



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 26th September 2018**
at **7.30pm in Waters Upton Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs L M Baker Oliver (Chairman)
 B Rothwell
 T Revitt

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
 4 Members of the public
 Cllr Stephen Bentley (Ward Member)

18/3565 WELCOME

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Directional Sign to Waters Upton Village Hall

This will be included on a Village Hall Management Committee agenda for consideration.

Road sweeping

The recent road sweeping through the village had been arranged by the Parish Council and was not one of the scheduled visits by TWC. The side roads, such as Orchard Close, will be included in the future.

Open Watercourse

Concerns were expressed that the agreed work has still not yet commenced and householders are awaiting receipt of a letter / agreement for future maintenance.

Meeting Room

The use of the smaller area was appreciated by the public as they could hear better and they were able to feel more involved.

Additional Houses

Concerns were raised regarding the extensive number of new homes in Waters Upton Village and Councillors were asked to keep this in mind when new applications come along.

Quarry, Waters Upton

The unfinished house within the Quarry is out of keeping and Councillors were asked if there is anything that can be done to complete the work.

18/3566 APOLOGIES

Cllr D Smith	Work Commitments
Cllr J Griffin	Personal Commitments
Cllr E Thomas	Work Commitments

Members agreed to accept these apologies.

18/3567 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to declare an interest in any items on the agenda and should this be pecuniary, then Members should leave the meeting.

Councillor T Revitt TWC/2018/0763 Neighbour

18/3568 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JULY 2018

It was proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Revitt, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2018 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

18/3569 MATTERS ARISING

Speed Issues on the A442

Unfortunately, several of the bollards on the A442 towards the school have been knocked out again. It does not appear that the 20mph flashing lights have been broken, but it had been reported that they were not working correctly. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the agreed times that the lights should be on.

18/3570 FINANCE

a) **Payments**

Cheque No	Payment	Law / Statute	Amount
000048	Clerks Salary	LGA 1972	£600.00
000049	PAYE	LGA 1972	£150.00
000050	Premises Licence	LGA 1972	£70.00
000051	Churchyard Grant	LGA1972 s 111	£100.00
000052	Repair	LGA1972	£380.52
000053	Accounts Package	LGA 1972	£215.88
000054	Parish Roadman, churchyard, Pinfold, play areas and Parish Centre – 2 months	LGA 1972 s135	£1002.00
000055	Road sweeper	LGA 1972 s111	£120.00

The total balances as at end of August 2018 total £46,918.87 which includes the funds raised for Parish Room Croft.

18/3571 PLANNING

a) **Planning Applications Updates**

Lower House Farm

The necessary permission has been granted for the flues to be fitted to the converted barns.

b) New Applications for consideration
TWC/2018/0726 Crescent House, Waters Upton

RESOLVED to have no objections to the replacement windows.

TWC/2018/0760 Dairy Crest Site, Crudgington

Whilst not objecting to the proposed development of this brownfield site, Members did raise some questions that will be passed on to the Planning Case Officer.

- i) Roads within the site will need to be adopted to ensure safe management and effective maintenance.
- ii) There appears to be little support for the workshops, however Crudgington Primary School teachers are interested in additional educational facilities and are in discussions with the LEA.
- iii) The allocation of parking spaces.

RESOLVED to support the application, but to raise the three points above.

TWC/2018/0763 8 East View, Sytch Lane
Councillor Revitt declared at interest as a neighbour

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would object to the proposed garage and to refer TWC to the previous application and their reasons for refusal. Concerns remain regarding the use of the garage, its position, noise from the cars (often racing vehicles) and the disturbance if the garage is used for repairs.

C Other Planning Matters

i) The Swan Site

Raw Sewage is evident on land and this has been reported to Planning and to Environmental Health, by residents and by the Parish Council. We are led to believe that the Swan Court houses were 'signed off' by a third party. It was therefore agreed that further pressure be put on to ensure that someone takes responsibility and that the work is completed effectively and in a timely manner. It may be necessary for the company responsible to claim on their Professional Liability Insurance.

Rectory Fields

There are a number of outstanding matters which need discussion and it has been suggested that the Parish Council meets with Days New Homes.

The Stackyard Site

Any outstanding matters can be discussed at the meeting with Days New Homes.

ii) Enforcement Issues

The deadline for enforcement on a property in the Parish has now passed, and there has been no additional appeal. The Clerk will ascertain the current position.

18/3572 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. Members have not requested that any should be included on the agenda.

