

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 7th September 2020 at 7:30pm

Due to the COVID-19 meeting restrictions, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom

Present: Councillors Mr B Nelson (Chairman), Mrs V Amos, Mrs J Davies, Mr P Davies, Mr M Millington, Mr K Rowlands and Mr I Sherwood
In attendance: Councillor C Wild (Shropshire Council), Mrs S Morris (Clerk), 2 members of the public

Prior to the start of the formal meeting, the Parish Council expressed their sympathy on the recent death of Mr Eade, and remembered him for his long service to the community of Wroxeter and Uppington, including a number of years on the Parish Council.

1. PUBLIC SESSION

Those members of the public present raised the following issues:-

Drainage. A resident asked for an update on drainage problems in Uppington which had been reported during August, expressing concern that the problems would get worse during winter. The gulleys had been cleared around March/April but there had been no noticeable improvement. Councillor Wild agreed to follow this up with the drainage engineer and explained that, if jetting did not solve the issue, the engineer could carry out a site visit to look for any underlying drainage issues.

Cressage Bridge. A resident asked for an explanation of the traffic lights at Cressage Bridge, which were causing considerable delay to journeys to the doctor and shops. Councillor Wild explained that a void had opened under the bridge. The engineers report on this was due shortly and it had been agreed that, as this route was important for access to the doctors, shops and for farm traffic, it was preferable to keep it open for single track use with traffic lights than to close the bridge and force a long diversion. The repairs were not likely to take place for a number of weeks, to allow for the agricultural work that would need to take place.

Playground. A resident expressed that the Uppington Playground is a highly valued village asset and, while the closure during the lockdown was understood, residents had missed it greatly. She had spoken with the play area inspector during the inspection, and he had highlighted the two items requiring repair. The resident had taken instructions and, in liaison with the Parish Council, arranged for the slide platform to be fixed. She understood that the swing posts also required repair. The Chairman thanked the resident for her support and explained that the swing repairs had been arranged.

Shropshire Council updates. A resident expressed appreciation for the daily emails containing useful information during the COVID-19 situation, and asked Councillor Wild to pass this on to colleagues.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Viv Amos.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2020.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a) Playground repairs. The ROSPA inspector highlighted two high risk items requiring repair: two rotted posts on the swings, and a rotted platform on the multi-play unit. As discussed under item 1, a resident, in liaison with the Parish Council, had arranged the repair of the platform, and the contractor would replace the swing posts in September.
- b) B4380 repairs. The resurfacing was scheduled for October.
- c) Repairs to Back Lane/access road to the rear of Brookside. No further update had been received. Councillor Wild advised that there was now a new Neighbourhood Officer for the area.
- d) Parking on Wrekin Course. Councillor Sherwood advised that the problem parking had been pushed further up Wrekin Course, possibly due to the recent changes to the parking and road system around the Wrekin. He suggested that extended the double yellow lines might help to reduce the problems. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up with Telford & Wrekin Council, and copy in Councillor Sherwood to advise on the exact location of the problem.
- e) Unknown payment. The Clerk had contacted the company that the payment had come from to request further information and details to return the payment, but had received no response.

6. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Wild informed the Parish Council of the reconsultation on the planning application for the Ironbridge Power Station site which included the traffic assessments. It was noted that there was little mention of the B4380 in the report. Councillor Wild was working with Council officers to arrange a meeting to discuss traffic issues with the parishes that would be affected by the traffic from the site.

Councillor Amos had reported that the mirror at the junction of Charlton Hill and the B4380 had been destroyed by harvest vehicles and a replacement was desperately required for safety. Councillor Wild agreed to chase this with the relevant service area.

Councillor Wild highlighted that the Local Plan consultation was now live and included a suite of documents/policies on a range of issues which may be of interest to the Parish including mobile phone coverage, building regulations to be greener, affordable housing, sustainable drainage.

7. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The Clerk's Report was received and noted. It was noted that the website provider had also released information on changes to their template which would make the site more accessible.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Accessibility Statement for publication on the website and to adopt the Website Accessibility Action Plan.

8. ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION

The inspection had taken place in August and the report was awaited. The two high risk items had been repaired (see item 5a).

9. ASSET REVIEW

It was agreed the Councillors would carry out the Asset Review as in 2019, and report their findings to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

10. LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

It was agreed that Parish Councillors would read the relevant documents and submit any comments to the consultation as individuals.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning notifications - none

(b) Planning applications for comments

19/05560/OUT Reconsultation Ironbridge Power Station

It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response and circulate for approval prior to the deadline, to include the following key points:- that the Parish Council had been led to understand that a significant consultation with the communities to be affected by traffic on the B4380 would have taken place, that this meeting has not taken place but the Parish Council has great concerns about the impact on this route, and should be consulted on the specific issues as part of the planning application.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve payment made between meetings:

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P15-20/21	S Morris	Salary August	£198.40

b) To approve invoices for payment by online banking:

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P16-20/21	S Morris	Expenses Aug/Sept	£35.59
P17-20/21	S Morris	Salary September	£231.33
P18-20/21	C Lloyd	Replacement of rotted swing posts	£170.00

It was noted that due to difficulties in authorising online payments following the July meeting, the Clerk had paid the PAYE from her personal account and included this on Aug/Sept expenses.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive and respond to correspondence.

- NALC briefing note – pay scales 2020/21. It was noted that the pay increase was backdated to April 2020 and this was reflected in the Clerk's September pay.

14. PARISH MATTERS

The following new parish matters were reported:-

Speed limit on B4380. Councillor Amos reported that the traffic speed continued to be a concern, particularly while there was no mirror at the junction with Charlton Hill.

Road markings. Councillor Amos reported that the SLOW road markings are printed on the road after the junction of Charlton Hill to B4380 and not before when approaching from Leighton. When approaching from Wroxeter there is no marking prior to the junction. The Clerk would report this to the relevant Shropshire Council officer.

Mud on road. Councillor Amos reported that there had been mud on the B4380 caused by farm contractors, with no warning signage. The Clerk would send a letter to the relevant farm.

Horseshoe Lane. Councillor Sherwood reported overgrown grass and mud on the Horseshoe Lane at the dip by the brook which had potential to ground cars and required clearing. The Clerk would report this to Shropshire Council.

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting would take place online on 9th November 2020, 7:30pm

Signed (Chairman):..... Date:.....

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