

## **MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

**HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Allison, Cllr Helen Blake, Cllr Malcolm Blake, Cllr Lightfoot, Cllr Moore (Cllr Moore joined the meeting at 7.20 p.m.) and Cllr Woodcock (Cllr Woodcock joined the meeting at 7.18 p.m.)

The Clerk Mr S W Knobbs

SC Cadwallader

### **14052 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cartwright due to holiday commitments, Cllr Ford due to work commitments and Cllr Hammersley due to illness; these apologies for absence were accepted.

### **14053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **14054 OPEN FORUM**

The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of item 14054, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open. The Open Forum was opened at 7.18 p.m. when a quorum was in place and the Chair said given the later start, the Open Forum would close by 7.33 p.m.

Ray Martin said as an Audlem Road resident he wished to speak about those issues, he said the Ash Tree (actually a Copper Beech) had been removed and not replaced, the footpath was still not done, the street lighting had not been extended and the 30 m.p.h. zone should be increased/extended. The Chair said as reported at a previous meeting that the tree had been replaced and said that the footpath should be done, and with that works increased street lighting and amending the 30 m.p.h. zone. Cllr Cadwallader endorsed that, he said he had been chasing highways but was unsure of a start date for the works to be undertaken.

Robin Rigby said that that a manhole cover on London Load had been marked for repairs but the works had not been undertaken and it was dangerous. The Clerk said he had seen it and reported it to highways again that day.

Mr. Woodcock said that speeding was a concern on Dorrington Lane from Irelands Cross to Knighton, it was agreed that the Clerk would raise concerns to highways again and Cllr Cadwallader would also raise the issue with highways.

Chris Jeffries said he was unhappy with communication, he had emailed the Clerk and had not received a reply and that recent minutes from meetings were not on the website. The Clerk apologised for not replying and said that in future replies would be sent and explained there had been issues with illness preventing the minutes from being uploaded to the website.

Chris Jeffries said it would be good to establish exactly who cuts what in the Parish to ensure no areas are being missed by Shropshire Council or the Parish Council contractors.

Jeff West asked if it was still the intention of using the village green for recreation purposes as discussed at a meeting earlier in the year, the chair said there was no update on that and presently the adult exercise equipment at the Victory Hall was being progressed.

**14055 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014**

Resolved to adopt minutes.

**14056 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

**14040 OPEN FORUM**

The Clerk spoke to the enforcement officer at Shropshire Council to ask that the hoarding at the end of Candle Lane is removed or even replaced with a new hoarding which would be less unsightly.

The Clerk reported that there was a manhole cover on London Road rattling that had been further reported on the day of the meeting.

Works on the Manor bed had "been completed"; the Clerk further reported that the works undertaken were of a poor standard and requested additional works to be undertaken. Cllr Cadwallader said he understood the further works would be completed in the next week.

**14042 OPEN FORUM**

The Clerk spoke to Shropshire Council and told that at present we were not able to contract directly for the grass cutting service, but may be able to do so for the 2015 year.

**13124 COMPLAINT TO LGO**

Complaint made on behalf of Parishioner - Cllr. Moore, no response still to date, further follow up chaser to be sent by the Clerk.

**13144/132 PLANNING MATTERS**

Response from Owen Paterson MP. SC Cadwallader has not been able to obtain one either. Clerk to send another chaser to Owen Paterson MP directly.

**13144/134 SEWAGE - PIPE GATE**

The Clerk had spoken to Severn Trent who said they are going to do further investigation work in the area by a camera.

**14025 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS**

The Clerk spoke to the owners of the Manor to establish the reasoning behind the barbed wire, who said it was to keep animals in.

Public rights of way - The Clerk to check the records and check with the ex Clerk if anything missing.

**14034 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE**

The request for volunteers to drive parishioners to the Madeley Centre was included in the latest newsletter produced in July 2014.

**14046 PLANNING MATTERS**

a. Neighbourhood Plan - discussed under agenda item 14059.

**14047 RECREATION**

Woore Fete - The Clerk sent a letter of thanks to the organisers, Friends of Woore School.

**14050 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Clerk's salary being paid by standing order and not cheque. Cost would be incurred in operating a standing order, cheques are not charged and the Clerk has to monthly bank expenses cheque, so easiest and cheapest to continue to be paid by cheque. After discussion it was agreed that electronic banking should be investigated, as that would allow electronic payments to be made instead of all cheque payments as present.

