

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 2012 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

11/12/01 **Members Present:**

Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chairman), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), Mrs. J. Davidson, Mr. S. Holding and Mr. A. Lees.

Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk to Little Wenlock Parish Council.

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour was in attendance.

Members of the Public:

2 members of the public were present.

11/12/02 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from T&W Councillor Terry Kiernan.

11/12/03 **Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations were made.

The Clerk explained that there was some confusion about the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests by the Parish Councillors with regards to setting the Precept. The Clerk advised the Parish Councillors to complete and sign a Dispensation Request Form under section 33a which states, "without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business".

The Council **resolved** that the Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The power rests with the relevant authority under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2).

The dispensations were granted by the Clerk who signed them.

11/12/04 **Members of the public address the Parish Council:**

Mrs. Pietroni wished to raise the matter of the Trundle under agenda item 16a which was the Chairman's report on the recent HLSC Community Fund. The Clerk advised that the Trundle was not an agenda item and therefore should not be raised from the floor. After some discussion Mrs. Pietroni was allowed to speak on the subject of the Trundle. Mrs. Pietroni pointed out the Trundle was a multi-user right of way giving high priority to disabled users and that the bid had depended upon car parking at New Works and the Donkey Field.

11/12/05 **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2012 were amended in relation to minute 10/12/06a which now reads "Lee Barnard felt that....". The minutes and the amendment were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

11/12/06 **Highways:**

- a. It was **resolved** to pursue the question of speed limits within the parish but to wait until the government guidelines on the matter were published next year.
It was **resolved** to invite Lee Barnard to the meeting on 10th December at 7.00 to discuss matters further.
- b. It was reported that Ercall Lane was in a very poor state. It was resolved that Cllr. A. Lees would contact Amanda Roberts (T&W) about it.
- c. Lee Barnard had reported that T&W are to undertake a consultation with the residents to see if they are happy for the rumble strips to be installed near to their properties in Little Wenlock.

- d. The Clerk reported that he had contacted and expressed his concern with T&W Customer Services about the lack of any response to recent emails concerning the willow tree. He reported that he had stated to T&W that under Section 24 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 they were empowered to make the tree safe. No reply had yet been received.

11/12/07 **Street Lighting:**

- a. It was reported that the bid to replace the condemned lights and four other at New Works had been turned down by the Community Fund. The Clerk outlined the history as to why the two parish councillors were not allowed to vote on the application.
- b. It was reported that T&W would not provide new lights; they initially offered a loan but subsequently we were told that they could not provide it. Advice was given as to other sources for grants.
- c. One option was to increase the Precept substantially to either re-pay a loan or to replace the lights on a rolling programme but that could take up to 17 years to complete replacing two lights a year at the cost of over £2,000 per year.
- d. A second option was to put a completely new application to the Community Fund. There were 14 lights with asbestos that cannot be worked on and if they cannot be replaced the lights will go out.
- e. It was resolved to carry out a door to door survey in New Works to ascertain the residents views as to whether they wanted the lights replacing, what sort of lights they would like and to discuss the various funding options and their implications regarding the council tax.
- f. It was resolved that Cllrs. S. Hutchison, J. Davidson and A. Lees would form a working party and Cllrs. J. Esp and S. Holding agreed to help with delivering the survey forms.

11/12/08 **Swan Farm footpath:**

- a. It was reported that LWPC was awaiting quotations for the work to be done.
- b. It was reported that William Davidson and Simon Holding, who had done some work on part of the footpath as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, had done an excellent job. It was **resolved** to write and thank them. Cllr. A. Lees reported that risk assessments had been carried out prior to the commencement of the work. Mrs. Rosemary Carter had expressed her appreciation at the work done. It was **resolved** to carry out no more work until the spring/summer of 2013.

11/12/09 **Bulb Planting:**

Cllr. J. Davidson reported that bulbs had been planted on Clee Rise and down Buildwas Lane as far as the bench. Planting had been difficult because of the rock in the soil. 350 bulbs had been planted and it was **resolved** to plant some of the remainder on Coalbrookdale Road, by the new village signs and in the New Works planters.

11/12/10 **Budget proposals:**

- a. The Clerk had prepared a detailed account of the 2012/13 spending up to the present date and a projection for the rest of the financial year. The Clerk had outlined what he felt the expenditure for the council would be for the financial year 2013/14. The figures are appended to these minutes.
- b. It was **resolved** to include the following projects in the 2013/14 budget:
 - i. Increased maintenance of grass areas around benches, planters and signs.
 - ii. Maintenance of planters at New Works for which a quotation had been received.
 - iii. Footpath and Rights of Way maintenance.
 - iv. Reprint & redesign of the Community Newsletter blanks.
 - v. Replacement of street lights.
- c. It was **resolved** to set the budget at the December meeting.

