

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 16th January 2023 at 7:30pm Visitor Centre, Wroxeter Vineyard

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

In attendance: Councillor C Wild (Shropshire Council), Mr A Gough (Clerk)

1. PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the play area at Uppington. The Chair gave some background to the discussion and then invited comments from the members of the public to say how they, and others, used the play area. The view was that the play area was well used by local people who had children and grandchildren and that it was also used by visiting families. The feeling was that the equipment was well used but it was acknowledged that some of it was in need of repair or replacement. Local people undertook the mowing of the grass. It was also stated that the users of the play area would be willing to make a financial contribution to the upkeep of the play area. The Chair also stated that it would be helpful to have a 'named person' in the community who could inspect the play area on a monthly basis and report any issues to the clerk of the council.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. V Amos

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2022.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Play Area, Uppington A report on the condition of the play area and the equipment is expected in February. The report will be shared with Councillors and members of the public who have an interest in the play area. The council will then discuss the matter and agree a way forward. It was **RESOLVED** that the play area and report be an item on the agenda for the councils meeting in March.

6. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

There is a liaison group meeting on 3rd March where Councillors can meet on the train that is proposed to be operating as part of the development at Buildwas. Councillors Nelson, Millington, Sherwood and Jean Davies said they would like to attend the meeting and see the train. Councillor P Davies will also be present as he is already a member of the group. There is consultation taking place on the World Heritage Site at Ironbridge. 22% of the site is in Shropshire. If Councillors wish to comment they can click onto the consultation page: [Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site - Ironbridge Gorge WHS](#) Councillors raised the issue of traffic accidents on the Ironbridge Road, Councillor Wild said to put the issue on 'Fix My Street' and ensure that the Police were kept informed. There were also issues at Norton Farm regarding flooding. Councillor Wild said she would raise this with Shropshire Council as it had been an ongoing issue.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To approve the 2023/24 budget and set the precept
Councillors considered whether to keep the precept at the same level as last year or agree a slight increase. In light of the financial constraints faced by residents it was **RESOLVED** to keep the precept for 2023/24 the same as last year at £5,095.
- b) Update to Asset Register
The Chair said he would look at the condition of the bus shelter at Norton. It was agreed that the noticeboards were in a good condition and that the play area will be considered once the report on the equipment is received.
- c) To approve the Q3 budget report and bank reconciliation
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Q3 budget report and bank reconciliation.

The Clerk had been informed by the Auditor that the Council would need to consider the reserves it holds in its budget as the reserves should not be greater than the precept. The Council agreed that it would consider spending the funding available in the Neighbourhood Fund on appropriate projects such as repairs to the play area and Vehicle Activated Signs once reports had been received.

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

| Payment | Payee | Description | £ Amount |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| P25-2022/23 | SALC | Parish Clerk Training | £75.00 |
| P26-2022/23 | SLB Groundcare | Ground Maintenance | £370.80 |
| P27-2022/23 | A Gough | Salary December | £207.52 |
| P28-2022/23 | S Morris | Backdated Pay Apr. – Sept. 2022 | £76.00 |

- e) To approve invoices for payment by online banking:

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

| Payment | Payee | Description | £ Amount |
|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|
| P29-2022/23 | A Gough | Expenses – December/January | £26.12 |
| P30-2022/23 | A Gough | Salary January | £207.52 |

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Boundary changes in Shropshire Consultation

Councillor Wild updated the meeting in respect of the proposed boundary changes in Shropshire. Discussions on the Parliamentary changes have now been completed. The commission is looking to make areas more equal and increasing the number of Councillors. It is expected that the Boundary Commission will come back with some proposals, but it is likely that the Severn Valley division will change because of the developments in Buildwas.

9. PARISH MATTERS

None

The meeting was declared closed at 8.41pm.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....