

Wolverton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting on 24th November 2015 at 7.30pm
Venue: Wolverton Church Hall

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1. **Present** Cllrs Payne, (chair), Rowley and Tunbridge; clerk; Mr Anthony; and CC Horner for part of the meeting. Apologies received from DC Richards and Cllr Stone.
2. **Disclosure of interests** – none.
3. **Minutes.** The meeting approved the minutes from September 2015, signed by Cllr Payne.
4. **Matters arising**
 - a. **WPC website and email addresses** Cllr Tunbridge to check out other suppliers; and to find how to archive past minutes
 - b. **Councillor vacancy.** No formal response. Clerk to re-issue, notification to be placed also on the website and in the parish magazine. Eligibility criteria circulated previously. *All to raise awareness of the vacancy at village events*
 - c. **Lengthsman scheme** – WPC is registered but the trial still in progress. Once finished, councillors will need to examine the pros and cons, to decide if joining would be in the parish's interest, given the longer term cost implications.
5. **Action Group Report** The meeting welcomed Mr Anthony's progress report. 19 of 50 tasks are already complete, 17 are partially complete, whilst some, such as responding to planning applications are unending. It is anticipated that the action plan will, in effect, be completed in January/ February and will need to be 'signed off' thereafter. The AGM identified as a good opportunity to inform parishioners of actions taken and of the results; 'close' the current action plan; and agree a way of maintaining momentum with ongoing tasks/ new issues as they arise. For now, points to highlight include:

- Excellent progress made by Mr and Mrs Miller and the Speed watch team. Six volunteers have been trained in using the speed gun, with three acting as scribes and safety officers. The gun was borrowed from Claverdon at nil charge. *The meeting wished to formally thank Mr and Mrs Miller for their work on behalf of the parish*
- Lack of volunteers to address flooding issue at Wolverton Fields – *Cllr Rowley to discuss further with Mr Anthony*
- Broadband upgrade– if Wolverton is not included in the next contract phase, we are likely to be waiting some years. If so, the parish may need to look at a DIY approach, preparing a proposal for sharing costs across the village. This to be considered, as necessary in the light of the next contract specification
- Mr Read is still seeking volunteers for the flora and fauna group. This group may not be viable
- Volunteers are required for Neighbourhood Watch. *Mr Anthony to write an article for the parish magazine and liaise with Norton Lindsey, which has a strong Neighbourhood Watch*
- Western power–trees trimmed, action now closed.
- Severn Trent – water pressure issues. *Cllr Tunbridge to report back to January meeting.*
- Verge protection at the Green – *Cllr Stone to seek WCC advice on possible protection measures*
- Litter – *clerk to send information on 'Clean for the Queen' (community clean-up day in March 2016) to Mr Easterbrook and place on noticeboard.*

6. Finance

- Current position £3,401.19
- A request of £21.11 was made for batteries for Speed watch - agreed by Cllr Tunbridge, seconded by Cllr Rowley (£20 agreed previously)
- Notice board – grant application result expected in December 2015, cost will be in the region of £2,000
- VAT registration – deferred to January 2016 meeting
- Asset register – to be finalised
- Presentation of budget and precept request – for discussion at January 2016 meeting
- Grass cutting – next invoice to include funding for leaf clearing.

- 7. Role of the clerk.** The clerk reported that, for family reasons, she was looking to stand down. Cllr Payne advised he may be aware of someone local interested in the role. *Clerk to progress.*

8. Report from CC Horner. CC Horner outlined the main points of the government's Autumn Statement, relative to WCC. *He also agreed to look into what help WCC may be able to offer to protect the verge at the village green.*

9. Report from DC Richards – none this time.

10. Planning applications

- a. 15/04199/VARY Woolly Park Farm – no further information
- b. 15/02561/FUL Waverley – granted with conditions
- c. Land on Wolverton Rd – appeal dismissed

11. Future meetings

6th January 2016

9th March 2016