11/12/11 Clerk's Appraisal:

It was **resolved** to hold the annual Clerk's appraisal on the 26th November at 6.30 in Cllr. S. Holding's office. The Clerk gave each member of the employment committee his completed section of the appraisal form.

11/12/12 New Works bus Shelter:

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted and Cllr. S. Hutchison reported that she had been in contact Adrian Foster who was drawing up the lease on the plot of land.

11/12/13 Clerk's Report:

- a. The Clerk brought to the attention of the council the letter from Phil Holden and his response regarding the grant application relating to the new Wrekin Forest Plan.
- b. The Clerk reported that the owners of the tree at New Works which had obscured the street light had kindly removed the whole tree.
- c. The Clerk reported that the Ward Cooperative Fund application had been passed to T&WB Cllr. J. Seymour.
- d. The Clerk reported that a CD of the 1918 Dothill Estate sale documents could be put on the parish web site.

11/12/14 Planning:

- a. Variation of Condition 6 (cessation of landfilling) & Condition 8 (completion of restoration) of Planning Permission W92/0903 to allow landfilling until 31st December 2014 with the completion of restoration by 31st December 2015. Candles Landfill, Dog in the Lane, Coalmoor, TF6 5AR.

The Parish recognised that the amount of landfill material had declined and that it would take longer to fill up the landfill site. The parish council had no objections to the application.

- b. Erection of log cabin to accommodate an agricultural worker. Land off Coalbrookdale Road, Little Wenlock. TWC/2012/0823.

The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

- i. The application is for residential accommodation and it should not be sited on green field land.
 - ii. The site is well outside the Little Wenlock village building perimeter line.
 - iii. A similar application by the owners of "Windhover" to site a residential property within their existing land off Buildwas Lane was rejected by T&W planning committee in circa 2007.
 - iv. There is no justification for the claim that fly tipping incidents in the proposed area would be reduced.
 - v. The design of the building is out of keeping with the rural environment and the local vernacular architecture.
 - vi. LWPC does not perceive that there is an agricultural need for a residential property on the site.
- c. The Clerk reported that the following planning applications had been granted.
Erection of a single story extension at Little Worth, 27 Little Wenlock and Upper Coalmoor Farm, extension to offices following demolition of existing buildings.
 - d. T&W have granted a temporary permission for 2 years for the cement works on Coalmoor Road at the transport yard. The Applicant also needs to apply for an Environmental Permit.

11/12/15 Borough Liaison:

T&WC J. Seymour brought to the attention of the Parish Council the Neighbourhood Plans which would carry more weight than Parish Plans.

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Updates and information from Parish Councillors:

- a. Cllr. S. Hutchison reported on the Mine Community Fund meeting. Her report is appended to the minutes.
- b. Cllr. S. Holding reported on the Village Hall meeting. He said that a scheme to put a cycle track around the tennis courts for younger children to use was being proposed. He reported that the new acoustic panels were a success and that there were still some parking problems associated with people not using the village hall leaving their cars in the car park. It was suggested that suitable signage might help.

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Finance:

- a. The Clerk gave a report on the current financial balances. The balances in the Business Account on 1st October was £3,442.40 and in the Base Rate Account £30,174.13. The sum of £780 needs to be eventually transferred from the Base Rate to the Business Account to cover the cost of the planning application for the bus shelter. £25,330.03 in the Base Rate account accounts for monies granted for projects. The working balance is therefore only £4844.10.
- b. The following payments were approved:

E.On	Routine Maintenance Contract 2012/13	£321.13
Npower	Energy consumption	£33.59
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SALC	Applying & Bidding for Funding Course	£40.00
LWVH	Hall Hire for 2012	£132.00
Madeley Print	Website	£82.79
Madeley Print	Newsletter	£25.00
J. Marcham	SLCC CiLCA Submission Section 7	£20.00
J. Marcham	Clerk's salary	£242.33
HMRC	PAYE	£60.58
- c. The Clerk reported that cheque number 101604 for £20 had been returned.
- d. The Clerk reported that the "The Notice of conclusion of the audit & right to inspect the Annual Return" along with sections 1 to 3 of the audit were on display from the 3rd October for the required period of time on the notice board in Little Wenlock.
- e. Cllr. J. Esp agreed to carry out the quarterly financial audit of the account books.

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Date and time of the next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th December at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.