

MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2014 **HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL**

PRESENT

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

14081 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H. Blake due to illness, Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Ford due to work commitments, Cllr Lightfoot due to holiday commitments; these apologies for absence were accepted.

14082 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

14083 OPEN FORUM

The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of item 14083, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open.

Charles Hoy wished to speak on the subject of the speed limit changes proposed for Audlem Road and Nantwich Road; he said that the 30 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. sign needs to be further down the road as agreed in 2004. He asked when the speed limits would be in place? Cllr Cadwallader said he did not know the timing and the details would go to consultation.

Haydn Illsley, a resident of Syllenhurst Barns said there was no footpath shown on the plans, even though he felt there is sufficient room for a footpath.

Cllr Woodcock said all the works need engineering input which may make it difficult to put a footpath in place in the future if one is not specified now.

Keith Hindley said he would object if there were any markings on the road included in a scheme due to noise concerns. He said the principal contractor - Tarmac had been very good recently whilst the works were being undertaken. He said there had been problems in the last week - Wednesday 5 November 2014 with the pumping station on Audlem Road failing on a dry day resulting in the road flooding, Clerk to report this incident to Severn Trent.

Mandy Joyce - speaking on behalf of Woore Tennis Club thanked the Parish Council for the support with regard to their recent Planning Application and asked about free trees. Cllr Moore said that the offer was connected to World War I commemorations and needed 30 saplings to be sited together, the Clerk to send details of the scheme to Mandy Joyce.

Chris Jeffries asked about speed watch details, it was explained that volunteers were required for such a scheme to operate; the Clerk confirmed that he had sent the details to Chris Jeffries.

Chris Jeffries said that maintenance of what is done by Tony Seabridge and what by the Lengthsman should be resolved preferably before work starts for the 2015 season. He said that Village Pride was willing to look at what is missing or duplicated. It was agreed complete this in January and make this an agenda item for the February 2015 meeting. **1430**

14084 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 13th OCTOBER 2014

Resolved to adopt minutes.

14085 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

14068 MATTERS ARISING

13124 COMPLAINT TO LGO

No progress to report.

13144/132 PLANNING MATTERS

No progress to report.

14025 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS

Public rights of way - The Clerk and ex Clerk to meet and then send letter with plan of all public rights of way in the Parish.

14069 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE - Cllr Moore wished to raise our internet capability, it had not been included as an agenda item for this meeting by error. Cllr Moore said we could run our own website with the package we currently have if it was upgraded from the current cost of circa £40 p.a. to circa £100 p.a.. This idea was broadly supported and will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

14071 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Neighbourhood Plan - To be discussed under agenda item 14088.

c. The Clerk wrote to Ian Kilby of Shropshire Council to express concerns that the applications were being looked at again, but were not actually being looked at again and merely passed, this action does not inspire confidence from the Parishioners. Separately the Clerk wrote to the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council to complain about service provision.

14072 RECREATION

Instruction given by the Clerk Tree for the Christmas Tree to be purchased by Tony Seabridge.

14074 CANDLE LANE

The Clerk wrote to Highways (with a copy to Cllr Cadwallader) stating that a weight restriction on Candle Lane would be a good idea and raising concerns of flood waters running off the camber on the A51.

14075 STREET LIGHTS

The Clerk has complained more strongly that the repair of street lights with Eon as the repairs had not been undertaken in ten working days, Cllr Woodcock has driven round the Parish to check all lights that need repairing have been reported. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Eon to complain about the works not being undertaken, the concern of residents and Star housing.

14076 DOG FOULING - GRAVENHUNGER LANE

The Clerk spoke to the dog warden to request a new collection box approximately halfway along the length of Gravenhunger Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the dog warden and say that if he did not have sufficient budget, the Parish Council would pay for the provision of a new collection box.

14086 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

SC Cadwallader reported that we should receive notice soon concerning the commissioning of youth services, it was agreed that youth services provision currently in the Parish were quite limited.

Cllr Woodcock said he understood an outline planning application had been granted which required work to be undertaken within two years not the normal three years; Cllr Cadwallader said that the council could specify the time limits.

WOORE VICTORY HALL

It was reported that there had been no meeting held recently and not aware of a planned meeting.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Cllr Clifford reported that there is an LJC planning group meeting to be held later in November 2014 discussing principally youth services provision. It was understood that the cricket club is open to young members, but there are no other youth groups.

SALC

Nothing to report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Hammersley tabled October 2014 and November 2014 Neighbourhood Watch reports, reports to be included in Clerk's correspondence.

14087 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS

Cllr Moore reported that the free tree schemes available are all linked to Word War I and can give up to 100 free trees in one place.

