
LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
11th FEBRUARY, 2013 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE
WENLOCK.**

- 2/13/01 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.

Telford and Wrekin District Councillor Jacqui Seymour.
- Members of the Public:**
4 members of the public were present.
- 2/13/02 Apologies:**
Apologies were received from T&W Councillor Terry Kiernan.
- 2/13/03 Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr. S. Holding declared a pecuniary interest in item 12a if contracts were discussed.
- 2/13/04 Members of the public address the Parish Council:**
No members of the public addressed the council.
- 2/13/05 Minutes:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2013 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.
- 2/13/06 New Works Signage:**
The Chairman outlined the history of the new signage and stated that extensive consultation had taken place. The petition regarding the wording represented less than half the residents. It was **resolved** not to change the signs. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Brian Hale to inform him of the decision.
The remaining two signs would be installed at Easter.
- 2/13/07 BT Openreach Wayleave Agreement:**
The Clerk reported that the agreement had been signed by him and returned to BT Openreach. He reported that the Village Hall had received a cheque for £750 from BT as a one-off payment for the cabinet to be situated on the Village Hall car park.
- 2/13/08 Veolia Lease relating to land at New Works:**
It was **resolved** that the Chairman and Clerk sign two copies of the lease and return them to Veolia for counter signatures.
- 2/13/09 New Works Bus Shelter:**
The Clerk reported the timber frame for the bus shelter had been made and that work on the site would commence before the nesting season as part of a hedge had to be removed.
Cllr. A. Lees asked about siting the new information board and it was **resolved** that he would contact the contractor clearing the site and putting down the concrete base.
- 2/13/10 New Works Lighting and Cabling:**
A working party of residents had been convened to make an application to the Huntington Lane Surface Mine Community Fund for a grant to replace the lights at

New Works. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would manage the project on their behalf if their application was successful.
The concept of applying for a grant to place the electricity cables underground has been withdrawn.

2/13/11 **Highways Issues and Updates:**

- a. Yellow Lines / parking restrictions at the Forest Glen: The Parish Council had received the amended proposals for the parking restrictions at the Forest Glen from Adam Brookes. Little Wenlock Parish Council fully accepted the proposals as laid out in the recent plan and were pleased to see that the "informal" parking area on the road to Cluddley had been retained.
However the Parish Council would like to see double yellow lines on the Wellington Road extended from the car park to Hatch Lane on the side of the road nearest to the Wrekin. LWPC is concerned that the parking problems which the yellow lines on the road to Cluddley would resolve will be moved onto that stretch of road up to Hatch Lane where irresponsible car owners will park on both sides of that stretch of the road and limit access for emergency vehicles.
- b. Rumble Strips: No further news.
- c. Speed limits: No further news.
- d. Snow clearing, gritting & grit bins: The Clerk reported that the LWPC contractor had cleared and gritted the side roads early on the Monday morning so that residents could get to work. T&W had kept the main road through Little Wenlock open at all times and had filled up the grit bins twice. It was **resolved** to write to T&W Highways Department and thank them for their efforts. It was **resolved** to consider at some future date a grit bin on Huntington Lane between Damson Tree Cottage and Malthouse Farm if a suitable site could be found. It was **resolved** to check with LWPC's contractor that he is not duplicating snow clearing done by T&W.
- e. State of Spout Lane and the road at Willowmoor and Forest Glen: It was reported that some of the potholes had now been filled in and that Spout Lane had now been examined by T&W who had not realised what a bad state it was in. The Clerk was requested to contact T&W especially about road drainage at Willowmoor and a pot hole on Huntington Lane.

2/13/12 **Footpath at Swan Farm:**

- a. Quotations for work on the footpaths: Cllr. S. Holding was not required to leave the room as the matter of contracts and quotations was not discussed because they had not been received. It was **resolved** to deal with contracts at the March meeting.
- b. Boardwalk repairs: No further information on this although the work was not expected to commence until late spring or early summer.

2/13/13 **Annual Report of the Parish Council 2012/13:**

The Clerk had provided a list of headings for the report which needs to be included in the next Community Newsletter which is due out late March or Early April prior to the Parish Open Meeting. No decision was made as to who should write the report.

2/13/14 **Clerk's Report:**

- a. War Memorial: The Clerk reported that the war memorial in the church yard belongs to the community and is in need of attention. LWPC felt that if possible the names should be "re-carved" on the war memorial and that money to meet the cost should be raised by public subscription within the community. LWPC

would not at this stage commit itself to any funding until actual costs were known.

- b. Swan Farm Restoration: The Clerk reported that he had been handed the original restoration file with all the plans etc.
- c. Wrekin Forest Park: It was **resolved** to accept an invitation from Michael Barker, Assistant Director, Planning Specialist, to discuss the Wrekin Forest Park. It was **resolved** that the meeting take place at T&W Offices and the Clerk was requested to arrange the meeting.
- d. Electoral Review of T&W: The Commission has adopted a council size of 54 for T&W Council, the same as it is now.
- e. 1986 Conveyance documents for the playing field: The Clerk has been given the original documents.
- f. T&W Taxi Marshalling Scheme: It was **resolved** that LWPC was not prepared to donate to the scheme and it was felt that the clubs and pubs, whose customers benefit from the scheme, should pay for it.
- g. Boundary Commission, electoral review and warding arrangements: T&WC Jacqui Seymour explained the reasons for the review and that the Wrockwardine Ward was within 1% to 2% of being on target for population numbers. She felt that some of the boundaries relating to ward might need to be re-jigged to allow for increase/decrease of the population. It was **resolved** to discuss the matter and make any recommendations at the March meeting.

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Planning Applications:

- a. No planning applications had been received.
- b. A resident had expressed concern about the Old Cow Shed/Barn being used as a vehicle repair unit. The Clerk informed the Council that permission was granted in 2008 for light industrial use under planning application EMG/2008/0517 and that he felt that this was permissible use but he would check with T&W planning department.

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Borough Liaison:

T&WC Jacqui Seymour asked if any councillors had attended the Shaping Places meeting. She was informed that 3 parish councillors had attended and they briefly outlined their thoughts on the matter.

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Individual Councillor's Reports and Updates:

Cllr. S. Hutchison reported that she and Cllr. S. Holding had recently attended the Candles Liaison meeting and circulated a written report. The main issues were odour and litter and now that the senior management of Veolia had become involved with resident's concerns matters had improved.

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Finance:

- a. Bank Balances: Base rate account: £26,212.18. Funds committed: Bus Shelter £9,942.00; Broadband £12,334 and Swan Farm Boardwalk £1000. Total amount "ring-fenced" = £23,276.00 therefore the working balance is £2,936.18. Business Account: £1429.08. Total working funds available = £4,365.26.
- b. Money Transfer: The Clerk reported that the sum of £4,000 was transferred from the Base Rate Account to the Business Account on 1st February to meet the cost of the Severnoak cheque and other expected future payments.
- c. Payment made: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was invoiced for 25% of the cost of the bus shelter by Severnoak and has paid the sum of £3,054. This payment was formally **approved**.
- d. Accounts for payment: It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

Madeley Print Shop	Printing	£52.00
John Marcham	Salary	£242.33
HMRC	PAYE	£60.58
E.On	Light repair (107251)	£34.52
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Date of the next meeting:

11TH March, 2013 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.