**14051 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE**

Dying beech tree - The Clerk contacted Shropshire Council with details of the owner.

**14057 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

SC Cadwallader reported that there had been a meeting of Future Fit concerning the reorganisation of hospitals in Shropshire, the main consideration being will there continue to be two accident and emergency units in Shropshire or will they be reduced to one. Cllr Woodcock said there was particularly an issue with ambulance response times in the area. Cllr Malcolm Blake asked if there was a list of emergency highway contact numbers that could be contacted outside of hours, Cllr

Cadwallader said that may be possible and it was considered that a list of emergency numbers could be included in the next newsletter. The Chair asked if Cllr Cadwallader knew of progress with upgrading the Shropshire Council website, the Chair understood that Nicola Fisher had tried to progress matters with the wholly owned devolved Shropshire Council subsidiary company but without success to date.

**WOORE VICTORY HALL**

Cllr H. Blake reported that there had been no meeting held recently and she was not aware of a planned meeting.

**LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Clifford reported that the next LJC meeting is to be held 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**SALC**

Cllr M. Blake reported that it was still the same position that there was no Clerk and a future meeting had not yet been arranged.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No report presented.

**14058 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS**

No report presented.

**14059 PLANNING MATTERS**

a. Neighbourhood Plan - The Clerk said that the Planning Group have agreed to do the work for the Neighbourhood Plan as they quoted, it has now got to be progressed as they assign people to do the work and produce a plan of work for the neighbourhood plan. It was agreed that the Government funding would now be progressed further as we have an agent in place. The Chair said that we should perhaps now invite Parishioners to join in the work of the neighbourhood plan; a Parishioner present Jeff West expressed an interest. Cllr Cadwallader thinks there is a lack of interest in a number of Parish Councils joining together to produce a neighbourhood plan

b. To discuss the following planning application as received and distributed:

14/03637/OUT

Land to the South of Audlem Road, Woore - Outline application for the erection of 5 No. detached self build dwellings (to include access). Cllr Moore who acted as first Councillor for the application said it is a substantial plot for 5 properties, he said quite a number of properties would be affected by the potential development. He said of the affected neighbours, there were objections to the proposed development and particular issues were raised about the layby and the affect on the local business. A Parishioner said he was concerned on the effect that the proposed development may have on the wildlife and nature in the area. After further concerns were raised about the nature of the development, it was resolved to object to the application on the detailed grounds as the resolution.

c. To discuss the following planning application as received but not distributed:

14/03579/FUL

Gorse Bank, Audlem Road, Woore - Erection of a stable block comprising of four stables and a tack room : formation of manege. The Chair said that as the application appeared quite easy, could it be considered on the evening? The application was looked at by all Councillors present at the meeting who thought it could be considered at the meeting. After discussion it was resolved to support the application.

#### **14060 RECREATION**

The Clerk reported that the planning application had been submitted for the adult exercise equipment at Woore Victory Hall, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Victory Hall, the tennis club and those neighbours previously consulted to inform them that the application had been submitted. After discussion, it was agreed that once the application is sent to us for comments, it will be considered as a regular application without a First Councillor.

Cllr M. Blake said that the picnic tables for the play area at St Leonards Way had been received and were to be installed by Tony Seabridge, with the Women's Institute to contribute up to £500.00 for one.

#### **14061 SPEED SIGNS**

Cllr M. Blake reported that the code of practice for the mounting of the speed camera is still to be written by Shropshire Council, he understood it was with their legal department and expected back in the next week. Given the time since quotes were sought, Cllr Malcolm Blake would look at if different speed cameras are now available.

#### **14062 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Marmax Products	Benches - St. Leonards Way	£853.20
SALC	Training (part replacement cheque)	£200.00
S W Knobbs	Expenses - July 2014	£218.97
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S W Knobbs	Salary - September 2014	£313.25
HMRC	PAYE - September 2014	£78.31

Resolved to pay accounts.

#### **14063 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - August 2014, circulated.
- 2) Shropshire Council Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Supplement - August 2014, circulated.
- 3) Shropshire Community Health News - August 2014, circulated.
- 4) Email from Jane Ellsmoor re Thanks for donation for Children's Activities August 2014, circulated.
- 5) Shropshire Wildlife - Merefest Event 20 September 2014, circulated.

The Chair and Councillor Malcolm Blake agreed to meet to draw up, consult the Clerk and circulate, working pattern between the Clerk and the Chair.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 P.M.**

**1420**