



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor Lynda Baker Oliver

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 7.30p.m.** in **Waters Upton Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Mrs E Thomas (Acting Chairman)
J Griffin
B Rothwell
T Revitt
D Smith
Mrs L M Baker Oliver (arrived Minute 18/3458b)

In attendance:

Katrina Baker (Clerk)
16 Members of the public
Cllr Stephen Bentley (Ward Member) arrived Minute 18/3458b

18/3452 WELCOME

The Vice Chairman, Councillor Mrs Thomas, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION

A442 New wooden bollards

A request was received that the reflectors be cleaned regularly so that they are always clearly visible.

PROPOSED CAMPSITE, MEESON

A Letter had been delivered to the nearest neighbour of Thimble Hall which advised them that Freedom Camping Club were considering a request to grant a licence for a field to the rear of Thimble Hall to be used as a campsite. Local residents were in attendance, along with the applicants.

Mr Parkes, the applicant, gave a short presentation on his proposal and confirmed that they would only be operating the site from March until October and that the licence would allow 8 / 10 pitches and 5 caravans, although they would not accept caravans or motor-homes, but would encourage pods. They would, however, welcome small VW camper vans as they have friends who have them.

They would provide temporary portable toilet and shower facilities and would be guided by the local authority regarding the disposal of the waste water and sewerage.

As they live adjacent to the site, Mr Parkes was clear that he did not want any noise nuisance and he would ensure that there was a night time curfew of no later than 11pm.

Local residents have been encouraged to respond direct to the company, along with the A T Brown Coach director and Telford & Wrekin Council, who have all responded to the consultation.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would forward all the comments raised at the meeting and to enquire if Freedom Camping would keep the Parish Council informed throughout the remainder of the process.

Concerns raised were in relation to Highways and Access, Amenities, Lighting and Noise nuisance.

Members also raised concerns about future change of use or further applications for more pitches.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for the work that they had undertaken to ascertain information and facts regarding the proposals.

18/3453 APOLOGIES

Councillor Baker Oliver

Attending Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Revitt that the apologies be accepted, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies of Councillor Baker Oliver be accepted.

Councillor S Bentley, Ward Member, also sent apologies, he too was at the Planning Committee meeting.

18/3454 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B Rothwell Meeson Campsite proposal As a local resident

Councillor Mrs Thomas Planning Applications Family / friend connections

18/3455 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2018

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the January 2018 meeting be signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.

18/3456 MATTERS ARISING

Lane to Crescent Farm

Councillor Thomas declared an interest

TWC has investigated and there is no blocked drain at this location. However, a gully has been created at the side of the raised tarmac which used to prevent the water from running down the lane to the farm. The farmer will be able to resolve this issue.

18/3457 FINANCE

a) Payments

Cheque No	Payment	Law / Statute	Amount
000023	Clerk's salary – 6 month	LGA 1972 s112	£1200
000024	PAYE	LGA 1972	£300
000025	Roadman, churchyard, bus shelters, Parish Centre – 2 months	LGA 1972 s135	£433

b) Invoices

The annual invoices have been sent to Wrekin Housing Trust, Ercall Magna PC and Waters Upton Stores.

18/3458 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

TWC/2017/0406 rear of Cedar Lodge – amended plans

Councillor Baker Oliver, Chairman and Councillor Stephen Bentley, Ward Member, had attended the TWC Planning Committee tonight to speak against the application. The Planning Officer had recommended approval.

When the Councillors returned from the meeting, the application had been deferred. Members of the Planning Committee had questioned the officers interpretation of 'infil' and raised concerns regarding an agricultural access being allowed through the residential site.

b) New Applications for Consideration

TWC/2018/0083 Meeson Hall Mews – Creation of a New Access

RESOLVED to support this application and to enquire if it is possible to ensure that the right of way sign is re-instated at this location.

TWC/2018/0090 Mill House, Great Bolas – Installation of ground mounted solar panels

RESOLVED to support this application.

TWC/2018/0106 Crescent Farm, Waters Upton – installation of a lunge pen and walker pen

Councillor Mrs Thomas declared an interest

The discussion regarding this application resulted in a discussion regarding existing, and future, lighting on the site. See Minute 18/3458c

RESOLVED to support the application for the two pens. If additional lighting is to be included in the future, the Parish Council would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this in more detail.

TWC/2018/111 14 Cherrington – two storey side extension

RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposed extension but to note in the response that this appears a large scale proposal on an already extended small cottage.

Councillor Baker Oliver and Councillor Bentley arrived

TWC/2018/177 Cherrington Manor – Change of Use (Retrospective)

Councillor Mrs Thomas declared an interest

It is a policy of the Parish Council to object to retrospective applications as members believe that landowners and property owners have a responsibility to ascertain if permission is required before embarking on any project. Having said this, Members RESOLVED to have no objections to the change of use.

TWC/2018/0178 Riverside, 28 Stars Lane (Part retrospective) – 2 storey community building

Members agreed to defer this application for discussion at the March meeting.

c) Other Planning Matters

i) The Swan Inn

The owners had received a very lenient fine, from the courts, for the non-compliance of the Section 215 Order - £100. Whilst this was disappointing, it did confirm that further prosecution proceedings by the Local Authority would not be worthwhile. TWC could consider an injunction, but if there are no resources then there could be no positive outcome from such a process.

