

MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 9th JUNE 2014

HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL

PRESENT

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Allison, Cllr Helen Blake, Cllr Malcolm Blake, Cllr Ford (Cllr Ford joined the meeting at 7.20 p.m.) Cllr Hammersley, Cllr Lightfoot (Cllr Lightfoot joined the meeting at 7.20 p.m.), Cllr Moore and Cllr Woodcock (Cllr Woodcock joined the meeting at 7.20 p.m.)

The Clerk Mr S W Knobbs

SC Cadwallader

14019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

14020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

14021 OPEN FORUM

The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of item 14021, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open.

The Chair had asked the Clerk to speak to SALC to enable a resolution to be passed to allow the Shropshire Councillor to speak on items throughout meetings when in attendance and sit at the table with all Parish Councillors, with the resolution to be in force for the term of the existing Parish Council until May 2017. This Resolution was supported.

John Gray spoke about the issues of the closed off footpath beyond the cricket field and said that his family had walked along the footpath for a number of years, Cllr Moore said that evidence was needed of 20 years continual use and the general item would be discussed further under his tree and parish path wardens report.

Mandy Joyce spoke on behalf of Woore Tennis Club and outlined the plans the club had to submit a planning application for land to the side of Woore Victory Hall to build two tennis courts and convert an existing stable to a club house. She said the club was very happy to stay in Woore and asked if possible for a letter of support from the Parish Council. The Chair said that as a statutory consultee we would have to await a planning application to enable views to be made.

There were no further matters raised in the open forum and the Chair closed it at 7.25 p.m.

14022 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 12th MAY 2014

Resolved to accept subject to the amendment of the voting figures on the first resolution to show the Chair had voted for rather than abstaining.

14023 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

14002 OPEN FORUM

The Clerk has spoken to Shropshire Council about the number of cuts per year, we are entitled to six cuts per year which are scheduled out through the growing season by the contractor who provides the service, they did say that the contractor had been "caught by surprise" by the early growth and it had been an issue throughout the County. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would try and speak to the Contractor

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and not Shropshire Council to obtain a schedule of when cuts would be to enable scheduling of additional cut if practical, the Clerk to report back at the next meeting.

Recycling facilities - Swan public house car park - Clerk made contact and the bags have been collected and when looked at in the past week the facilities look in order.

14012 MATTERS ARISING

13144/132 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk has spoken to the local office, who have said that Owen Paterson MP is still awaiting full information from Shropshire Council, said they would chase it up and referred it to his parliamentary office again. SC Cadwallader said he would chase this up.

Response received 5 June 2014 from letter to PM, not from PM but from Department for Communities and Local Government was discussed. Cllr Ford said "it was the best brush off ever". Cllr Moore said that reference in the letter to a 5 year supply was interesting and could this be interpreted as specific to Woore Parish only and not Shropshire? Cllr Alison thought it was not easy to read the letter as positively as Cllr Moore and said that the problem was with Shropshire Councils interpretation of the 5 year supply. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Shropshire Council and Central Planning about the interpretation of the 5 year supply being specific to Woore Parish with the PM's letter and copy the letter to them and all who had received our original letter.

13144/134 SEWAGE - PIPE GATE

The Clerk reported that he had spoken further to Councillor Woodcock and had greater information to write again to Severn Trent.

13144/137 BANNER ADVERTISING MEETINGS

To be discussed more fully under agenda item 14028 with signs to be affixed to posts for siting of speed camera.

13124 COMPLAINT TO LGO

Complaint is in progress on behalf of Parishioner - Cllr. Moore.

14014 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk gaining the views of the neighbours of Woore Victory Hall before submission of the planning application.

14018 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk wrote to Woore Cricket Club re parish path ways and dogs on leads.

14024 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

SC Cadwallader said that he did not have a formal Shropshire Council report to present and did not have any items particularly beyond the foot way on the A525 that was on the agenda. Cllr More asked if an additional dog waste bin could be provided in Pipe Gate, Cllr Cadwallader said he would chase it up.

WOORE VICTORY HALL

Cllr H. Blake reported that there had not been a Woore Victory Hall meeting since the last Parish Council meeting of 12th May 2014 but they had held their AGM and she had not been aware of the date of that meeting.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Cllr Clifford reported that the last LJC meeting was covered in the report of the working planning group meeting as circulated and the next LJC meeting was to be held on 11th June 2014 in Market Drayton.

SALC

No report presented.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No report presented.

14025 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS

Cllr Moore discussed further the item as raised in the Open Forum of the cricket field. He said that Shropshire Council are not aware of it as a public footpath but it could be a permissive path (where the owner is giving permission) or is a public footpath that has been used for a number of years but not registered with Shropshire Council. Cllr Moore restated that it has to have been used for 20 years which needs to be proven. Cllr More said **1401**

can go through the process, it does not have to be the Parish Council. Cllr Woodcock said that the cricket pitch is an asset to the community and we should not get in to a dispute with the cricket club. Cllr Allison suggested that we approach the new owners of the Manor to see why they have put the barbed wire up. Cllr Lightfoot thought it may be because they have mules on the land which are land protectors. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owners of the Manor to establish the reasoning behind the barbed wire.

The Chair proposed we should check what records we have of public rights of way footpaths by comparing the records of Shropshire Council with our records and check with the ex Clerk to establish if anything missing, Cllr Moore said that he does not think Shropshire Council would respond to any requests we make unless we gave details. The proposal was agreed.

Parishioner, John Gray spoke about walk they undertook as a family which Cllr Moore thought was different than he understood the walk to be. He thought that the issue was not with the cricket club and said the issue was with the barbed wire put up by the owners of the Manor.

