

MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

MONDAY 11th MAY 2015
HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL

PRESENT

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Allison, Cllr Helen Blake, Cllr Malcolm Blake,
Cllr Ford, Cllr Lightfoot, Cllr Moore and Cllr Woodcock (arrived 7.30)
The Clerk Mr J E Parkes.

15045 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllrs resolved to elect Cllr Moore as Chair.

15046 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllrs resolved to elect Cllr M Blake as Vice Chair.

15047 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY CHAIR

Cllr Moore read and signed the declaration of office.

15048 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

SC Cadwallader

15049 OPEN FORUM

Mr C Jefferies was concerned that the lengthsman duties had not been fully defined and that he understood that they did not include Pipe Gate, Clerk to investigate. Following Cllr Woodcock's comments at the previous meeting, regarding the policing of the Remembrance service in November, the lengthsman and another will now undertake this duty. He was also concerned at the speed of motorcycles through Pipe Gate, especially on Sundays and that the police speed camera van does not attend there. Whilst appreciating why a 'Community Speed Watch' scheme was inappropriate for Woore, a scheme for Pipe Gate would enable the police speed van to be located there. He will take matters forward at a forthcoming rural crime seminar.

Mr R Rigby was concerned that the two sunken man hole covers adjacent to his house, had remained un-repaired since March. Advised him that this was not the responsibility of the PC and that SC Cadwallader had arranged for their replacement. Clerk to liaise with SC Cadwallader.

Mr G Parfitt and Mrs D Amos, residents of Priory Gardens, expressed their concern, and that of local residents, regarding the erection of a fence and gate on the land to the west of their houses known as 'Phoenix Field' The Chair advised the meeting that the matter would be further discussed under agenda item 15062.

Mr P Hawkins reported that the left hand post of the Pipe Gate notice board was in need of attention, Clerk to arrange repair.

At this stage the Chair called for a short adjournment to consult the Clerk on the remainder of the agenda.

15050 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOLLOWING BODIES:-

a) SALC

In view of the fact that no meetings have been held, Cllrs resolved to defer making appointments until meetings resume.

b) WOORE UNITED CHARITIES

Cllrs resolved to appoint Cllrs Allison and Lightfoot, Clerk to advise Charity.

- c) **WOORE VICTORY HALL**
Cllrs resolved to appoint Cllr Helen Blake alone, for the time being.
- d) **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**
Cllrs resolved to appoint Cllr Clifford
- e) **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LIAISON**
Following comments from Mr C Jeffries, Cllrs resolved not to appoint a representative for the time being.

15051 TO APPOINT TREE WARDEN

Cllrs resolved to appoint parishioner, Sally Tyson.

15052 TO APPOINT PARISH PATH WARDEN

Cllrs resolved to appoint parishioner, Sally Tyson.

15053 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING WORKING GROUP

Cllrs resolved to appoint Chair and Cllrs M Blake, Clifford and Ford.

15054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Clifford, agenda item 15062 (Oak Farm) personal friendship with applicant.

Cllr Lightfoot, agenda item 15062 (Phoenix Field Sec 106 agreement) land owner.

15055 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 9th MARCH 2015

Resolved to accept, the Chairman signed the minutes.

15056 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

15031 TREE & PARISH TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

SC advised that no felling takes place until detailed planning application has been received. The Chair outlined the position regarding the TPO's on land at Irelands Cross and the reports received indicating disease on one of the trees. Cllr resolved to advise SC of our continuing request that the TPO on the remaining two trees be continued, Clerk to advise accordingly.

15035 LENGTHSMAN

Meeting by Clerk with grasscutter & lengthsman has taken place and schedule agreed.

15036 RECREATION

Order for fitness equipment made.

15037 PLANNING

NS/07/01816/DET – see agenda item 15039 (3)

NS/15/00483/COU – deferment granted see agenda item 15042

15057 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING 13th APRIL 2015

Resolved to accept, the Chairman signed the minutes.

15058 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

15042 PLANNING MATTERS

PREAPP/15/00100 – SC advised.

REPORT ON PLANNING WORKING GROUP – SC advised, awaiting reply, agenda item 15054 (7)

15059 MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 13th APRIL 2015

DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT

Breakdown of calculation requested, awaiting reply, agenda item 15065 (4)

15060 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk outlined the procedure for co-option of Mrs Jilly Higgin. Cllrs resolved unanimously (by secret ballot) to co-opt Mrs Higgin as a Councillor for Woore Parish Council. Mrs Higgin signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office, the Chair congratulated her on her appointment and she took her place with other Cllrs.

15061 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Cllrs resolved to appoint Miss S Pimlott as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Woore Parish Council wef 1st June 2015.

