

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 11th September at 7:30pm Visitor Centre, Wroxeter Vineyard

Present: Councillors Mr B Nelson, Mrs J Davies, Mr P Davies, Mr M Millington, Mr K Rowlands, Mr I Sherwood, Mrs V Amos

In attendance: Councillor C Wild (Shropshire Council), Mr A Gough (Clerk), One Member of the Public

1. PUBLIC SESSION

No Public Session

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

No Declarations

4. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillors B Nelson and V Amos signed the declaration of acceptance of office as the Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Parish Council.

5. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 17th July 2023

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a) Speeding Traffic – A meeting will be taking place on 19th September between the Parish Council, Shropshire Council, West Mercia Police and the National Trust to discuss the ongoing issue of speeding traffic on the 'old' A5, and in particular at the Norton crossroads. The meeting will discuss what options are available and what measures, if any, can be put in place to deter speeding traffic. There is also the issue of the volume of traffic in the area which could increase with the proposed development of the former Atcham airbase, next to Atcham industrial park, by the National Trust.

Cllr. Wild reported that three Vehicle Activated Signs which have been funded by Harworth (the developers at Ironbridge Power Station) will be installed on the B4380 in October. These flashing signs will hopefully encourage motorists to slow down.

- b) Brookside, Wroxeter – Cllr. Nelson met with Shirley Chelmick from Homeplus and three residents on 18th August to discuss the issues raised at the meeting held on 17th July. Shirley said that she would raise the issues with colleagues and respond to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is still awaiting a response.

- c) Overgrown Vegetation – A report had been made on Fix My Street by the Clerk regarding overgrown vegetation on the A5 between Tern Lodge, Atcham and Uckington that needs cutting back. Cllr P Davies reported that the work hadn't taken place so it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would report it again.

7. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr Wild reported that the development at Ironbridge is moving forward, and there is a planned redevelopment of the local school. Harworth will be producing a local newsletter to keep residents informed of how work in the area is progressing.

Residents have raised some concerns about the proposed development on the former Atcham airbase, next to Atcham industrial park, in respect to an increase in traffic in the area. Most of the traffic is likely to come from the West Midlands. Hopefully, the planning application will be shared with the Council so that it can make comments.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve payments made between meetings

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

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P10-2023/24	A Gough	Salary - August	£207.52
P11-2023/24	Uppington Church	Donation	£100.00
P12-2023/24	Under The Wrekin	Donation	£50.00
P13-2023/24	M Millington	Room Hire Costs Wroxeter Vineyard	£80.00

b) To approve invoices for payment by online banking

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

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P14-2023/24	A Gough	Salary – September	£207.52
P15-2023/24	A Gough	Expenses – August / September	£26.12

- c) **Hugo Fox** – The Clerk had received an email from Hugo Fox regarding the future charging for the hosting of the Parish Council website from October 2023. These websites were made available free of charge to parish councils in 2017 when the Transparency Code arrived with all its requirements on what should be included on websites. Hugo Fox is offering three levels of hosting; Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Council had not budgeted for this but does have funding available in its transparency fund. It was proposed that the Parish Council could use this funding to pay for the hosting of the webpage for this year. It will need to consider budgeting funding for 2024/25. It was **RESOLVED** to use the funding that the Council has available in the transparency fund and pay for the hosting service from October 2023. It was agreed that the Council would opt for the Bronze package which would give the council the service it requires.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 23/03669/FUL: Erection of a wooden stable block at Uckington Farm

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a comment of no objection, but it would be reiterated that the address is given as Uckington Farm but this land is not part of Uckington Farm.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council had received an invitation to attend SALC's AGM on 3rd November 2023 at The Wroxeter Hotel. No Councillors wished to attend.

11. PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Sherwood asked for an update on the grit bins at Lower Longwood crossroads and deer signs on the B4380. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would raise this again. It was **RESOLVED** that the meeting scheduled for the 8th January 2024 would be chaired by Cllr Amos.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th November

The meeting was declared closed at 20:06

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....