

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER, 2011 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

12/11/01 Members present:

Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chairman), Miss J. Esp, Mr. S. Holding and Mr. A. Lees.

Mr. J.F. Marcham – Parish Clerk.

In attendance:

T&W Cllr. Jacqui Seymour.

Members of the public:

No one present.

12/11/02 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ed Roberts (Vice Chairman) because of work commitments, which were accepted, and T&W Borough Councillor T. Kiernan.

12/11/03 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. S. Holding declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 14 relating to planning application TWC/2011/1042 at 39 Coalmoor Lane.

12/11/04 Members of the Public to address the Parish Council:

None present.

12/11/05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2011:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th November 2011 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

12/11/06 Update on Affordable Housing:

Cllr. Lees reported that the survey had been issued to all households within the parish and were to be returned to T&W by 16th December.

We would be informed of the number of surveys returned, their analysis and content.

12/11/07 Highways:

- a. Cllr. Esp reported that she had a long conversation with Lee Barnard regarding the involvement of Wrekin Forest Partnership. She had stated that we were unhappy and that he should be dealing with LWPC directly. She had spoken to Nick Kitchen as Lee Barnard had not returned the promised phone call to her and explained the problems to him. She had suggested that a way forward may be to look at some of the smaller things that could be achieved such as signs to warn motorists that there are

walkers on the highway. However the response had been that T&W did not wish to “urbanise” the area with signs.

Cllr. Lees stated that he had listed the key points many times to T&W. He inquired whether T&W were after a master plan for the area. He stated that we want a meeting and it was **resolved** to write Stuart Freeman and copy the letter to Jonathan Rowe (Head of Environmental Services), Richard Partington (Chief Executive), Mark Pritchard MP and to our two T&W Councillors.

The Clerk read out a letter sent to Mark Pritchard MP from Stuart Freeman that he “intended to arrange a convenient date to meet in November”; no meeting had been arranged.

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council is making great play of it being a Cooperative Council, Little Wenlock Parish Council would now like it to start cooperating regarding its highway concerns.

- b. Cllr. Lees reported that he had heard no more on the matter of flooding on Coalbrookdale Road.
- c. Cllr. Lees referred to a letter from T&W Council regarding Capital Funding. He stated that he had responded by stating the issues with which we had continually been concerned with; parking restrictions and mini roundabout at the Forest Glen, speed limits, village entry signs etc. He stated that projects by T&W for Little Wenlock included some surface dressing on Coalmoor Road and work on the footpaths at Clee Rise and Orchard Close.

12/11/08 T&W “Your Money, Your Project”:

T&W Cllr. Seymour reported that £1000 would be available for the finger post at Arleston Hill as only Little Wenlock and Wrockwardine had submitted bids from the fund.

12/11/09 HLSCMLC Community Fund:

- a. Street Signs: Cllr. Lees reported that matters had developed a little further and that outline art work had now been supplied. He reported that Neil Clarke had supplied some historical text for the information boards.

It was **resolved** to establish a small working party comprising of Cllrs. Lees and Hutchison and to invite Ishbel Walker to represent New Works.

It was **resolved** to put the proposals in the next Community Newsletter for the community to see the proposals.

It was **resolved** to ask Dave Coxill to ensure that the funding for the project be placed in the Parish Council’s bank as soon as possible.

- b. Coalmoor Road Footpath: Matt Batham, Highways Engineer, is taking over the project and Peter Whittle and the Clerk met him on site on Friday 2nd December – in reality a repeat of the meeting with Jaswant Sidhu on 21st February 2011.

A new specification needs to be drawn up as the original one provided by Jaswant does not meet the T&W specification and this has been done. Matt Batham is in the process of obtaining two quotations from McPhillips (Wellington) Ltd and K&M Construction Ltd.

12/11/10 New Works:

- a. Litter Bins: The Clerk reported that he had written to T&W Council for 2 litter bins to be located at New Works.
- b. Bus Shelter: The Clerk reported that he still had not received a reply from T&W planning department.
- c. Bench: The Clerk reported that Adam Murray of Harworth Estates (UK Coal) had confirmed that there would be no issue with the siting of the bench on their land. It will be subject to a formal, but simple, licence which should be provided to LWPC shortly.

12/11/11 Renovation of Swan Farm footpath:

Cllr. Lees stated that he had received considerable help from SP Holding. Only one hour's work had been completed at the last session but that William Davidson had suffered an injury playing rugby and was on crutches. As a result he would not be able to continue work on the site for some time. It was therefore **resolved** to finish the project as soon as possible and provide further work for William e.g bramble clearing, in the spring.

12/11/12 Emergency Plan:

It was reported that Steve Collins had requested to return the emergency phone to the Clerk. It was **resolved** that SP Holding would act as the contact point for the emergency plan. Cllr. Holding stated that his company, SP Holding, could provide generators, toilets and water in an emergency.

12/11/13 2012 Information Sheet:

It was **resolved** that the Clerk would have a draft copy ready for publication in February. Council members would check through the 2011 to identify any required amendments.