Cllr Clifford, ex Chair and Chair of the interviewing committee, offered to liaise with Miss Pimlott regarding her contract of employment, Cllrs accepted this offer.

15062 PLANNING

15/01051/LBC & 15/01050/FUL, Oak Farm, Dorrington Lane, Woore.

Cllr Allison was first Cllr and reported on her visits to neighbours, generally there were no objections. However, she was concerned that the colour/design of the carport was not in keeping with the listed status of the main house. The Clerk reported on a letter from Loggerheads PC requesting that we consider a Sec 106 condition that sufficient land be given by the applicant for the provision of a footpath between the development and the old railway bridge, this being a long term aim of Woore PC,. Cllrs resolve to support the application with the following conditions :-

The application to be considered as a 'windfall' development

Subject to a Sec 106 agreement to donate sufficient land to Woore Parish

Council to enable a footpath to be constructed behind the hedge between Watery Lane and the Old Railway bridge.

Concern regarding the affect that the colour and design of the car port will have on the adjacent listed building, also concern regarding possible privacy issues to the existing buildings.

There appears to be an error in the application form in relation to the sheltered housing section.

Cllr Lightfoot left the room for this part of the agenda.

The Chair advised the meeting that he considered himself to have a personal interest, but not a prejudicial interest.

Chair outlined the background to the PC's objection to the removal of the Sec 106 agreement on the Phoenix Field and our letter of complaint to SC. Notwithstanding SC's reply which was read to the meeting, Cllrs discussed in some detail the reasons why they considered SC's actions to release the agreement were incorrect. Cllrs resolved to write a further letter to SC challenging their decision, to include a format provided by the Chair and comments from Cllrs that if we had been consulted, we would have drawn their attention to the error.

The Clerk reported that a Planning application had been received 15/01662/FUL for the Phoenix Field and it was agreed that Cllr Ford would act as first Cllr and the Clerk would seek a deferment of submission of our comments to the 8th June meeting.

15063 DONATIONS

The Clerk outlined that the maximum total payable under Sec 137 for the year is £7,522, with £5,000 being allocated in the Council's budget for donations.

Cllr Woodcock was of the opinion that some requests for funding could be met from the Recreation Fund in case of need.

Cllrs resolved to make the following donations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 :-

Woore Victory Hall - £1,500.00

Village Pride - £1,445.00

Neighbourhood Watch - £200.00

Cllrs then considered the following applications,
 Cllrs suspended standing orders to enable Mrs M Joyce, Secretary Woore Tennis Club to make a brief statement. She said that the Tennis Club had secured land adjacent to the Victory Hall for a tennis club and whilst it would be open to all, they would have to levy some charge for use of the courts. They currently have a number of grant applications in course and the Parish Council's support and donation would assist them in securing further funding. Cllrs discussed this application and that of Woore Cricket Club and resolved to make a donation of £500 each to Woore Cricket Club and Woore Tennis Club under Sec137.LGA
 Cllrs then discussed the request from Woore School for assistance towards playground equipment. Cllrs were generally in favour of making a donation, but were concerned that the equipment could only be used by children attending the school. Cllrs resolved to make a donation of £200 under Sec 137.LGA but request that the school explore ways of how their facilities could be extended to other children in the Parish.
 The Clerk advised that he had received a request for a donation from St Leonard's Church which will be considered at the June meeting.

15064 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Eon	Lighting repair	£171.62
SALC	Balance subs	£46.46
Woore Victory Hall	Donation	£1,500.00
Village Pride	Donation	£1,445.00
Neighbourhood Watch	Donation	£200.00
Woore Cricket Club	Donation	£500.00
Woore Tennis Club	Donation	£500.00
Woore Primary School	Donation	£200.00

Resolved to pay accounts

Resolved to amend bank mandate signatories accordingly.

15065 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Letter from SC 19th March re Precept Payments, circulated, no further action
- 2) Certificate of destruction 17th March re confidential waste, no further action
- 3) Letters to/from SC Planning re Sec 106 agreements, circulated, agenda item 15062
- 4) Email re Council Tax Support grant 21st April, circulated, await reply
- 5) Letter from/to Mr C Riseley, 1st April, re wall on Audlem Rd, circulated, Cllr Woodcock to investigate.
- 6) Email to SC 28th April, regarding 'CIL' monies, awaiting reply, circulated.
- 7) Letter to SC Planning 21st April, re 'Community Hub' awaiting reply, circulated.
- 8) Emails to/from Mr M Brunt, re TPO's on land west of Irelands Cross, circulated, await further developments.
- 9) Email from/to Mr M Faulkner 28th April, re planning application circulated, await planning application.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8th JUNE 2015

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM

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