



WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7.30pm in Waters Upton Village Hall.**

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
12 Members of the public

18/3579 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Baker Oliver, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It was good to have so many people taking an interest in our Parish.

PUBLIC SESSION

Pinfold Croft Right of Way – Fence

The fence had been removed earlier in the week, but it was then reported that it had been replaced. As a reminder, the Parish Council is prepared to legally challenge this as it is an established Right of Way, used for in excess of 40 years.

It is hoped that a new owner / tenant would replace the fence with a gate open to the public, or remove the fence.

Open Watercourse, Orchard Close

Despite reminders, at this time no confirmation of a start date has been received from TWC. Whilst the Parish Council will continue to request that this work be undertaken as soon as possible, it was also suggested that the residents should request an update on the process.

Central Refuges, A442, Cold Hatton

TWC has confirmed that there have been no reported accidents since the removal of the central refuge outside of Hatton Court. However, local residents, Hatton Court and road-users remain concerned as this road is dangerous, traffic travels far in excess of 40mph and over-taking continues to add further dangers, particularly to those using the side roads at this location.

Traffic Speed, A442

A request for the Road Safety Partnership camera-van to be evident on the A442 will be submitted.

18/3580 APOLOGIES

Cllr D Smith Members confirmed a Leave of Absence for Cllr Smith initially until the end of December.

18/3581 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 Helicopter Liaison Meeting report Employed by MOD

18/3582 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2018

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2018 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

18/3583 MATTERS ARISING

Open Watercourse, Orchard Close

A reply from the TWC Manager is expected this week and will be circulated.

The House at The Quarry, Waters Upton

TWC has confirmed that nothing can be done to speed up the completion of the building of any development. A long delay in completion is not a breach of planning control.

20mph Flashing Lights at Crudgington School Zone

The standard hours of operation are 8.30am until 9.15am and 3.00pm until 3.45pm. This can be varied.

18/3584 FINANCE

a) Payments

| Cheque No | Payment | Law / Statute | Amount |
|-----------|--|---------------|--------|
| 000056 | Grit Bin refills | LGA 1972 | 64.00 |
| 000057 | Roadman, play areas, churchyard, Parish Centre | LGA 1972 s135 | 529.00 |
| 000058 | Anti Virus cover | LGA 1972 | 84.99 |
| 000059 | Street Light Energy | LGA 1972 s111 | 466.49 |

The Payment Voucher and cheques were signed by two Councillors within the terms of the Council's Financial Regulations.

b) The total balances as at end of August 2018 total £67,229.18 which includes the funds raised for Parish Room Croft.

c) Street Lighting Upgrade Programme

Members were reminded of the need to upgrade the street lights, to LED, before the end of 2019. The two quotations for replacement fittings would require funding of around £4500, but alternatives may be available. It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Griffin would meet with the Clerk to discuss the options with companies.

18/3585 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

None

b) New Applications for consideration
TWC/2018/0789 Pear Tree House

RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposed revised layout of Plot 2.

TWC/2018/0807/0808 Meeson Hall Mews

Councillor Thomas reported that this application is Retrospective.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council expressed concerns regarding the fact that the work had been undertaken, but agreed to have no comments until the recommendation of the Conservation Officer was available.

TWC/2018/0813 Lad adjacent to 22a Waters Upton

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the renewal of an Outline Application on this site, and supported the need to develop it as soon as possible. Details of the application would be required to ensure that there was sufficient distance between any new development and the neighbouring properties.

TWC/2018/0815 Land adjacent to 18 Crudgington

Members raised concerns that the original permission was granted for the owner to develop a property for his daughter to enable her to remain in the village. However, it would now appear that that the site has been sold to a developer and therefore, the reason for supporting a contrary to policy application will be withdrawn.

RESOLVED to object to the application as it is contrary to the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan, the proposed property is too big for the site and too close to the boundary. The proposed property is out of keeping with the area of the village and disproportionate to the site. The hedge forming the boundary must be retained.

TWC/2018/0827 Cedars, Longwood

RESOLVED to object to this application as the proposed triple detached garage will be out of proportion with the property. It appears an inappropriate design for a garage, as its design and style, with headroom, appear more as ancillary accommodation. If permitted, there must be a condition to ensure no future change of use to residential accommodation.

TWC/2018/0853 St John's Churchyard, Great Bolas

RESOLVED to support the application for the removal and necessary work on trees in the churchyard, as recommended by a Tree Surgeon.

c Other Planning Matters

i) The Swan Site

There has been no contact from the new owners of the site, following a letter sent from the Parish Council to them, via the auctioneers. The letter had set out the Parish Council's wish to work with the new owner to develop the site as per our Business Plan, which included an Asset of Community Value and would meet the requirements of the Local Planning Authority. The details of the new owner do not appear at Land Registry as yet.

Rectory Fields

A meeting is to take place with Days New Homes to discuss outstanding matters relating to the site and in particular the Cemetery Parking Area and Extension.

The Stackyard Site and Phase II

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

Parish Room Croft

A variation is to be legally written to confirm the agreement regarding the maintenance and ownership of the front hedge of the site.

