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LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 2007, AT 8.00 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. J. Whittle in the Chair, Ms. P. Hutchings (Vice-Chair),
Mrs. D. Peace, Mrs. D. Goodman and Mr. E. Roberts.
Mr. J. F. Marcham – Parish Clerk
In attendance: Cllr. J. Seymour (T&W Borough Council).

740) PARISH CONCERNS:

8 Parishioners were present. Some were under the impression that the Parish Council intended to respond to questions raised regarding affordable housing at the October meeting. The Chairman informed all present that the Parish Council had heard nothing from First Step Homes since the last meeting and that as First Step Homes had responded to the majority of the questions raised at the October meeting the Parish Council was not able to add anything new to the debate.

A discussion followed about informing the Parish of further developments relating to affordable Housing. The Chair expressed the view that the needs assessment was the right way forward and if that illustrated a need then a Public Meeting would be called to discuss the proposals. The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that if there was to be any discussion or information regarding the affordable housing proposals it would be on the agenda.

The value of the land and building on Green Belt was raised. T&W Borough Councillor Miss J. Seymour outlined to those present the planning criteria in relation to affordable housing and Green Belt land.

Those present felt very strongly that the electorate should be involved in the affordable housing development and the Chairman reiterated the fact that a public meeting would be held following the needs survey if it identified a need.

A parishioner requested that the white lines and slow signs be reinstated at the junction of Leighton Lane and Spout Lane.

741) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

742) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. Peace declared a personal interest in item 7 relating to planning application EMG/W2007/1225.

743) TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2007.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8TH October 2007 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

744) TO ESTABLISH A PERSONNEL SUB COMMITTEE.

The Clerk outlined the reasons why the Parish Council needed a personnel sub committee. The following Councillors were elected onto the personnel sub committee: Cllrs. Whittle, Hutchings and Peace.

745) TO ORGANISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEWSLETTER.

It was agreed that individual Councillors would make the following deliveries:

Cllr. Peace:	Clee Rise,
	Buildwas Lane
	Witchwell Lane
	Church Lane up to the Rectory

The Alley & Orchard Close
High Point incl. the Old Post Office.

Cllr. Goodman: Rest of Church Lane
Crofters View
Wellington Road
Malthouse Bank

Cllr. Hutchings: Spout Lane and Willowmoor.

Cllrs. Whittle & Roberts: Coalmoor
Little Worth
Huntington
Steeraway
New Works

746) CLERK'S REPORT:

Footpaths:

The Clerk updated the Council on recent developments concerning the North Telford Footpath Project.

Street Lighting:

The Clerk reported that whilst some street lights had been repaired there were others that needed attention.

BT&W Parishes Action Plan:

The Clerk reported it was hoped that within twelve months planning applications could be accessed on line.

Parish Charter:

This is under review and it is hoped to launch it next year.

UK Coal Application:

David Coxill, T&W Minerals Officer, has agreed to attend the Parish Council meeting on 10th December at 7.30 pm if the UK Coal planning application has been received.

Deeds:

The Clerk had come across a set of deed relating to the old bus shelter in Church Lane and some historic letters (1914) relating to the Charity Commissioners. It was agreed to place these in the circulation pack and to ascertain if it was worth placing them into the care of the bank.

747) PLANNING:

To consider the following application:

T&W Borough Councillor, Miss J. Seymour, declared a personal interest in the following application and left the meeting.

Planning Application: AR/W2007/1356 (Full Planning)
Applicant: ABS Design Associates Ltd.
Proposal: Replacement dormer windows to rear elevation.
Site Address: Damson Tree Cottage, Huntington.

The Council had no objections to the application.

Planning Application: EMG/W2007/1225 (Outline)
Applicant: RAM Architectural
Proposal: Erection of a two bedroom detached dwelling (Outline planning application).
Site Address Land adjacent to Paddoc House, New Works Lane, New Works.

The Council had no objections to the application.

Planning Application: W2007/1382
Applicant: Veolia Environmental Services.
Proposal: Variation of Conditions 6 & 8 of Planning Permission

The Clerk outlined the history of the application. The Parish Council fully supported the variation of the conditions.

748) TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON BOROUGH LIAISON:

The Clerk had reported in item 746 on the quarterly meeting with T&W.

T&W Borough Councillor Miss J. Seymour reported that the final budget settlement would be a lot less than required and that it should be agreed by early December and therefore she hoped to update the Parish Council on the Budget situation at the December meeting. She said that the developers and T&W were developing exciting ideas to put the heart back into the Town Centre.

Cllr. Seymour reported that a Rural Officer would be on post early next year and that the Borough Council had appointed a new Corporate Director for Children and Young People.

749) TO RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

Cllrs. Whittle and Hutchings reported that the last training session they attended, along with the Clerk, on Powers and Functions, was not very good.

Cllr. P. Hutchings reported that the detailed biological survey on the Coalmoor DPP site was most interesting. She further reported that the footpaths officer, Jas Sidhu, along with herself and Mrs. H. Betts would visit the site.

It was reported that the Public Meeting, organised by Mark Pritchard MP for 30th November, regarding the UK Coal application would not take place if the application had not been received.

750) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

These were in the circulation pack.

751) FINANCE.

The following accounts were agreed for payment in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached Clerk's Report.

Little Wenlock Village Hall	Hire 11 months 2007	£121.00
Little Wenlock Village Hall	Hire 12 months 2006 + 1 month 2007	£143.00
Madeley Print Shop	Web site	£79.49
Npower	Energy Consumption	£82.10
Npower	Energy Consumption	£24.71
Npower	Energy Consumption	£19.09
SALC	1 delegate to Powers & Functions	£17.00
J.F. Marcham	Clerk's Salary	£122.40
Custom & Excise	Tax on Clerk's salary	£34.52
K. Smith Contracting	Grass Cutting (Aug to Oct)	£505.25
George Chancellor	Photocopying	£23.50

The Clerk reported that the E.On invoice had been held back because he had queried the items listed on it and was awaiting a response from E.On.

752) BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2008/09.

The Clerk supplied a half-year break down of expenditure against the 2007/08 budget showing a £198 overspend. The Clerk then took the Parish Council through the figures in detail explaining which budget figures had already been fully paid and which budget figures still had outstanding payments to be made. The Clerk recommended that the Precept be increased at least by the rate of inflation.

The Clerk reported that T&W required the completed precept form for 2008/2009 to be

returned by 31st January 2008 but a preliminary indication before the middle of January would assist the council in making initial budget projections. It was agreed to place the precept on the December agenda.

The following projects were outlined as areas of possible expenditure during 2008/09:
The Church Yard Project.

New Parish notice board for New Works.

Contribution towards a speed activated 30 mph sign.

New village entry signs.

753) MEETING DATES FOR 2008.

The following dates were agreed:

14 TH January	-	Full Council Meeting
11 th February	-	Full Council Meeting
10 th March	-	Full Council Meeting
14 th April	-	Full Council Meeting
28 th April	-	Annual Parish Open Meeting
12 th May	-	Annual General Meeting
9 th June	-	Full Council Meeting
14 th July	-	Full Council Meeting
No meeting in August		
8 th September	-	Full Council Meeting
13 th October	-	Full Council Meeting
10 th November	-	Full Council Meeting
8 th December	-	Full Council Meeting

754) DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting is Monday 10th December 2007 at 8.00 pm.