

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th July 2021 at 7:30pm Visitor Centre, Wroxeter Vineyard

Present: Councillor B Nelson (Chairman), Councillor V Amos, Councillor J Davies, Councillor P Davies, Councillor M Millington, Councillor K Rowlands, Councillor I Sherwood

In attendance: Two members of the public, Councillor C Wild (Shropshire Council), Mrs S Morris (Clerk)

1. PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public spoke in relation to a plot of land for sale in the parish which he was considering purchasing for a change of use from agricultural buildings to units from which to run a business, and to build a family home on part of the plot, and seeking an indication as to whether the Parish Council would object to the change of use. Councillor Wild advised that he could approach Shropshire Council for pre-application advice. Councillor Nelson advised that the Parish Council was unable to comment at this stage.

One member of the public spoke to inform the Parish Council that the Local Plan was on the agenda to be signed off at the Full Council meeting on Thursday 15th July. He stated that the plan proposed the development of 30,000 houses over 20 years (2018 – 2038), which was over the 25,000 homes required by government for the area. He stated that this would be an environmental disaster due to the carbon dioxide created through building and as, in many places, the homes would only be accessible by car.

2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Councillor Nelson paid tribute to Mrs Veris McChesney, who had recently passed away. Councillor Nelson expressed personal gratitude to Mrs McChesney, and thanks on behalf of the community for her work during her many years on the Parish Council as well as work through the church.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None, all members present.

4. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

5. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2021.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The following matters arising from the previous meeting, not discussed elsewhere on the agenda, were discussed:-

a) Noticeboard

The planned repairs to the noticeboard had been delayed and would be carried out during July.

7. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Wild updated the Parish Council on the following matters:-

Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries. The Boundary Commission review proposed moving the Severn Valley from the Shrewsbury and Atcham constituency into the Ludlow and Bridgnorth constituency. The proposals were based on the need to even out the

numbers in each constituency. Councillors asked what implications this would have for the Parish Council and noted that it would mean a different MP for the Parish Council to liaise with over any relevant matters; the relationship with Shropshire Council would remain unaffected.

Power station site proposed development. The Planning Committee had deferred the outline application, largely due to the proposal to reduce affordable housing on the site from 20% to 5%. The volume and speed of traffic on the A4169 and B4380 had also been noted as concerns. The application for removal of sand and gravel had been approved but would only come into effect if the outline application was also approved.

Local Plan. In response to the comments in the public session, Councillor Wild stated that Shropshire Council had agreed to the minimum housing number from government, which was 36,000 over the whole plan period from 2014 – 2018. Councillors asked how many homes had been completed to date and noted the requirement for 1450 homes to be completed per year. Councillors asked whether a percentage of these were required to be affordable homes and Councillor Wild confirmed that this was the case, and that the Shrewsbury southern and western expansion sites would have 15% affordable housing. Councillors asked about the requirements for rural affordable homes and it was noted that single plot exceptions could be applied for. The government required that developments of more than ten homes must include a percentage of affordable homes, but developments in rural areas tended to be less than ten properties.

Potholes. Councillors reported that a number of potholes had been marked out but were awaiting repair. Councillor Wild advised that they would be repaired, and that additional funds would be provided to the Highways team to ensure that full repairs were made.

Water on road. Councillors reported that water running across the B4380 on the approach to Buildwas was causing a concern. Councillor Wild advised that this had been identified as a spring, and would be dealt with.

Signage. Councillors reported that the signs previously reported as damaged or missing were still awaiting action. The Clerk had reported these twice via My Shropshire, and would report again via Fix My Street.

Councillor Wild left the meeting.

8. PCC TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY

The Parish Council agreed responses to each of the questions and the Clerk would submit these via the online form.

9. APPROVAL OF POLICIES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following policies:-

- a) Freedom of Information Protocol
- b) Press and Media Policy.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

The planning enforcement investigation notified by email was noted.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve Q1 budget report and bank reconciliation

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Q1 budget report and bank reconciliation.

b) To approve payments made between meetings

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

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P6-2021/22	S Morris	Salary - June	£209.56

c) To approve invoices for payment by online banking

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P7-2021/22	Uppington Church	Churchyard maintenance contribution	£100.00
P8-2021/22	Under the Wrekin	Contribution	£50.00
P9-2021/22	S Morris	Expenses June / July	£29.06
P10-2021/22	ICO	Data protection fee	£35.00
P11-2021/22	S Morris	Salary July	£208/56

d) To note income received

None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Confluence Cottage

The resident had reported that there had been not progress to date on the agreed action to install signage to improve safety at the entrance to Confluence Cottage. The Parish Council noted their continuing concern for road safety at this entrance and agreed to liaise with Shropshire Council and Councillor Wild to expedite the agreed action.

b) Request for letter of confirmation of local connection

A request had been received for the Parish Council to provide a letter of confirmation of local connection for an individual as part of their Build Your Own Affordable Home application to Shropshire Council. This request had been received after the meeting agenda had been published and therefore a formal response could not be agreed at this meeting. The Parish Council noted the request and agreed to add it to the agenda for the next meeting, due to take place on 13th September 2021. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should request that the applicant provide further information in written form prior to the meeting to evidence the local connection.

13. PARISH MATTERS

B4380 road safety. Councillors raised further concerns about the safety of the B4380. A Councillor reported having recently seen a vehicle dangerously overtake a school bus, forcing one of the waiting children into the hedge. Councillors confirmed that this was not a one-off and that vehicles regularly overtook the waiting bus at the stops in Wroxeter and in Leighton. Councillors suggested that adding double white lines on the bend at which the bus stops and at other key points through the parish might help to reduce the dangerous overtaking. It was **RESOLVED** to report the matter to the Police and Councillor Wild and request a site visit to discuss the key points of concern, these being the crossroad by the Roman ruins, the junction at Donnington, the dip at Lower Longwoods, and the bus stopping point in Leighton (in the parish of Leighton and Eaton Constantine).

14. TO SET MEETING DATES 2021/22

The next meeting would take place on Monday 13th September 2021. It was agreed that this meeting would again be held in the outdoor covered area.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:47pm.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....