

## **MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

**HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Allison, Cllr H Blake, Cllr M Blake, Cllr Lightfoot (arrived 7.25pm),  
Cllr Moore (arrived 7.35pm) and Cllr Woodcock,  
SC Cadwallader  
The Clerk Mr J E Parkes

### **15025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Hammersley, family commitments, apologies accepted.  
Cllr Ford, business commitments, apologies accepted.

### **15026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Lightfoot, agenda item 15037 – NS/07/01816/DET - Phoenix Field.  
Cllr Allison, agenda item 15037 – 15/00286/FUL land adjacent Grove Crescent.  
Cllr H Blake, agenda item 15037 – 15/00286/FUL land adjacent Grove Crescent.  
Cllr M Blake agenda item 15037 – 15/00286/FUL land adjacent Grove Crescent.

### **15027 OPEN FORUM**

The Chair proposed that standing orders be suspended for the duration of item 15027, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open  
Mr R Rigby reported on sunken manholes on the A51 outside his property, SC Cadwallader to take matters forward with SC.  
Mr Jeffries spoke on behalf of Village Pride regarding the damage caused to the grassed area at the junction of the Northlands, by West Mercia Police speed check vehicle. The Clerk advised that following discussion with West Mercia Police, they will in future locate their vehicle on the large footpath area on the opposite side of the road.  
There being no further questions the Chairman closed the open session at 7.25pm.

### **15028 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

Resolved to adopt minutes of meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **15029 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

#### **15016 MATTERS ARISING**

14083 OPEN FORUM

Agenda item 15035

15002 OPEN FORUM

Agenda item 15034

#### **15017 PLANNING MATTERS**

NS/07/01816/DET - agenda item 15037

#### **15019 TREE & PARISH PATH WARDENS REPORT**

TPO Land at Irelands Cross, agenda item 15031

#### **15021 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Agenda item 15032

#### **15022 GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES**

Agenda item 15033

### **15030 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

Cllr Cadwallader advised that he had nothing specific to report. However, the Chairman suggested that he may wish to report on the recent LJC meeting that he chaired. He reported that the meeting's main agenda item was the 'Commissioning of Youth Services' which taking account of statutory

requirements, will now be allocated on a needs basis and centralised for this area in Market Drayton. Cllr Allison was concerned that service should be proactive and not reactive and Cllr Lightfoot was concerned that the service will be centralised in Market Drayton, notwithstanding that a large number of village children do not attend the Grove School. Cllr Woodcock reminded Cllrs that there was a youth club for many years in the village, which was run by volunteers. He suggested that the matter should be raised in the forthcoming newsletter stating that the Parish Council is happy to support volunteers who may wish to form a youth club and would seek advice on their behalf from Shropshire Youth Association (SYA)

<b>WOORE VICTORY HALL</b>	No meeting held, due to illness.
<b>LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE</b>	See above
<b>SALC</b>	No meeting held
<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</b>	Current report to be circulated.

#### **15031 TREE & PARISH PATH WARDEN'S REPORT**

Cllr Moore reported that there had been an appeal by the landowner against the recent TPO on three trees on land at Irelands Cross, maintaining that two of them are diseased. Cllrs were anxious to retain the orders and resolved to request that no felling of the trees takes place until the detailed planning application has been received, when a final decision can be made. Clerk to advise tree warden accordingly.

Cllr Moore also reported on a long standing problem regarding the surface condition of Field Lane, Pipe Gate, following intervention by SC, a local farmer will clear mud etc from the lane and SC will make repairs to potholes.

#### **15032 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk reported that no applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy have been received, Clerk to re-advertise the vacancy notice and also include in forthcoming newsletter.

#### **15033 GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES**

The Clerk briefly outlined his recommendations which were adopted by Cllrs as PC standing orders.

#### **15034 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

The Clerk has been advised by West Mercia Police that they will only consider a request for a 'Community Speed Watch' scheme when regular speed enforcement is not carried out. There is regular speed enforcement on the A51 and accordingly they will not consider a 'Community Speed Watch' scheme for the Parish.

Cllr M Blake reported that following a successful meeting with SC Highways, one MV speed sign is to be delivered on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. There were five locations within the Parish where suitable posts have already been erected, he suggested that in the first instance, the post nearest the school be used. Cllrs also resolved to purchase the necessary high-viz jackets and platform, Cllrs thanked Cllr M Blake for his efforts in this respect.

#### **15035 LENGTHSMAN**

Details of SC's grass cutting schedules and areas covered have been received and the responsibilities of the grasscutter and lengthsmen have been defined. Clerk is to meet with grasscutter and lengthsmen this week to confirm frequency of their visits.