12/11/14 Planning:

- a. Planning Conditions 41 & 42 of Planning Permission APP/C3240/A/08/20900405
UK Coal Restoration plan 191/D03A.
The new application covers the following items:
 - i. Detailed car parking layout close to the junction of Restricted Byway no. 36 with New Works Lane.

- ii. New restoration and Aftercare Strategy has been revised to reflect the comments received from various consultees in response to the initial scheme.

It was **resolved** to write to Dave Coxill that the Parish Council has a power and duty to reduce crime and disorder. It was felt that an eight place car park would encourage fly-tipping, drug use, unauthorised overnight parking and possible illegal parking by travellers. For those reasons the Parish Council objected to the proposed development and felt that an extension of the lay-bye would provide a more "secure" provision.

- b. Planning application supporting statement for an "Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission at the Coalmoor DP Site, Jiggers Bank, Horsehay, Telford".

It was **resolved** to support this application.

- c. Installation of a 20 tube solar thermal hot water system on the south facing rear roof of the property (Listed Building Application)
Upper Huntington Farm, Huntington, Shropshire, TF6 5AP
Reference TWC/2011/1054

It was **resolved** to support this application.

Cllr. Holding left the room at this point in the meeting.

- d. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a detached dwelling and detached double garage
39 Coalmoor Lane, Coalmoor, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 3QB.
Reference TWC/2011/1042.

It was **resolved** to support this application subject to no objections from neighbours.

Cllr. Holding returned to the meeting room.

12/11/15 Jubilee Celebrations:

- a. Mementoes: It was **resolved** that a china mug would make an appropriate memento. It was resolved that the parish logo (finger post) be added to the mug and "Presented by Little Wenlock Parish Council". There had been a request in the December Community Newsletter for information about the number of young people in the community.
- b. Other funding: It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would provide addition funding for the celebrations. The final sum

would be decided upon following consultation with other participating groups e.g. PCC and Village Hall.

- c. Maypole: The question was raised, "Who would organise the maypole dancing?"

12/11/16 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported an incidence of fly-tipping and what T&W were doing to pursue the culprits.

12/11/17 Borough Liaison:

There was nothing to report.

12/11/18 Individual Parish Councillor's Updates:

- a. Cllr. Lees reported on the Shadowing Award and stated that he has set up a further meeting with Laura Pennells to bring everything to a conclusion. She still needed to complete Parish Councillor profiles and photographs and then to review the whole process. The suggestion of presenting Laura and William with a certificate from the Parish Council in recognition of their involvement with the Parish Council at the Parish Open Meeting met with **approval**.
- b. Cllr. Lees reported on the HLSMCLC meeting held on 21st November 2011. A full report is appended to these minutes but Cllr. Lees brought to the Parish Council's attention that meetings would only take place every three months and that funds should be released much more quickly than before.

12/11/19 Community Newsletter Distribution:

It was **resolved** that Cllr. Holding would be responsible for the distribution of the Community Newsletter along Wellington Road – previously done by Cllr. Hutchison who would now do Spout Lane. All the others remained the same.

12/11/20 2012/13 Budget:

The budget figures presented by the Clerk were gone through and discussed heading by heading.

It was **resolved** to accept the budget figures as set out by the Clerk:

Clerk's Salary & PAYE	£3672
Admin & Clerk's Expenses	£1000
Insurance, Audit & banking	£800
Subscriptions and Miscellaneous	£1000
Training & publications	£300
Lighting: Energy Consumption	£720
Lighting: maintenance	£800
Newsletter, printing, web site	£500
137 & Power of Well-Being	£700
Projects	£3000
Village Hall, Open Spaces & highways	£3000

Total £15492

12/11/21 **Precept for 2012/13:**

It was **resolved** to set the Precept at £11,000. The balance of £4492 on the budget would be met from the reserves.

The Chairman, two Parish Councillors and the Clerk signed the "Precept of Local Precepting Authority 2012/13" form.

It was noted that the Parish had now held the Precept at £11,000 for the third year.

12/11/22 **Finance:**

- a. The balance in the Community account is £5,400.03 with all cheques cleared and in the savings account £5,787.64 giving a total working balance of £11,187.67.

- b. The following accounts were **approved** for payment:

Madeley Print Shop	Newsletter	£20.00
Raby sawmill	Christmas tree	£90.00
E.On	Light Repair	£60.36
ALC	2 Delegates at AGM	£40.00
J.F. Marcham	Salary	£238.58
HMRC	PAYE	£59.58
J.F. Marcham	Quarterly Expenses	£226.70

12/11/23 **Clerk's Appraisal:** (Public Excluded under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.)

- a. The Chairman went through the appraisal document outlining the achievements for the year and the agreed objectives for 2012. It was **resolved** to accept the appraisal and the Chairman and the Clerk signed a copy of the appraisal form.
- b. It was **resolved** to pay the Clerk one more increment on the pay scale taking the Clerk to point 22 on the pay spine @ £10.198 an hour payable as from 1st April 2012.

12/11/24 **Date of the next meeting:**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Attached:

Report on Hunting Lane Surface Mining.

Feedback on Proposed Highways capital Programme for 2012/13.