

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Wroxeter Vineyard Visitor Centre, Wroxeter on the 13th January 2020 at 7:30pm

Present: Councillors Mr B Nelson (Chairman), Mrs J Davies, Mr P Davies, Mr M Millington and Mr K Rowlands
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

Cllr V Amos, Cllr I Sherwood

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019 and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

It was resolved to take item 6 at this point in the meeting.

6. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Condition of B4380. Cllr Nelson summarised his recent communications with Shropshire Council officers regarding the dangerous condition of the B4380 through the parish. Shropshire Council had now confirmed that repairs to this road were not on the current year's schedule of works despite assurances that the work would be completed in previous years. Cllr Wild acknowledged the concerns that the Parish Council had raised previously and continued to raise, and had raised these concerns with senior Council officers following the last meeting. She had also now received complaints directly from members of the public about the condition of the road. Cllr Wild would request that Council officers attend a site meeting with herself and Parish Council representatives.

Power station site development – planning applications. Planning applications for the extraction of sand and gravel from the site and the outline planning application for the development were now out for consultation. Councillors noted that the intention was for 25% of the extracted materials to be sold locally and 75% to be transported by train over the Albert Edward bridge which was to be repaired. Councillors raised concerns that some of the vehicles accessing the site and taking extracted materials to local markets may use the B4380 through the Parish. The poor condition of the road surface would be further exacerbated by any such use. There were also some safety concerns, as had been raised in previous meetings, due to vehicle speeds along this road which may increase if vehicles were overtaking industrial vehicles, which the road was not suited to. The Parish Council agreed to seek limits on and conditions to the use of the B4380 by heavy goods vehicles during the mineral extraction.

Cllrs Nelson and P Davies had attended a meeting with other local parish councils, Harworth Group and Shropshire Council officers prior to the validation of the planning application, during which some traffic modelling information had been shared. The traffic modelling had not been completed for the stretch of road through the parish, but there was an assumption that 6% of traffic from the new development would travel along the B4380. Councillors expressed that this was a significant increase on this road, for which there were already safety concerns. It was also noted that the traffic monitoring had been carried out in

February which Councillors felt may not be representative of the average road usage. Councillors discussed a reduced speed limit to improve safety and deter traffic from taking this route from the new development and use of average speed check cameras along the stretch of road from Buildwas to the junction with the B5061. It was agreed that a holding response would be made in response to the current application and a more detailed response made when the traffic analysis relating to the parish was available.

Councillor Wild left the meeting.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

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

a) **Smart Water update**

Cllr Nelson advised that once 5 more kits were registered, the parish would receive the signage. Councillors would carry out targeted visits to register the remaining kits during the next week. Councillors would identify key sites within the parish for signage and Cllr Nelson would inform Tim Williams on the requirements for signage.

b) **Update on the parish matters reported for action**

The Attingham Park Estate Manager had agreed to follow up the flooding from Norton Farmhouse.

c) **Highway concerns at junction of Ironbridge Road and Ishmore Lane**

This had been discussed under the Shropshire Councillor report.

d) **Telephone box consultation**

At the previous meeting, Councillors had expressed an interest in adopting the telephone box at Uppington but with some reservations around maintenance and disposal costs. Since the meeting, it had been confirmed that if the Parish Council responded to the consultation in favour of adoption, the Parish Council would be obliged to adopt the phone box and take responsibility for maintenance and disposal, should the box no longer be required in future. In consultation with Councillors, the Clerk had responded to the consultation in favour of retaining the telephone box for the present time. The Parish Council could request to adopt the telephone box from BT at any time in the future if it so decided. BT had advised that the cost of disposal was likely to be around £500. Maintenance costs were likely to be fairly low unless the box suffered from vandalism. Councillors reiterated that the telephone box was not suitable to house a defibrillator due to its location, and were unclear on the level of interest from residents for another use such as a library. It was agreed that Cllrs Nelson and Amos would liaise with community representatives to gauge the level of interest in adopting the telephone box at Uppington for an alternative use.

e) **Play area repairs and new equipment**

Cllr Amos had sought a quotation for the required repairs, and had discussed new equipment with a member of the community group. Cllr Amos and/or Cllr Nelson would attend a meeting of the group to discuss further.

f) **Defibrillator**

Cllr Nelson had met with representatives of the Wroxeter Hotel who had agreed in principle to house a defibrillator in a publicly accessible point on their property, and had also been willing to make a financial contribution to the purchase of a defibrillator. Councillors suggested that The Old Vicarage would be a good location for a defibrillator in Uppington and Cllr P Davies would discuss this with the current owners. It was noted that the Parish Council would be unable to purchase defibrillators in 2020/21, having invested a significant amount in SmartWater during the current year.

7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **Planning notifications for information** None

b) **Planning applications for comments**

Ref: 19/05560/OUT Ironbridge Power Station, Buildwas Road

Outline application for the development of up to 1,000 dwellings, retirement village, employment land, retail and other uses

The main concern for the Parish in relation to the application was potential for increased traffic along the B4380. However, the full traffic analysis covering the parish was not yet available. It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit a holding response outlining the concerns about safety on this road, including the road condition and speeding, which would be exacerbated by any increase in use. A further response would be made once the traffic analysis was available.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman would draft a holding response in relation to the application, pending traffic analysis.

Ref: 19/05509/MAW Proposed quarry to east of Much Wenlock Road
Extraction and processing of sand and gravel

Councillors raised concerns regarding potential for an increase in industrial vehicles using the B4380 as a route to and from the proposed quarry. This would lead to further deterioration of the road surface, increasing the risk to other vehicles. There were potential safety concerns if other road users were encouraged to overtake industrial vehicles. The Parish Council therefore sought to limit use of this road by industrial vehicles and to impose conditions on the use of the road.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Chairman would liaise to finalise the response prior to submission.

c) Planning applications received between meetings

Ref: 19/05296/ADV Erection of signage, Atcham Business Park
Comment submitted: No objections.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve Q3 bank reconciliation and budget report

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarter 3 bank reconciliation and budget report.

b) To approve invoices for payment

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	£ Amount
519	S Morris	Salary and expenses:Oct & Nov	£426.10

It was confirmed that the online banking facility had now been amended so that the Clerk could create payments and that the authorised Councillors could create and authorise payments. A Councillor could not authorise a payment which they had created. It was agreed to trial online authorisation for the following payments:-

Payee	Description	£ Amount
B Nelson	Noticeboard repairs	£24.00
M Millington	Meeting room heating expenses	£40.00

9. BUDGET 2020/21 AND PRECEPT REQUEST

Councillors discussed the proposed budget and noted that it represented an increase of just under 3% on the previous year. It was **RESOLVED** to set an expenditure budget of £4780. It was further **RESOLVED** to set a precept of £4600. (Proposed: Cllr M Millington, Seconded: Cllr P Davies, all agreed)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. PARISH MATTERS

There were no new parish matters to report

The meeting was declared closed at 8:55pm.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....