#### **15036 RECREATION**

Following advice that planning permission is not required for the erection of the outdoor exercise equipment at the Victory Hall, the grasscutter has been instructed to clear the site of weeds and remove the old fence. Clerk is awaiting revised quotation from suppliers for one 'bicycle and one cross trainer' Cllrs resolved to place order for equipment and any ancillary items.

## **15037 PLANNING MATTERS**

**NS/07/01816/DET** – Phoenix field - discharge of Sec 106 agreement

Cllr Lightfoot left the room for this agenda item.

Cllr Moore outlined the history of the Sec 106 agreement from the first planning application for twenty five houses through the various further applications to date, he maintains that the phrase used by SC that the Sec 106 ‘no longer serves a useful purpose’ was made in error when the agreement was discharged. Unfortunately, he is of the opinion that this decision can only be reversed by a costly Judicial Review which could have serious financial implications to the PC. Cllr M Blake quoted a letter received from SC in 2014 and he was of the opinion that the PC should as a minimum seek legal advice on an attempt to challenge SC decision. Cllr Woodcock could not support the payment of any legal costs and advised that a Sec 106 agreement is a private agreement between SC and the landowner. Cllrs resolved to write to SC expressing our concern that the discharge of the agreement was made without any consultation with the PC. Furthermore, we request that in future, we are consulted if a discharge of a Sec 106 agreement is to be made within our Parish, which we consider should be the case in all Parishes in such a position.

Cllr Lightfoot rejoined the meeting.

Neighbourhood Status – see Clerk’s correspondence 2 below, meeting with SC and PC Planning Working Group has been arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**15/00286/FUL** – erection of bungalow, adjacent to Grove House, Grove Crescent, Woore,

Cllrs Allison, H Blake & M Blake all left the room for this agenda item.

Cllrs discussed their concern that there may be some encroachment onto the wildlife corridor identified on the outline planning permission already granted for the whole site. Cllrs resolved to support, subject to maintenance of a wildlife corridor of the extent envisaged in the outline application and that this application must not be considered to be part of the major outline development already granted, for which we understand that tenders are currently being sought.

Cllrs Allison, H Blake & M Blake rejoined the meeting.

**15/00483/COU** – change of use to residential/retail, Old School House, London Road, Woore.

Cllr M Blake, 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr, reported that there were no objections from neighbours and Cllrs generally supported the application with some reservations regarding potential problems relating to parking of cars when training courses are held. Resolved to support, subject to applicants reaching local agreement re parking and due note taken of lapsed planning consent in 2009 for a dwelling on the current car park area.

The Chairman reported that a further planning application 15/00574/FUL land at Elmhurst, London Rd, Woore had recently been received, Cllrs agreed that it should be dealt with at a Planning Meeting, yet to be called, Clerk to seek deferment.

## **15038 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Woore Victory Hall	Hall hire/copying newsletter	£320.98
J E Parkes	Extra hours	£337.45
J E Parkes	Expenses Nov-April	£534.16
Securiburn Ltd	Confidential waste disposal	£60.00
EON	Grove Crescent, light replacement	£1,235.00

Resolved to pay accounts.

## **15039 CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Letter from Owen Paterson MP 5<sup>th</sup> February, re Council Tax Support Grant, circulated, no further action.
- 2) Letter/email to/from SC Planning 21<sup>st</sup> February, requesting ‘Neighbourhood Status’ circulated, no further action.
- 3) Letter from Mazars (Auditor) 18<sup>th</sup> February re annual audit, circulated, no further action.
- 4) Letter from SC 10<sup>th</sup> February re Council Tax Support Grant, circulated, no further action.
- 5) Undated copy letter from Minister for Local Government, re Council Tax Support Grant,

- 6) circulated., Letter from SC 2<sup>3rd</sup> February, advising that no request has been received for an election, agenda item 15032, no further action.
- 7) Letter & copy from Owen Paterson MP 24<sup>th</sup> February, re Council Tax Support Grant, circulated, no further action.
- 8) Advice advising Sec 137 expenditure limits for 2015-2016, circulated, no further action.
- 9) Advice of 'CIL' monies due for 2015-2016, circulated, no further action.
- 10) Letter/telephone acceptance to/from Mr J West, Parishioner 28<sup>th</sup> February. re Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, circulated, no further action.

<b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b>	<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015</b>
	<b>PARISH COUNCIL AGM</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015</b>

**MEETING CLOSED AT.9.30 P.M.**

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