

# WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7:30pm Visitor Centre, Wroxeter Vineyard

**Present:** Councillors Mr B Nelson (Chairman), Mrs J Davies, Mr M Millington, Mrs. V Amos, Mr I Sherwood

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

### 1. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

### 2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr K Rowlands, Mr P Davies.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

### 4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Barn Conversion, Uckington An email had been received from the applicant asking for the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September where this planning application had been discussed which raised concerns about how the decision of the Parish Council was reached. The applicant was advised that if they had a complaint they could use the Councils complaint procedure. The application has subsequently been refused and it is unclear whether the application will go to appeal.

Signs for deer A response had been received by the Parish Clerk which stated that no further action would be taken. It was agreed that this would be forwarded to Cllr. Sherwood who would follow this up.

Rights of way. A response had been received by the Parish Clerk which reassured the Council that the blocking of the right of way was an oversight. The footpath should have been cleared during the last growing season. In future it will be kept open all year round. Councillor's will continue to monitor the situation.

### 6. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

#### Buildwas Power Station update

The first liaison group meeting was held on Wednesday 5th October at the Harworth site office. This meeting had been delayed as it couldn't be held until the outline planning approval decision notice had been issued. The outline permission was the first step in the redevelopment. The permission confirms the means of access and egress (exits) and the principle of redevelopment on the site. Councillor Paul Davies attended on behalf of Wroxeter and Uppington Parish Council. Councillor Claire Wild (Shropshire Council) took on the role of Chair for this group. This will hopefully reassure local Parishes that the concerns of residents are placed on the agenda in the future and discussed. The majority of the meeting was taken up by a full explanation of the outline planning decision. Once the minutes are agreed at the next meeting on the 6th December the minutes can be put on the Parish Councils' website.

Councillor Wild raised the issue of Harworth and Shropshire Council's commitment, but unconditioned at the planning committee, to reduce the speed limit on the A4169 and B4380 (conditions cannot be applied to pre-existing traffic/highways issues) with Vehicle Activated Signage. These are the flashing signs that encourage motorists to slow down. Harworth and Shropshire Council have agreed to look at this and come back to the next meeting with some actions. On the 27th October Harworth submitted a reserved matters planning application which can be viewed on the Shropshire Council planning portal. The reference is 22/04695/REM. This application seeks agreement from Shropshire Council on access, scale, layout, appearance and landscaping, everyone is encouraged to have a look and comment on these plans. The liaison group meetings should continue on a quarterly basis.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### a) To approve the Q2 budget report and bank reconciliation

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Q2 budget report and bank reconciliation.

### b) Grass Verge Cutting

It was **RESOLVED** that this contract be continued on the proviso that the Parish Council continue to receive the Environmental Maintenance Grant that helps pay for this work.

### c) To review the draft budget, including appointment of internal auditor

The Parish Council received the initial draft budget. It was proposed that the precept be reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted. Councillors were invited to propose any amendments to the budget in advance of the January meeting, at which the 2023/24 must be approved and the precept set.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint SDH Accounting as internal auditor for 2023/24.

### d) National Salary Pay Award 2022-23

It was **RESOLVED** that the current Parish Clerks salary be increased in line with the nationally agreed pay award. It was also agreed to make a back dated payment to the previous Parish Clerk up to the end of her employment in September 2022 as per the pay award advice.

### e) To approve payments made between meetings:

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

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P21-2022/23	A Gough	Salary – October	£191.51

### 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
P22-2022/23	A Gough	Salary – November	£207.52
P23-2022/23	A Gough	Expenses – October / November	£26.12

## 8. PLANNING MATTERS

No planning applications had been received.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council had been contacted by West Mercia Police requesting that the Council identifies matters of importance for the area in respect of policing. The Parish Council highlighted road traffic, particularly the speed along the old A5 and the Ironbridge Road. The Parish Council would also like to receive quarterly reports that highlight what the Police have been dealing with in Wroxeter and Uppington rather than receiving generic emails.

**10. PARISH MATTERS**

Play Area, Uppington

A discussion took place regarding the play area at Uppington. Councillors raised issues about how well the area is used as the number of young children who may use it is small, and the ongoing maintenance costs. It was **RESOLVED** that the play area be an item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and that members of the public be invited to attend to share their views on the play area.

**11. Any Other Business**

The Chair advised that he would be unavailable for the next Parish Council meeting, originally planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and asked that the meeting be put back a week to the 16<sup>th</sup> January. It was **RESOLVED** that this meeting be moved. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council meeting that was planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be moved to the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as the 8<sup>th</sup> May will now be a Bank Holiday for the Coronation.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.43pm.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....