice Chairman, had met with Stephen Scanlon, TWC and Clerk and are now awaiting an update on the issues raised at the meeting.
- c) **Newport Regeneration Partnership**
The Chairman had represented the Parish Council at a meeting and had given a report on the Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan and in particular the process to create it.
- d) **Hodnet Medical Practice**
The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting with Councillors from Ercall Magna Parish Council to hear from the Medical Practice about the permanent closure of the Ellerdine Outreach. The facility has been closed for 6 years and it will not re-open. The prescription collection / delivery service will continue for the time-being.
A health & well being event is being promoted, everyone is welcome. This will take place at Hodnet.

17/3386 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) **Highways Liaison Meeting**
Dominic Proud and Stephen Scanlon attended with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. Some white lining work has been completed and the signs audit has now been registered.
- b) **Manor Place Garages**
The Wrekin Housing Trust have nearly completed all the garages, with the exception of one, they have had new doors, gutter clearance and external redecoration.
- c) **TWC Bus User Group – the Minutes will be circulated.**
- d) **TWC Local Plan**
The Parish Council had responded to ensure that there was mention of the WU Neighbourhood Plan. Also reference the 600 homes planned for Crudgington and Allscott, the Parish Council was looking for confirmation that should these homes not be developed, they will not come to the villages to make up the numbers.
- e) **New Bank Account**
The process had been time-consuming and frustrating but the new business account should now be open and ready for use.
- f) **Parish Room Croft**
The legal agreement has now been signed for the hand-over of the land and this will take place in September 2016.
- g) **Street Light Fault**
One of the light covers in Great Bolas had come off and this had been reported to Eon direct, it is important for faults and comments to be reported to the Clerk in the first instance.

17/3387 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE

Waters Upton

The bark has been installed at Field View Play Area.

Crudgington

A complaint about the swing seats and wooden slide had been received and this had been forwarded to TWC for action.

17/3389 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Cllr Bentley updated Members on the speed issue outside Crudgington School and the steps taken to install bollards.
He explained that the delay with getting the traffic regulation orders legalised has meant that the Road Safety Camera Partnership has not visited recently.
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the parents, via the school, to explain about traffic orders and to continue to work with the school to purchase and install the 20mph limit at school times.
He confirmed that there were policies in the emerging local plan that would help to protect the Parish from inappropriate architectural designs and policies.

17/3390 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Smartwater event – this will take place on Tuesday 31st October in the Village Hall – all welcome
Waters Upton Neighbourhood What’s App – this is to be used for crime-related and emergency messaging. The community is encouraged to use Nextdoor Neighbourhood for other social media messaging.
- b) Central Refuges at Cold Hatton – badly damaged again
- c) Swan Court Pumping Station – enforcement in place to challenge the developer in order that the work can be completed satisfactorily.
- d) A442 pothole has reappeared between the kerb and central refuge near to Shop Lane, Cold Hatton
- e) Pop up speed signs in Tibberton are effective, the Parish Council may consider these for Waters Upton and Great Bolas villages.

17/3391 NEXT MEETING

25 th October 2017	7.30pm	Full Council	Waters Upton Village Hall
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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.2pm.

Signed **Date**

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