18/3573 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

- a) The signposts and waymarkers are now available. Thanks are extended to the volunteers who have offered to assist in positioning them on the rights of way in our Parish.
- b) The right of way near to Bolas Bridge appears to have been blocked off, but this is not the case, it is just that the signage is confusing.
Everyone is encouraged to use the route and TWC has agreed to erect appropriate signage to confirm that the path is still open to the public.
- c) An article in a past newsletter discussed the option to setting up a walkers group. Members support this initiative and a date shall be selected and advertised. Dogs are welcome.

18/3574 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman continues to attend a number of meetings regarding current issues within the Parish and to represent the Council on outside bodies.

The Chairman and Ward Member met with the Independent Consultant regarding the Complaint against the Planning System. The Consultant had upheld the reasons for the complaint. Notes of the meeting have been directed to Jonathan Eatough and further meetings with Members and Officers in attendance at the Planning committee will be interviews. An outcome is anticipated in November 2018.

A meeting had taken place regarding Crudgington Crossroads, with representatives of Shropshire Homes, TWC and the Parish Council. Concern was expressed that the £50,000 allocated has been spent at Shawbirch but it may be that other funding will be available. However, to install lights would cost in the region of £250,000 and that sort of total will not be available as a result of this development. The installation of a 'No Stopping' box at the Crossroads will be considered.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Chairman had attended the Effective Enforcement Seminar, which was very useful and contained a lot of useful information. Details of what the Enforcement Officer can and cannot do, was very informative. A copy of the slides has been sent to all Members for their information.

Councillors were reminded of the other seminars to follow, it is hoped that the Parish Council will be represented at others and will report back.

18/3575 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Defibrillator

With thanks to a number of local businesses and supporters, the funding is now in place to purchase the equipment and heated box. A local electrical company has kindly offered to install the unit. There will be a training session available to everyone when the equipment arrives.

b) Grounds Maintenance and Highways Contracts

The two contracts have now been finalised and meetings with local Parish & Town Councils will take place in November to discuss the details of the contract in relation to our needs. This information will be required in order that the Parish Council can consider its budget for 2019/20 in order to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated for the tasks not undertaken by the contractors.

- c) The Poppy Appeal Launch in the Village Hall had been cancelled, however there will be a short service at Ellerdine Methodist Chapel on Sunday 28th October at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

d) Central Refuges, Cold Hatton

For safety reasons, the bollards and central refuge have been removed. There is no funding available currently for replacements so the site is to be monitored.

e) Parish Owned Grit Bins

An invoice is expected, for the Parish Council to fund the salt grit refills that were necessary during last winter.

f) Review of the Parish Charter

Members are asked to consider the document and let the Clerk know of any matters that need to be raised or amendments that are required.

We have already stated that there needs to be a section on Planning and in particular information regarding how to access details of so called minor amendments and also the pre-application consultation process.

18/3576 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley updated the meeting on discussions with North Shropshire Wheelers to introduce a Saturday bus from Ercall Magna to Newport and return.

Discussions are taking place with Arriva and local Parish & Town Councils to consider funding the return of the 519 Saturday service for a limited period of one year. This will enable further discussions and work towards making the route sustainable.

Waters Upton Parish Council RESOLVED to support this initiative and to consider a grant of up to £1000 if it is needed to bring the bus back into operation. Similar grants are expected from other Parish & Town Councils. Newport Regeneration Partnership has offered up to £2000 and a request has been sent to Newport Town Council for its consideration based on them wanted to support the Town Businesses and bring in more shoppers.

A conversation with the Police & Crime Commissioner gathered his support for the installation of Average Speed Cameras on the A442.

Around £300 is still available from the Councillors Pride Funding for Environmental Projects.

18/3577 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch and SmartWater

Our NW co-ordinator had sent in a report, which will also appear in the next newsletter. Thanks were extended to Huw Roberts for his outstanding work as a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

b) Other Matters

Hedgerows on the Meeson to Shray Hill road need cutting back for visibility reasons. An article will be included in the next newsletter.

Electricity Cables in Catsbitch Lane need attention and will be reported to Western Power.

The solar 'Slow Down' sign at Crudginton is no longer working and needs reporting.

The noticeboard at Sytch Lane needs repairing, it was agreed to ask Russell for a quotation to undertake this essential work.

Dog fouling remains a real problem especially in Sytch Lane. This has been reported to the Dog Warden.

The hole in the road at Cold Hatton remains and the Clerk will try to ascertain when it will be made safe.

18/3578 NEXT MEETING

24th October 2018 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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 24th October 2018.