

# WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Wroxeter Vineyard Visitor Centre, Wroxeter  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:30pm

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**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)

**1. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All present.

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

None.

**4. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

The matters arising from the previous meeting, not discussed elsewhere on the agenda, were discussed:-

**a) B4380 road condition**

Councillor Nelson and Councillor Wild held a site visit with Shropshire Council officers to further discuss the condition of the B4380 and to highlight that the road surface was in urgent need of repair. The visit had been positive and it had been agreed that preparatory drainage work would take place before the end of the financial year, prior to resurfacing work which would be completed by the end of June. It was noted that the preparatory work had not yet taken place, but that there may be some delay as the teams had been focussed on the response to the recent flooding.

**b) Smart water update**

Councillor Nelson confirmed that 70% of kits had now been registered, and plans were in place to install signage across the parish. Councillors Nelson and P Davies had identified 22 suggested sites to install signs, and these had been mapped and circulated to Councillors. The Parish Council agreed that the proposed sites were suitable. Councillor Nelson would liaise with Estelle Stock to arrange installation.

**c) Playground repairs and new equipment**

Councillor Amos presented a quotation of £160 to replace the damaged tops on the beams. Since the previous meeting, residents had reported some additional damage. Councillor Amos would investigate the extent of the damage and the potential risk to park users, and seek and circulate by email a quotation for repair work. It was noted that there was £520 remaining in the asset repair budget for the financial year. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the repairs up to a maximum of £500, subject to confirmation by email.

**6. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Power station site development. The consultation period had now ended and Councillor Wild had submitted an objection to the development. She highlighted the suggestion she had made, should the development be approved, that the developer put in place an electric

minibus to serve the key routes out of the development, including along the B4380 to Shrewsbury, which could have a positive impact on parish of Wroxeter & Uppington by improving transport links for isolated residents. She also highlighted the vast amount of open space within the development and the huge potential for new leisure facilities which would be accessible for the parish.

The detailed traffic modelling was expected within the next month, and Councillor Wild was seeking a meeting for the surrounding parishes with Harworth once the data was available. Responses to the consultation so far had included suggestions of reducing the speed limit on the B4380 and Councillor Wild was suggesting the use of variable speed monitors from the construction stage. Councillors highlighted that the speed of the road was already a concern, with a number of accidents and near misses, and should be addressed sooner than would be allowed as part of the development. It was noted that this was a matter for the Police. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would invite a Police representative to the Annual Parish Meeting for a discussion on reduction of the speed limit through the parish.

had Abandoned vehicle. Councillors highlighted the length of time that an abandoned vehicle had been left at the roadside on the B4380. The Clerk had reported this to Shropshire Council who responded that the Council was unable to intervene as it had a Police sticker on it, but had agreed to check the situation with the Police, due to the length of time for which it had been abandoned.

*Councillor Wild left the meeting.*

## **7. PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

As noted above, it was agreed to invite a Police representative to the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss road speed and potential solutions.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE GRANT**

The Clerk's report was noted and the Parish Council confirmed that the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant terms. Councillors agreed that the verge cutting which had been part-funded by the grant had been effective in improving safety at the two main junctions within the Parish, as it had increased the regularity of cutting and thus improved visibility splay. It was agreed that this work should continue for the next two years as planned, subject to grant funding. The Parish Council requested that the Clerk write to the contractor to thank him for his work over the last year.

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **a) Timing of National Trust planning applications**

Councillor Sherwood raised a concern that National Trust planning applications seemed often to fall just after a Parish Council meeting, which he felt limited the Parish Council opportunity to discuss and respond to the applications. It was noted that the Planning Procedure allowed for additional meetings to be called if necessary to discuss an application. Councillors agreed that this procedure was still appropriate.

### **b) To note comments submitted on planning applications received between meetings**

i. 20/00441/FUL, proposed extension  
No objections

ii. 19/05509/MAW, proposed quarry site, Buildwas  
Representations made to prevent HGV traffic along the B4380 through the parish

iii. 19/05560/OUT, outline planning application former power station site, Buildwas  
Holding response submitted awaiting the full traffic modelling.

## **10. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **To note payments made between meetings**

It was noted that the online banking approvals were now in place which had allowed for the listed payments to be made electronically. The Councillors who had approved the payments online would sign the invoices in accordance with Financial Regulations.

Payee	Description	£ Amount
S Morris	Salary February 2020	£198.40
B Nelson	Reimbursement for payment of Monkmoor glass invoice	£24.00

b) **To approve invoices for payment by online banking**

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

Payee	Description	£ Amount
S Morris	Expenses February – March 2020	£28.10
M Millington	Meeting room heating	£40.00
S Morris	Salary March 2020	£198.40

11. **POLICY REVIEW**

The Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Asset Register and Risk Register were due for renewal. The Clerk had reviewed the documents and circulated with a small number of proposed changes. The Clerk highlighted the proposed changes to the condition assessment on the Asset Register, which she had changed to take into account the most recent updates from Councillors. Councillors were asked to review the policies and send any suggested amendments to the Clerk prior to approval of the policies at the Annual Council Meeting in May.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted.

- a) PCC Road Safety Consultation
- b) Shropshire Council Operations Improvements to Zero Carbon

13. **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) Abandoned vehicle off B4380

This had been discussed under item 6.

- b) Water hazard on road next to Norton Farm

Councillors agreed that the flooding on the road remained, but it was unclear whether this was due to water coming off the farmhouse guttering or a drainage issue on the highway. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would contact the National Trust Estate Manager to investigate further and that the matter be reported to Shropshire Council if found to be a drainage issue.

- c) Public footpaths

Councillor P Davies raised a concern that, despite assurances from Tom Birtles at the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting that the Raby Estate would keep open the public footpaths across their land, some footpaths had been effectively closed due to sheep grazing and electric fences put in place, with no warning signs regarding the fences.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:36pm.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....