



## ***FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllr's. L.T. Brayne - Chair, K. Hanmer – Vice Chair, D. Plant, Stephen Reynolds, C.F. Smith, H. Smith, Thompson, K.R. Watkins and S.A. Watkins.

**In attendance:** 2 members of the public.

### **15/2631 Apologies**

**RESOLVED** – to accept apologies from Cllr. M. Hanmer (work) and Cllr. Shirley Reynolds (TWC Meeting)

### **15/2632 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in any item specified in the agenda.

### **15/2633 Public Session**

a) A resident asked if we had any information about the issues he raised a few months ago concerning the lack of lighting along the path near to the new school, lack of bus stops on Wrockwardine Wood Way for the new school and the steps by Oakengates Leisure Centre which do not have disabled access. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that the issue with lighting had been passed to Oakengates Town Council because it is in their area. Cllr. Smith advised that there will be a driveway in to the new school with drop off points and Arriva has made no provision for bus stops on Wrockwardine Wood Way. Regarding the steps, Cllr. Smith said that he raised this matter with TWC and was advised that the steps are too steep to allow for a slope to be made and residents will have to use the alternative path that was installed a few years ago and leads up to Wrockwardine Wood Way. Cllr. Smith agreed to raise this problem with TWC again.

b) The Chair said that he has received a complaint from a resident about the lack of bus stops at the Town Centre causing her to have a long walk to the council offices. Cllr. C. F. Smith said that there has been no bus stop near the council offices for ten years, but with the new two way road system it should enable more stops to be put in once the new system has been completed later on this year.

**15/2634 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**15/2635 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015** and the recommendations made were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

### **15/2636 Precept 2015/16**

**RESOLVED** – to set the precept for the Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at £93,800 net figure and with our allocated grant of £8,715 this gives a total figure of £102,515. It was pointed out that this figure will increase the cost to households by 2p per week and is the result of the government reducing the Council Tax Base grant. Cllr. Thompson requested that we consider having Christmas lighting if there are sufficient funds.

### **15/2637 Correspondence**

a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** - Letter from Shaun Davies regarding the enhancement of the parking area at Chapel Terrace, Wrockwardine Wood. Engineers will be carrying out improvement works to enhance footways, lighting and parking facilities in Chapel Terrace in front of numbers 13 – 20. Work is expected to start on 26<sup>th</sup> January and last for three weeks depending on the weather.

- b) **Telford & Wrekin Council** - Email from Richard Partington regarding the use of street furniture for election posters. On 18<sup>th</sup> December the Council's Cabinet met and agreed to withdraw permission to use street furniture for the display of election material from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. Street furniture includes lampposts, traffic lights and other post or furniture that can be found on or close to the highway.
- c) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Letter of thanks from the Mayor of Telford & Wrekin for the invitation to the Christmas Party. Cllr. Malcolm Smith said that they enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and celebrate the festive season with the community and it was a lovely afternoon that they very much enjoyed.
- d) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Invitation to the Holocaust Memorial Event on 28<sup>th</sup> January to hear the story of Mala Tribich who was born in 1930 in Poland and after the outbreak of the second World War went through the experience of being hidden with a Catholic family, a slave labour camp and concentration camps. The event will be held at Southwater Library at 5.45 – 7pm.
- e) **West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner** – Notice of Precept Consultation which is open until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 and further information is available at [www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk)

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA**

**Katrina Baker** – Invitation to the Parish & Town Councils Parish Forum on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Sutton Hill Community Centre at 7pm. Items on the agenda include TWC Budget Update and Wrekin Forest Landscape Plan 2015 – 2020.

**SALC** – Invitation to nominate serving Chairman for inclusion on the Buckingham Palace Garden Party list.

**Wrockwardine Wood Toddler Group** – Thank you card for grant received.

**Telford & Wrekin Council** – Budget Proposals.

#### **TABLED CORRESPONDENCE**

**SALC** – Information Bulletins 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 9<sup>th</sup> January. Christmas and thank you card for the Christmas Party from Mr. Wharton. Christmas Cards from Wrockwardine Wood Infant School, Sutherland Cooperative Academy and Gower Heritage and Enterprise Group. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine.

#### **15/2638 Payments to be Issued**

Each Councillor received a list of the expenditure transactions for January 2015. **RESOLVED** – that the expenditure transactions for January 2105 totalling £29,446.85 be approved. (Copy list attached to office Minutes)

#### **15/2639 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for December 2014**

A Statement of Accounts for December 2014, was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes). **RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for December 2014.

#### **15/2640 Local Council Award Scheme**

The Clerk informed members that the Local Council Award Scheme replaces the Quality Parish & Town Council Scheme. There are three levels, the first of which is the Foundation Award and as a current Quality Council we can apply for free for an automatic transition to this level which will last until January 2016. The second level is the Quality Award and the third level is the Quality Gold Award both these awards have registration and accreditation fees.

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for the free Foundation award level.

#### **15/2641 Any Items of Information or Items for the Next Agenda** There were no further items.

#### **15/2642 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the School Hall at 7pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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