

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th January, 2014 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

- 01/14/01 Members Present:**
Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chair), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), Mrs. J. Davidson, Mr. S. Holding and Mr. A. Lees.
In attendance:
Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk & RFO to Little Wenlock Parish Council.
T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour.
Members of the Public:
None
- 01/14/02 Apologies:**
Apologies were received from T&W Councillor Terry Kiernan.
- 01/14/03 Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr. S. Hutchison declared that she was a neighbour to Bungalow Farm.
- 01/14/04 Public Session:**
No members of the public were present.
- 01/14/05 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2013:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December were **approved and signed**.
- 01/14/06 Swan Farm:**
Cllr. A Lees presented an outline of the present situation and reported that the footpaths were in a very sorry state and in some places under twelve inches of water and mud. He reported that the proposed upgrade had been discussed with Andrew Careless and the landowners. There was now the need to develop the specification for the upgrade and to obtain costings. Following that a bid could be made for a grant from a funding source.
It was reported that the boardwalk is still in situ. It was **resolved** to write a letter to Andrew Careless for a sign to be placed at each end of the boardwalk warning that it is not safe to walk on.
- 01/14/07 Highways:**
- a. No further information regarding the work to be done at the Forest Glen had been received.
 - b. T&W had agreed to ask the contractors working on the J6 M54 overbridge to place signs at the Forest Glen to warn drivers that the road was narrow with some sharp bends and at the entrance to Little Wenlock to warn drivers that there were no footpaths and to drive accordingly.
 - c. T&W had agreed to pay for the re-painting of the 30 mph signs on the highway and to install two "road narrow" signs on Malthouse Bank.
 - d. Nick Kitchen, Senior Traffic & Streetworks Officer, had responded to LWPC's request for an update on Quiet Lanes. He had stated that the main stumbling block is funding and the absence of a workable scheme at present. He was non-committal regarding a 40 mph limit on Wellington Road from the Forest Glen to the village. It was **resolved** to invite Nick Kitchen and Lee Barnard to the March meeting to discuss LWPC's on-going concerns about the Forest Glen and speeding of vehicles through the rural roads.
 - e. It was reported that Coalmoor Lane from its junction near to Lydebrook to Lower Coalmoor Farm was in a very poor state of repair. It was **resolved** to

ask T&W highway department to examine the road and make a suitable upgrade.

- f. Concern was expressed about mud on the road at the bend at the bottom of Malthouse Bank. It was **resolved** to write to the landowner requesting that something be done about it.

01/14/08 War Memorial:

The clerk reported that the fund now stood at £1722.00 and that Midland Masonry had been instructed to carry out the work.

01/14/09 Newsletter:

A draft copy of the contents of the January Newsletter was circulated.

01/14/10 Parish Information Sheet:

A draft copy of the information sheet had been previously circulated and Cllr. A. Lees gave update information on two items.

01/14/11 Dog Fouling:

The new posters put up by Cllr. A. Lees had seemed to have had a positive effect. It was **resolved** to request a supply of dog poo bags from T&W and the Clerk would supply them to residents requesting them.

01/14/12 FOI request 26386:

It was **resolved** to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office. It was also **resolved** to ask T&W how many FOI requests had been made by LWPC in 2013.

01/14/13 Clerk's Report:

- a. The Clerk had invited Lee Barnard to the March meeting but had not yet received a reply. Catherin Slayton, Veolia Communication Manager, has confirmed that she will attend the February meeting and that the public may be invited to her presentation.
- b. It was **resolved** to find out exactly what was the STWA supply problem at Steeraway and if appropriate to support the local residents in obtaining a reliable water supply.
- c. The Clerk reported that work on the Coalmoor Road footpath had been completed.
- d. The Clerk reported that Meadowdale Nurseries had been granted a certificate of lawful use under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Section 191.
- e. The Clerk reported that a mobile police station would be on the Village Hall car park between 10.00 am and 12 noon on Monday 10th February 2014.
- f. An article about LWPC's superfast broadband project should appear in the March edition of Clerks and Councils Direct.
- g. T&W had confirmed that "Huntington Lane" was an un-named road. Dave Barnett, Planning Business Support Officer, has asked the Local Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG) custodian to have a look at it for him; he will get back to the Clerk once he has some information. It was **resolved** to have the road named Huntington Lane if that was possible.
- h. The Clerk reported that the planning application for the conversion of an existing garage into a granny annex at Lothlorien had been approved with conditions.
- i. The Clerk and Cllr. A. Lees produced maps and aerial photographs to show the location of the SHLAA – Strategic Housing Land Allocation Assessment – sites within the parish. T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour, being present, outlined some of the history behind the SHLAA. She stated that

there was 14 years of housing supply land available but much of that had been granted planning permission. There is now only a two and half year supply and T&W must be able to produce a five year supply which must encourage sustainable development. However developers are "land banking" and they would prefer to build on green field sites rather than brown field sites. T&W will not defend appeals against developers as an appeal under the present political climate is almost certain to fail... There is an urgent need to have a new consultation on "Shaping Places". There is also no 5 year T&W local plan.