Cllr Moore suggested that TPO's should be applied for two significant trees in the field near Irelands Cross, He reported that he had a request from a Parishioner for two TPO's. After discussion, it was agreed that TPO's should be applied for not influenced by the motives of those raising with us.

Cllr Woodcock said he was concerned that the beech tree at Ash Mount has not been replaced. Cllr Moore said a tree is there but it is not a beech tree and is on the opposite side of the entry road to the original beech tree. This species had been laid down by Shropshire Council.

14026 PLANNING MATTERS

a. The Chair outlined the reports of the planning working group meetings of 28th May 2014 and 5th May 2014 which had been circulated. He said there was a grant available of £7,000 which would have to be spent by 31st December 2014, it was Resolved that the Clerk apply for a grant. The Clerk reported on the difficulty of obtaining quotes from professional firms for work on a neighbourhood plan against the quote received from The Planning Group. Strutt and Parker of Chester and two more local legal firms said they were unable to quote because they were unsure of the time that would be involved in the work. He was trying to obtain a quote from the professional firm behind the Upper Eden neighbourhood plan which was an adopted plan of 17 parishes in the Lake District. It was agreed that Cllr M. Blake would attend the next area planning group meetings on 1st July 2014, but was unable to attend the meeting on 29th July 2014 as he was on holiday.

b. To discuss the following planning application as received and distributed:

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Elmhurst Farm, London Road, Woore - Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (including access). Cllr Lightfoot who acted as first Councillor for the application said she had only one comment from one of the three nearest neighbours and they were not against the application. After discussion, it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow Anna France - Sister in Law of the applicant to speak about the application, she said that the access previously served two properties on the site which had been converted into one dwelling. **1402**

Moore asked why the application asks for 10 parking spaces; Anna France said that the dwelling on site was previously a farm which had 6 parking spaces. She said that they are proposing to use an orchard field which has not been used for a number of years. Cllr Hammersley thought the application should be supported because it is a family application and she is in favour as a community application. The Chair thought that there are only issues about the application because of the number of recent applications. It was resolved to support the application.

14027 RECREATION - ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that he was obtaining three quotes for the adult exercise equipment at Woore Victory Hall and gaining the views of the neighbours prior to the submission of the planning application.

14028 SPEED SIGNS

Cllr M. Blake reported that posts for the mounting of the speed camera had been ordered for Pipe Gate and going out towards Gravenhunger Lane, they are to be supplied without charge to the Parish Council. There may be a difficulty because of the size of the speed camera and Cllr M. Blake is waiting advice from Shropshire Council. Once in place the Clerk to order signs to advertise meetings to be mounted on the posts.

14029 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND DOCUMENT

The document as circulated was discussed, it was resolved to sign the document by the Chair and the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

14030 A525 FOOTWAY

The document as received and circulated from Shropshire Council/Mouchel for the A525 Newcastle Road, Woore was discussed. The Chair proposed that it should be welcomed, as meeting the aspiration for more path ways contained in our Place Plan submission. It was resolved to support the plan as suggested and the Clerk to write to Shropshire Council/Mouchel accordingly.

14031 NEWSLETTER

The Clerk reported that the deadline had been missed for the newsletter to be distributed with the Church magazine for June/July 2014, the next church magazine is August/September 2014 and the newsletter needs to be with the Church for distribution by 18 July 2014. Accordingly articles were requested for inclusion by 9 July 2014 and the newsletter would be produced with the articles received at that time.

14032 ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS 2013 - 2014

The accounts as circulated at the annual parish meeting of 14th April 2014 were approved. The Clerk reported that a copy of the final accounts will be lodged at Market Drayton library in line with the requirements for a parish for quality parish status.

14033 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Zurich	Insurance 1 June 2014 - 31 May 2015	£1,175.59
Tony Seabridge	Work at St. Leonards Way & Grasscutting	£940.00
S W Knobbs	Expenses - May 2014	£206.48
S W Knobbs	Salary - June 2014	£313.25
HMRC	Tax - June 2014	£78.31
Resolved to pay accounts.		1403

14034 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Email on behalf of Chief Fire Officer - draft integrated Risk Management Plan 2015-2020 dated 13th May 2014, circulated.
- 2) Letter from Shropshire Council/Mouchel re A525 Newcastle Road, Woore - Proposed Footway dated 13th May 2014, circulated.
- 3) Email from Shropshire Councillor John Cadwallader re A525 Newcastle Road, Woore - Proposed Footway dated 15th May 2014, circulated.
- 4) Email from SALC re Information Bulletin May 2014 - dated 16th May 2014, circulated.
- 5) Email from Jane Ellsmoor re Children's Activities at the Church at Woore - dated 28th May 2014, circulated. The email was discussed and the Clerk reported that he had received a further email on the evening of the meeting requesting a donation of up to £200 and the costs wishing for a contribution towards are hire of Woore Victory Hall, trip to a farm and refreshments. It was agreed that a contribution of up to £200 would be made towards the hire of the Woore Victory Hall, the Clerk to make further contact and clarify the costs.
- 6) Shropshire Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund document - dated May 2014, circulated.
- 7) Letter from Madeley & District Community Association re volunteers dated May 2014, circulated. After discussion, it was agreed the Clerk would contact the association and ask why a Shropshire Village is being asked and what is the specific request.
- 8) Email from Nicola Fisher re LJC meeting 11th June 2014 - dated 4th June 2014, circulated.
- 9) Letter from Department for Communities and Local Government re letter to the Prime Minister about Planning Policies - dated 2nd June 2014, circulated.
- 10) Letter to Mr. Rigby from the Clerk re Woore Cricket Club - dated 23rd May 2014, circulated.
- 11) Letter from Woore Tennis Club re Land adjacent to the Woore Victory Hall car park - dated 5th June 2014, circulated.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50 P.M.

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