TWC is prepared to consider a Compulsory Purchase Order but would require confirmation of a third-party end-user to purchase it off the Council at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed that we need to establish who is still interested in the project and what support is available.

An article will be included in the next newsletter and shared on social media.

A meeting for the Parish Council with TWC will be arranged.

ii) The Stackyard

Thanks to those who had responded, it has been confirmed that the proposal to name the site adjacent to St Michael's Church as The Stackyard, has been accepted.

iii) Swan Court

The TWC Enforcement Team are working with the Swan Court residents to find a solution to the on-going problem of the lack of sewerage connection from the site.

The fence, erected by Number 3 Swan Court, may be removed, at the agreement of the next occupier, a discussion can take place at that time.

iv) Enforcement Queries

The Enforcement Officers are following up issues on various sites in the Parish and will report back.

v) Crescent Farm, Waters Upton – lighting

Concerns have been expressed by local residents in the village and from Sytch Lane regarding the external lighting that can be seen from a distance at the rear of Crescent Farm, Waters Upton. Mr Greenow has made some adjustments to the positions and hoods, but concerns remain at this time.

Councillor Mrs Thomas agreed, in a personal capacity, to ascertain the details of the original planning application, especially with regards to the lighting, and to speak with the owner to work towards (her brother) a resolution of the problem.

18/3459 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) Highways Liaison Meeting

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the meeting on 25th January, the Minutes are available on request. Speeding was discussed and the TW officer has agreed to investigate the options to slow down the traffic on the approach to Manor Place, Crudgington (from Newport on the B5062) and as you approach Waters Upton village from Great Bolas.

The Community Speedwatch scheme is to be introduced to Waters Upton and Crudgington as soon as possible.

Consideration of sleeping policemen had proved costly and would not be welcomed by local residents as the empty lorries are very noisy when they pass over them.

The Parish Council has considered the installation of a SID site at Crudgington but £3000 plus £250 to rotate them on two poles was considered excessive.

This will be added back on to an agenda as some residents at the recent Neighbourhood Watch Meeting did not think this as too expensive.

- c) A conference will take place at Oakengates Theatre on Wednesday 6th June. An open invitation will be extended to Members and to the public and voluntary sector representatives for anyone to understand the role of local councils and the benefits of working in partnership with them and the Borough Council. This is also an opportunity for anyone interested in standing for election as a Parish or Town Councillor in May 2019 to understand the work of local councils.

18/3460 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

Following concerns regarding the lack of resources and funding for rights of way across the Borough, a seminar has been arranged and the WET3P members (Tibberton & Cherrington, Edmond and Waters Upton) will attend and report back to the Parish Council. This will take place on 8th March 2018 at 2pm at Randlay Community Centre.

18/3461 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman confirmed the meetings that she had attended in order to represent the Parish Council.

18/3462 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) SLCC conference in Kenilworth – audit and DPROs were included on the Agenda.
b) Liaison has continued with Boomslang regarding Parish Room Croft and work will commence again in March with a view to complete in September 2018.
Fundraising will be required to collect the remaining funding needed for the project.
c) River Lane will be one-way downhill in the near future.
A vehicle had run into another car as it left Rectory Fields recently.

18/3463 PARISH CENTRE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Management Committee had taken place and the following topics were updated: _

- a) Treatment Works – now the responsibility of STW
b) Upton Stones and lay-by – TWC to lead on this project
c) CCTV – quotations to be obtained for an upgrade of the system
d) Use of Community Offices – introduce a community library / reading room
e) Purchase of shop assets (by Waters Upton Stores)
f) Update on the post office and outreach facility

18/3464 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley thanked the Parish Council and residents for their support in his campaign to get the road safety scheme for Crudgington agreed, which is nearing completion. The 20mph zone lights will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Funding is now available for community building projects, as part of Telford @ 50.

18/3465 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Smartwater event
Huw Roberts, Co-Ordinator, reported that the meeting had been a great success and lots of people have already expressed an interest in us becoming a smartwater zone. The kits will be available at £8.90 and the Parish Council will co-ordinate the purchase and distribution. WE need 245 local residents to sign up in order to get them at this reduced rate with free Parish signs.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will support the 'We Don't Buy Crime' scheme and assist in the purchase and supply of the Smartwater Kits.

- b) Spring Clean
The event planned for 4th March will be rescheduled due to poor weather conditions.

- c) Dead Fox
The Clerk confirmed that the animal, in Catsbitch Lane, has been reported to TWC, but is on private land.
- d) Great Bolas Bridge
Severe damage has occurred to the Bridge which makes it unsafe. It is disappointing that the driver of the vehicle did not have the courtesy to contact the Parish Council or TWC to admit the accident and to offer to assist in its repair.
- e) A442 Bollards
It is hoped that this issue can be rectified with the installation of new 'narrower' refuge and more visible bollards.

18/3466 NEXT MEETING
 28th March 2018 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signed**Date**

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 28th March 2018.