14088 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Neighbourhood Plan - The Chair reported that he had not had any further correspondence with The Planning Group with greater details of the work for the Neighbourhood Plan, although they had moved offices recently. The Clerk said the grant application for funding of £7,000 had been submitted, the approval process was anticipated to be two weeks and there had to be a commitment to spend by 31 December 2014.

b. The Clerk reported that the planning application for Land off Woore Victory Hall, London Road, Woore - Adult exercise equipment was still awaiting validation by Shropshire Council. The Clerk to send Cllr Cadwallader details of the application as submitted. After discussion it was agreed that the application would be raised at the open forum, hopefully at the next meeting to give Parishioners the opportunity to speak on the scheme.

14089 PLACE PLANS - ANNUAL REVIEW 2014 - 2015

The Chair asked if the papers in circulation regarding the Place Plans - Annual Review - 2014 - 2015 had been seen by all to form a view at the meeting this evening. The Chair said that the Parish was still described as a Community Hub not Cluster.

Cllr Moore said it would be beneficial to have an initial discussion, this view was agreed.

Cllr Moore said there were some glaring omissions in the report, he said the review about primary school places was incorrect in that it said there was sufficient capacity. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Headteacher of the school for their views and if they wished to attend the meeting of 8 December 2014 when place plans would be discussed further.

Cllr Moore said other items should be further discussed: Speed limits, Pavements, and Connection to mains gas.

Cllr Malcolm Blake said the Place Plan mentions a figure of 150 homes to 2026 but does not have any mention of affordable homes included in the plan.

It was agreed that Place Plans would be further discussed at the meeting of 8 December 2015 pre the required submission date for views of 5 January 2015.

14090 RECREATION

The Clerk reported that the cost of the installation of the benches at St Leonards Way was still awaited from Tony Seabridge to be able to provide the cost to the WI.

14091 SPEED SIGNS

Cllr Malcolm Blake reported that there had been no real progress on the code of practice for the mounting of the speed camera; Cllr Cadwallader said he would continue to pursue. Cllr Malcolm Blake said the main issue was trying to lift the speed camera to a height of 8 foot 2 inches without using ladders or a platform.

After discussion, it was agreed to purchase two signs costing £409.00 excl VAT to advertise meetings and one noticeboard to be sited on play area at St. Leonards Way costing £529.00 excluding VAT and installation. Cllr Malcolm Blake was authorized to place the order.

14092 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

The Chair reported that there had been no applications received for the position of Clerk by the deadline date of 31 October 2014.

The Chair reported that the former Clerk - John Parkes - had offered to serve as Clerk for a maximum period of 1 January 2015 - 31 March 2015. Cllr Woodcock said this was an exceedingly kind offer which should be immediately accepted, Cllr Allison agreed.

Cllr Malcolm Blake said that at the last meeting he had expressed an interest in the position of Clerk, but had subsequently withdrawn interest. He said he now understood he could undertake the position on an unpaid basis for 12 months.

After discussion, it was resolved to accept the offer from John Parkes to serve as Clerk for maximum period of 1 January 2015 - 31 March 2015.

It was further agreed that the position be re-advertised in the Parish newsletter, SALC, SPCA and Cheshire association with a closing date for applications of 9 January 2015.

14093 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Woore Victory Hall	Hire of Hall - Oct. - Dec. 2014	£120.00
S W Knobbs	Expenses - October 2014	£216.60
S W Knobbs	Salary - November 2014	£313.25
HMRC	PAYE - November 2014	£78.31
Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Sunday	£50.00

Resolved to pay accounts.

14094 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Neighbourhood Watch Report - September 2014, circulated.
- 2) Email from Cllr Moore re Free Trees - 15th October 2014, circulated.
- 3) Email from David Gradwell of Shropshire Council re Proposed speed limit changes - A525/A51 Woore - 20th October 2014, circulated. The Chair welcomed the change, after discussion it was resolved to support speed limit changes as proposed whilst noting representations from local residents to be considered when full consultation is undertaken, principal representations concerning extending of 30 m.p.h. limit.
- 4) Letter from the Clerk to Shropshire Council re issues regarding Candle Lane - 22nd October 2014, circulated.
- 5) Letter from the Clerk to Ian Kilby of Shropshire Council re Planning Applications - October 2014, circulated.

- 6) Letter from the Clerk to the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council re Service Provision - October 2014, circulated.
- 7) Email from Woore Tennis Club requesting funding - October 2014, circulated. The Chair said that it was not possible to make grants to private clubs that are not open to all Parishioners, the Clerk to write to the tennis club for clarification of their position in this regard and ask about the youth facilities they will be offering.
- 8) Email from NALC re Directly elected members of the smaller councils' Committee 2015, circulated. The Chair presented the email dated November 2014 regarding vacancies on the NALC committee.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 P.M.

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