

Wolverton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 7.30pm
Held at Wolverton Church Hall

Present

Councillor D Stone – Chairman
Councillor S Easterbrook – Vice Chairman
Councillor P Anthony
Councillor C Tunbridge
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
County Councillor J Horner for part of the meeting

There were no members of the public

1. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from District Councillor P Richards.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm & sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2017 were approved by all members and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

a) Website

Councillor C Tunbridge confirmed that the website was being updated on a regular basis. The Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had recently been added. The Parish Council's Publication Scheme was under review and will be added to the website.

b) Replacement Notice Boards

Councillor D Stone confirmed that the new notice board at Norton Lea was to be installed before the end of the financial year and the cost for the materials was also expected to be around £54.00.

c) Emergency Plan

Councillor S Easterbrook had no further updates at this time.

d) Highway Matters

Councillor D Stone reported that a 'low bridge' sign at the cross roads was broken and this should be reported to WCC Highways Department.

Councillor D Stone also reported concern regarding surface water runoff flowing across the road in the village at a number of points. It was not clear whether this infringed any highway regulations, and it was suggested that the Clerk contact Councillor J Horner to ask if the highways Department could investigate.

Concern was also raised regarding the uneven and cracked paving slabs on the east side of the village, which appeared to be due to vehicles illegally parking in the pavement. A survey would be undertaken to check for trip hazards.

It was reported that Wayne Bellamy of SDC had opened an enforcement case with regards to the concerns raised with the lighting issue at Woolly Park Farm and was to conduct a site visit.

Councillor S Easterbrook raised concern over the poor condition of the access tracks around the village green and reported that there were pot holes and the general road surface was in need of attention. The Clerk was asked to clarify who is responsible for the maintenance of access tracks across village greens, that predate the greens registration. Improvements to the grassed areas were also discussed, but action was delayed until building works at The Court were completed.

5. Report from Warwickshire County Councillor – Councillor J Horner

In the absence of Councillor J Horner, the Clerk read the following report:

Council Tax

The Secretary of State announced that local authorities will have the ability to increase their core Council Tax requirement by an additional 1%, on top of the existing 2% limit, without a local referendum for 2018/19 and 2019/20. There is no requirement to ring-fence this additional element to any service. Government planning figures assume that all local authorities increase their council tax by the maximum allowable.

Adult Social Care

The Government has announced that no new funding for Adult Social Care will be made available in 2018/19. To address demands to find a long-term solution to challenges in social care the Government will publish the already announced green paper in Summer 2018. The ability to levy an additional 2% council tax in 2018/19 and 2019/20 remains unchanged.

Police

Similar to Councils the Police are permitted to raise their precept by up to 3%.

Nadhim Zahawi is progressing traffic summits with Redditch and with Solihull to see if these Boroughs can be persuaded to take action to reduce the flow of traffic through our area on its way to Junction 15 and Leamington's industrial areas.

Firefighters from two of our retained stations are now acting as first responders and we hope to extend this to other stations in the next year. This should help alleviate the pressure on the West Midlands Ambulance Service who are under pressure maintaining their performance in the urban areas of West Midlands.

A detailed speed survey of vehicles in Claverdon showed 15% of vehicles each and every hour were driving through the centre of the 30mph speed area at over 43mph. I have asked the police what they intend to do about it and I am asking the County to carry out speed surveys in all the 30mph zones in Arden Division.

The Chairman also read the notes from the Arden Parish Chairs meeting held on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 at 2pm at Henley in Arden Fire Station.

6. Report from Stratford District Councillor – Councillor P Richards

A report from Councillor P Richards is appended to these minutes.

7. Planning Matters

The following planning matters were noted.

Application Number	Application Details	PC Comment	SDC Comment
APP/H3700/C/17/3182953	Appeal against WCC enforcement notice alleging use of land adjacent to Claverdon Sewage Works for import and storage of waste consisting primarily of construction and demolition waste, storage of skips and construction of hard standing	Enforcement notice supported	Awaiting Planning Inspectorate inquiry 19 Jul 18 – 21 Jul 18
DISCN/17/00385/	Waverley plot 2 discharge of condition 2 (brick samples) re 15/0257	Support	Approved
17/011404/LDE	Lower Blacon Farm, Wolverton Fields Occupation of the Bothy as an independent residential unit and not ancillary accommodation	No Comment	Pending
17/00894/FUL	Wolverton Court, Wolverton Renovation and conversion of existing barns to two residential dwellings	Support pending consideration of revised plans	Revised plans anticipated
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Councillor J Horner arrived at this point, and the Chairman recapped the matters which were raised under item 4d Highway Matters above. Councillor J Horner left the meeting.

8. Finance Matters

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| a. | Bank Balance | £3155.00 |
| b. | Income | £0 |
| c. | Expenditure | |
| | Clerks Salary December | £103.31 |
| | 1 & 1 Internet | £2.39 |
| | Clerks Expenses | £29.86 |
| | Hall Hire (6 meetings) | £36.00 |
| | CPRE Subscription | £40.00 |

d. Donations to Organisations

It was proposed by Councillor P Anthony and seconded by Councillor C Tunbridge that the following donations be made:

Norton Lindsey Playground £125.00 and Church Yard Upkeep £125.

e. Precept 2018/2019

The Clerk had previously circulated estimates of income and expenditure to the year ending 31 March 2018, and estimates of income and expenditure for the financial year 2018/2019 along with supporting budget notes.

It was proposed by Councillor S Easterbrook and seconded by Councillor P Anthony that the Parish Council makes no increase in the Precept for the financial year 2018/2019.

9. Correspondence

- a) SDC – Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 – Clerk’s email of 13 December 2017
- b) WALC – Nominations for Attendance at Buckingham Palace Garden Party
- c) Rights of Way Definitive Map – Clerk’s email of 15 December 2017. Checked and confirmed as correct
- d) WALC – Training News Letter Clerk’s email of 10 January 2018
- e) SDC – CIL Training – Clerks email of 11 January 2018

Members congratulated the Chairman following receipt of his MBE for Services to Young People & the Community of Wolverton.

It was agreed unanimously that The Chairman be nominated to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

10. Co-option of Councillor

It was agreed to re-advertise the vacancy on the notice boards, website and in the parish newsletter.

11. Future meeting dates

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm