

## **MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014**

**HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Allison, Cllr Helen Blake, Cllr Malcolm Blake, Cllr Ford, Cllr Hammersley, Cllr Moore and Cllr Woodcock  
SC Cadwallader  
The Clerk Mr S W Knobbs

### **13154 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cartwright and Cllr Lightfoot. Cllr Cartwright due to holiday and Cllr Lightfoot due to work commitments, both apologies for absence were accepted. Apologies for late attendance by Shropshire Cllr Cadwallader were accepted (Shropshire Cllr Cadwallader subsequently joined the meeting at 7.50 p.m.).

### **13155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **13156 OPEN FORUM**

The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of items 13156 and 13157, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open.

Murray Brunt said he wished to discuss planning application 13/02698/OUT - outline application for 10 dwellings at Irelands Cross. He said the application was being considered again at the Planning Committee meeting of Tuesday afternoon. He thanked Cllr Moore for attending the last planning committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and asked if anybody representing the Parish Council would be attending the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014. It was said that would be decided after discussion under agenda item 13162.

Chris Jeffries asked why this application was being given precedence over applications that had been made much earlier such as at Station Yard, Pipe Gate and Grove Terrace, Woore.

Cllr Woodcock declared an interest with regard to his application at Station Yard, but pointed out the long history of rejection of proposed developments between Pipe Gate and Woore and considered that application 13/02698/OUT was totally out of keeping for the Parish.

Cllrs. Allison, H. Blake and M. Blake declared an interest in any discussion regarding the planning application at Grove Terrace, Woore.

### **13157 SPEED SIGNS**

The Chair formally welcomed Chris Smith of Market Drayton Road Safety to the meeting.

Chris Smith thanked the Chair for the opportunity to attend and speak and outlined results of recent speed signs sited in the Parish over the Christmas and New Year period.

Cllr Hammersley said it was noticeable that the average speed dropped after the New Year period near to the school in Woore.

It was asked if it was known what the sign near to the Coopers Arms is? The Clerk to enquire with Highways.

Parishioner - Julian Clarke said that speeding trucks from Bridgemere are a real problem.

Cllr M. Blake thinks it would be very good if we had a speed sign and asked Chris Smith for his advice on possible choice of speed sign. Chris Smith said that the one they have got is from a German manufacturer and he understood it cost about £2,900 plus VAT, he knows there is a UK manufacturer in Winsford but their signs are less reliable although cheaper. His advice is to move the sign weekly, the information gathered by the speed sign needs to be connected to a laptop and downloaded and moving the sign is a two person job. It was resolved that the Clerk would obtain costs for a speed sign up to £3,500 excluding VAT.

**13158 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

Resolved to accept subject to addition under agenda item 13148 "The Clerk to thank Friends of Woore School and the School Governors for their help".

**13159 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

**13144/128 MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that a formal reply from Richard Denison, Senior Planning Officer, Shropshire Council had now been received by email and is to be circulated in next Clerks correspondence file.

**13144/132 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk has written again to Owen Paterson MP and emailed his office for a response.

**13144/134 SEWAGE - PIPE GATE**

The Clerk has spoken to Severn Trent who are obtaining records of issues in Pipe Gate from their sub-contractor companies and will then supply a clearer history of the issues, they hope by late January.

**13144/136 MEMBERS TRAINING**

The Clerk sent a copy of Standing Orders from book to all Councillors together with specific Standing Orders.

**13144/137 BANNER ADVERTISING MEETINGS**

A boards (or equivalent) will be purchased in advance of the meeting of 10 February 2014.

**13145 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**WOORE VICTORY HALL**

The Clerk has spoken to people at Whitmore Village Hall who said they have had little/no problems with vandalism and that the exercise equipment is well used.

**13146 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS**

The Clerk passed on thanks to those who put up the Christmas Tree at the Methodist Church, particularly Tony Seabridge - Gardener.

**13147 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk circulated copies of the Hinstock Village design statement to the members of the Planning Working Group.

**13151 DEFIB FOR WOORE**

The Chair reported that he had spoken to Tim Stokes who had indicated that he may not need the training course to be fully funded by the Parish Council, it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost as requested by Tim Stokes whether that be the full cost of the course or part. The anticipated full cost of the training course is £450.

At the end of agenda item 13159 the position of Chair was passed to the Vice Chair - Cllr Hammersley for the remainder of the meeting as the Chair was suffering with a poor throat and tight chest.

**13160 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

SC Cadwallader reported that he would only be speaking on planning matters at this meeting.

**WOORE VICTORY HALL**

Cllr H. Blake reported that the Woore Victory Hall meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 had been cancelled due to a lack of people being able to attend.

**WOORE UNITED CHARITIES**

Cllr Allison reported that the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013 had been attended by Cllr Cartwright as agreed at the last meeting. It was resolved that Cllr Cartwright be the second representative for Woore United Charities.

**LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Clifford reported that the next LJC meeting is late February 2014.

**SALC**

Cllrs H. Blake and M. Blake reported that they were attending a SALC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No report tabled.

**13161 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS**

Cllr Moore reported that he had received a further expression of interest in the Parish Path Warden scheme. He said he had looked at the tree on the play area at St Leonards Way and concluded that it was not a particularly young tree and does not think it would survive being moved. Cllr Woodcock again reported that there is a dangerous tree as you leave Pipe Gate which requires further investigation, Cllr Moore said he would look at the tree.

**13162 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Chair wished to decide upon the representative for the Planning Committee Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014, it was agreed that Cllr Moore would attend the site visit in the morning and Cllr Ford would attend the Planning Committee Meeting in the afternoon, work commitments allowing, Cllr Moore to attend if Cllr Ford unable.

Cllr Cadwallader said he spoke against the planning application 13/02698/OUT - Irelands Cross - 10 properties - at the Planning Committee Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013, he thinks it is a ribbon development and should not be permitted, but he said there are issues county wide and their legal team are saying the application cannot be refused. Barrister at meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014 said Shropshire Council do not have a five year land supply plan, therefore any application is highly unlikely to be refused unless in clear breach of standard planning requirements.

Cllr Allison asked why that advice and policy is not being challenged. Cllr Cadwallader said that their legal team said you have to be very careful in refusing an application.

Cllr Cadwallader said that he had pointed out that there was a large number of developments planned in the Parish of Woore, but their lawyers were unconcerned. He thought the SAMDev document would help but it will take at least 12 months to be approved.

Cllr Ford asked whose issue was it that there was not five years land supply, Cllr Cadwallader said it was ultimately Shropshire Council's. Cllr Ford said it is shocking that due to an error by Shropshire Council, Woore will suffer.

Cllr Allison said she thought it was outrageous and undemocratic.

Cllr Woodcock said he spent a lot of time in front of the inspector for the 2000 - 2012 plan that was not ratified until 2005, he said the applications at Candle Lane and Phoenix had both grown by approximately 40% and he does not think that the bureaucrats at Shire Hall are fit for purpose.

Cllr Cadwallader said planning is a matter of law much more than previously.

Cllr Clifford presented the report produced from the first Planning Working Group meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Cllr Clifford proposed the Planning Working Group Membership, Powers and Purposes for adoption and for Councillors to be eligible to claim expenses and Working Group to have a budget to spend. Cllr Woodcock generally agreed but thought this should be pro tem with the intention to be ratified at a meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014. It was agreed to adopt the Planning Working Group Membership, Powers and Purposes until the next meeting of the Council, subject to ratification or amendment then. The next Planning Working Group meeting is scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at which the Planning Group Limited has been invited to attend.

### **13163 RECREATION**

Cllr M. Blake reported that the plan showing additional play equipment at St, Leonard Way was being displayed on the Parish notice boards. He said that his funding bid to the LJC had been made and he was to make a bid for funding to the National Lottery.

The Clerk reported that he had asked Shropshire Council if planning permission was required for the additional play equipment and was awaiting their full response. Cllr Cadwallader said he would look at it if the Clerk sent him the details. The Clerk to send details to Cllr Cadwallader.

### **13164 PRECEPT 2014 - 2015**

The Clerk outlined further Precept 2014 - 2015 papers as distributed at the meeting. After discussion it was resolved to set the precept rate per band D property at £37.57 - rate unchanged from 2013 - 2014 - equating to a precept for 2014 - 2015 of £20,282. The Clerk said that a support grant of £1,019 would also be received. The decision made and resolution passed would be reported by the Clerk to Shropshire Council.

### **13165 MISSION STATEMENT**

The existing mission statement as circulated by the Clerk was briefly discussed. Cllr Clifford suggested that the statement be taken away and ideas be brought to the next meeting.

### **13166 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Tony Seabridge	Gardening Services - June - Nov 2013	£985.00
Woore Victory Hall	Hall Hire Oct - Dec 2013	£120.00
S W Knobbs	Expenses - December 2013	£219.26
S W Knobbs	Salary - January 2014	£299.21
HMRC	Tax - January 2014	£74.80

Resolved to pay accounts.

### **13167 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter December 2013 / January 2014, circulated.
- 2) Correspondence Frank Woodcock to Shropshire Councillor Cadwallader dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, circulated.
- 3) Letter from Clerk to Richard Denison, Chief Planning Officer, Shropshire Council dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, circulated.
- 4) Neighbourhood Watch update circulated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 re Neighbourhood Watch Magazine - December 2013 edition, circulated
- 5) Email from Patrick Cosgrave - Shropshire and Marches Campaign for Better Broadband in Rural Areas dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, circulated.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 10.10 P.M.**