

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 26th September 2022 at 7:30pm Visitor Centre, Wroxeter Vineyard

Present: Councillors Mr B Nelson (Chairman), Mrs J Davies, Mr P Davies, Mr M Millington, Mr K Rowlands, Mr I Sherwood

In attendance: Mrs S Morris (Clerk), Mr A Gough (newly appointed Clerk)

1. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor V Amos.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Councillor Millington declared an interest in respect of item 9b as the recipient of one of the payments to be discussed and approved.

4. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Nelson signed his declaration in the presence of the Clerk.

5. WELCOME TO NEW PARISH CLERK

Councillor Nelson introduced Mr Gough as the new Parish Clerk and introductions were made.

6. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2022.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Wroxeter Hotel noise disturbance. The Parish Council noted that the Hotel has made an undertaking to work with residents and to minimise the impact of noise disturbance as far as possible within the constraints of their business. There had been no further significant complaints since the previous meeting. It was agreed to continue to monitor noise disturbance and for the Chairman to follow up any concerns with the hotel management.

Road signs. It was agreed that a Councillor will cut back the hedge which is obscuring the Give Way sign.

Rights of way. Councillor P Davies advised that the section of the right of way from Uppington to Uckington was now open as the crop had been harvested but the tenant farmer had not cleared the right of way during the growing season. It was agreed to write to the Raby Estate office to state that the tenant appears to be in breach of the law and to request an undertaking from the Estate that their tenant will ensure that the right of way is open year-round.

8. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Wild had given apologies for the meeting as she was in attendance at another Parish Council meeting. The liaison group in relation to the Buildwas Power Station development will meet in early October. It was agreed that Councillor P Davies will attend to represent the Parish. Councillors reiterated the wish to reduce the speed limit on the B4380 and noted that the liaison group has funding attached which it is hoped will be utilised in part for speed management measures along this road.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve payments made between meetings:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments made between meetings:-

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P16-2022/23	S Morris	Salary - August	£216.38

b) To approve invoices for payment by online banking

Councillor Millington did not participate in the discussion of this item.

The Clerk highlighted that a payment to Councillor Millington of £10 per meeting for four meetings per year has been agreed to cover the cost of heating the meeting room for Parish Council meetings. The Chairman proposed that in light of the recent sharp increase in the cost of energy, the amount paid should be increased. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to increase the heating payment to £20 per meeting, to be paid as a lump sum of £80 for the year.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments to be made by online banking:-

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P17-2022/23	S Morris	Salary – September	£216.38
P18-2022/23	A Gough	Salary – September	£191.51
P19-2022/23	S Morris	Expenses – August/September	£28.10
P20-2022/23	A Gough	Expenses – September	£16.12
P21-2022/23	M Millington	Heating of meeting room	£80.00

10. EXTERNAL AUDIT 2022/23 – 2026/27

The report of the Clerk was noted. As a smaller authority exempt from external audit, the Parish Council must nonetheless have an appointed external auditor to whom the Certificate of Exemption must be submitted and to receive any objections from local electors. It was **RESOLVED** to remain opted-in to the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments scheme for appointment of an external auditor.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) REF: 22/03769/FUL

It was **RESOLVED** to make representations as follows:
The Parish Council raises no concerns regarding the application.

(ii) REF: 22/03122/FUL

It was **RESOLVED** to make representations as follows:
As a longstanding policy, the Parish Council does not see a need for significant housing development within the Parish but is broadly supportive of existing buildings being converted to dwellings if appropriate and sympathetic to existing development. The proposed dwelling is not a conversion of the existing agricultural structure but will involve relocating the agricultural structure elsewhere on the plot and replacing this with a significantly larger dwelling built in its place. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the scale and design of the dwelling which are a significant change to the current structure.

(iii) REF: 22/03879/FUL

It was **RESOLVED** to make representations as follows:
The Parish Council raises no objections regarding the application.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to receive.

13. PARISH MATTERS

Bluebell bus shelter.

The Raby Estate had requested the Parish Council remove the bus shelter materials from Bluebell Cottage as the tenant had chosen not to use the materials as previously agreed and had since moved. Councillor Nelson highlighted that the No. 17 bus still operates along the A5 and queried whether the materials should be used to reinstate the bus shelter. It was **RESOLVED** to dispose of the materials as previously decided.

Signs for deer.

Councillor Sherwood proposed that there is a need for a deer warning sign when turning onto the B4380 from the B5061/Attingham Park direction. It was **RESOLVED** to request this from Shropshire Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....