- I. It was **resolved** that members of the Parish Council would attend the meeting in Ellerdine Village Hall on Thursday 30th January 2014 at 7.30 pm where Val Hulme and Emma Green, Senior Planning Officers, will outline how they (the planners) fear the new guidelines will affect the outcome of planning applications in the rural parishes.
- II. It was **resolved** that the Clerk write to Mark Pritchard MP expressing LWPC's extreme dissatisfaction on the governments policy, as clearly pointed out on Countryfile. Also to express concern on the SHLAA 2012 plan showing substantial potential development around Little Wenlock outside the agreed original building boundary and the possible encroachment into the Wrekin Forest to the north and west of New Works.

01/14/14 Planning Applications:

a. TWC/2013/1021: Erection of a first floor extension to bungalow to form a two storey detached dwelling at Bungalow farm, Spout Lane, Little Wenlock, TF6 5BL.

The Parish Council had **no objections** to this application.

b. TWC/2013/1035: Erection of a bulking facility for the storage of recyclable materials and use of a section of haul road, weighbridge, administration cabin and vehicle turning area for a temporary 5 year period. Veolia Environmental Services, Waste Service Centre, Dog in the Lane, Little Wenlock TF6 5AR.

Whilst the Parish Council had **no objections** to the proposed development it felt that a number of conditions should be imposed on Veolia:

1. That the operating times, including all vehicle movements on site, as set out in the application (7.2.4), Monday to Friday 0730-1800 and Saturday 0800-1300, are adhered to and not changed.
2. That the total number of vehicle movements, as listed in the application, is not exceeded.
3. That material brought onto the site is only recyclable materials as stated in the application (6.1.2) and that no food waste or similar is brought onto the site.
4. That operations on the landfill site finish by December 2014 and restoration commences as soon as possible.
5. That the life of the bulking unit does not exceed 5 years i.e. ceases operation by April 2019.
6. That the site is cleared and restored as per the original restoration plan.
7. That no further planning applications for development relating to waste or commercial operations of any kind are applied for.
8. That the present Candles Site liaison committee continues until the operation ceases.
9. That wind-blown material is dealt with immediately.
10. That the surface of the road in Dog in the Lane, from the site entrance to its junction with Coalmoor Road, is maintained to a high standard and

that on the closure of the active operations on the site the highway is made good.

11. That Dog in the Lane and Coalmoor Road are kept clear of any rubbish, mud or dust.
12. That all vehicles keep to the present 106 agreed route accessing the site via Horsehay, Coalmoor Road and Dog in the Lane.

- c. TWC/2014/0017: Removal of condition 5 from planning permission W87/0568 to remove personal restriction. Meadowdale Nurseries, Spring Village, Wellington Road, Horsehay, Telford, TF4 3BT.
The Parish Council had **no objection** to this application.

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Neighbourhood Planning Questionnaire:

The meeting went through the questions and it was **resolved** that the Clerk should complete it and return it to SALC.

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Borough Liaison:

- a. It was **resolved** that Cllr. J. Davidson would attend the Parish Forum meeting on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.00 pm at Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre.
- b. T&W Borough Councillor reported that no decision had yet been made by the Boundary Commission Review in relation to the Wrockwardine Ward.

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Parish Environmental Teams (PETS)

It was **resolved** not to participate in the scheme.

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Individual reports and updates from Parish Councillors:

- a. Local Access Forum. Cllr. J. Davidson gave a verbal report on the meeting.
- b. Village Hall Committee: Cllr. S. Holding reported that the AGM would be held on 11th March and that a new carpet would be installed in the committee room.
- c. New Works Lights: Cllr. A. Lees reported that E.On would install a light in March at pole reference 24. The New Works Lighting Group (NWLG) would assess and determine if it is the right light or whether it needs to be brighter or dimmer. A decision would then need to be made whether the lights were all night, part night or individual timings. The order for the remaining lights will be by the end of May 2014.

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To appoint an auditor for the annual internal audit:

It was **resolved** to appoint SDA Accountancy & Audit Service at a fee in the region of £98.00

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Finance:

- a. Statement of Accounts: Business Account: £47,665.35.
Base Rate Account: £17,122
- b. Revised Precept Figure: The percentage increase in the Precept had been calculated on the incorrect Precept year. The Precept for 2013/14 was £12,650; 3.2% is £404 and that would result in the 2014/15 Precept being £13,054. A grant of £65 can be deducted from the sum which makes the actual increase £339 which is about a 2.65% increase.
- c. The following accounts were approved for payments:

J.F. Marcham	Salary	£254.47
HMRC	PAYE	£63.62
Npower	Energy	£80.58

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- d. Allocation of Borough Councillor's Ward Fund: It was **resolved** to use the fund towards the Swan Farm footpaths and an application would be made in February.

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Date of the next meeting:

Monday 10th February at 7.00pm in the Village Hall (input about Veolia's new waste contract).