Until the 'sale' of the land to the Parish Council, the Developers will remain responsible for the roadside hedge. A reminder will be sent to Boomslang as the hedge is in need of cutting.

ii) Enforcement Issues

The Poplars, Cold Hatton

The Enforcement Notice is on hold following an appeal which has requested a hearing. The Parish Council will be consulted when details are available.

The Swan Site, Waters Upton

Environmental Health Officers are keen to speak with the new owner of the Swan Site, who will have some responsibility for the current issue where there is evidence of raw sewage on the public highway.

In the meantime, the Parish Council has submitted a complaint to Severn Trent Water and the residents of Swan Court have been advised to challenge STW regarding their charges. Legal advice is also being obtained regarding the issue.

18/3586 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.
- b) A property has become vacant at Pinfold Croft and applications should be sent to Sanctuary Housing. All applicants must meet the requirements of the Section 106 Rural Lettings Policy and have local connections.
- c) The Rural Forum will take place on 25th October in Waters Upton Village Hall at 7.15pm, refreshments will be available from 7pm.

18/3587 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.

18/3588 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 formal complaint sent to TWC regarding 'planning issues' has been passed to an external investigator and initial interviews with Staff and Members have taken place. The outcome is expected towards the end of November.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Chairman, Councillor Thomas and Councillor Griffin have attended some of the Planning Workshop Seminars, on Conservation and Permitted Development. Copies of the slides will be shared with members as a reference document. The idea to hold these events was good and the topics appropriate, but Members felt that the presenters needed to be more experienced in the role, for full benefit to those attending.

18/3589 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 Contract

The Chairman and Clerk will attend a meeting with the new contractors, Idverde, on November 13th to find out the service standards for our area.

c) Highways Contract

This contract has been awarded to Balfour Beatty and the Parish Council awaits details of the service standards for the rural areas.

d) Central Refuges, Cold Hatton

The Clerk will request details of the proposed scheme. Although scheduled for 2019, the Clerk will request if funding can be obtained to undertake the work.

e) Damage to Bolas Bridge

Concerns remain regarding the extensive damage to this historic bridge, usually by the HGVs and Tractors and Trailers using the road irresponsibly and with speed. Details of the weight limit on Little Bolas Road will be obtained, especially since the work on the bridge was completed. This will be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

f) HGVs and Tractors

The villages of Great Bolas and Waters Upton, in particular, are suffering as a result of the increased use by a company and its contractor which is resulting in damage and causing dangerous situations for residents, pedestrians and road users. Whilst it is accepted that we live in a rural area, where farming takes place all around us, the companies should clear the roads, for safety reasons and there should also be signs up warning of mud on the road.

The recent incident when the large bales fell from the trailer could have resulted in a terrible accident, as it happens plants and a signpost were all that was damaged.

g) TW Bus User Group

The Minutes of the last meeting will be circulated and are available to anyone who has an interest in the bus network across the Borough. The partnership between Parish & Town Councils and Arriva continues to move forward and it is hoped that the service will resume in the near future.

h) Wrekin Area Committee & Parish Charter Monitoring Group

The Minutes of these meetings are circulated for information.

18/3590 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

There is to be a special General Meeting of the Council on Monday 29th October to consider a motion against the overnight closure of A & E at Princess Royal Hospital.

Both Councillor S Bentley and Councillor S Burrell have allocated £1000 to support the Arriva 519 Saturday service.

18/3591 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch and SmartWater

Our Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator gave an update on the NW scheme which successfully uses the Neighbourhood Watch What's App to get messages around regarding any 'crime-related' concerns or incidents. An example was the recent fly tip at Crudgington which was effectively reported and collected in record-time. The police are now following up a lead as to who may have dumped it in the road.

SmartWater is effective and all local residents are encouraged to get their pack from the Co-Ordinator or the shop, the cost remains at the reduced rate of £8.90 (rrp £19.90). 37 signs have been erected around the Parish. We are entering key months, with dark mornings and evenings, and everyone is encouraged to be aware of strange vehicles, check security lighting is working and always keep sheds locked.

b) Helicopter Liaison Meeting

Our representative had attended the last meeting where the security for visitors to RAF Shawbury.

There are new helicopters, the Juno and Jupiter, they can be identified by their back tail and their quieter operation. There have been less complaints, however there has also been a reduction in flying time. Shawbury is the main Flying School and there are four area sites – Sleaf, Tern Hill, Nescliffe and Chetwynd. Waters Upton is on the flight path to Chetwynd. The flying frequency will increase in the next three months and there will be night flying. Anyone holding an event, such as a wedding or funeral, can register the date and time and pilots will be briefed to avoid the area wherever possible. This can be done via the website.

c) Other Matters

- Trees and hedgerows from Shray Hill to Meeson still need urgent attention in order to improve visibility to make the route safer. An article was included in the newsletter and a request has been sent to TWC for them to contact the relevant landowners.
- The SID at Crudgington is still out of operation.
- Congratulations were extended to Morgans Butchers in Waters Upton, for their nomination for a National Award.

18/3592 NEXT MEETING

28th November 2018 7.30pm Full Council Waters Upton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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 November 2018.