

MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2014

HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL

PRESENT

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Allison, Cllr Helen Blake, Cllr Malcolm Blake, Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Ford, Cllr Hammersley, Cllr Lightfoot, Cllr Moore and Cllr Woodcock

SC Cadwallader

The Clerk Mr S W Knobbs

13168 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for late attendance by Cllr Woodcock were accepted (Cllr Woodcock subsequently joined the meeting at 7.25 p.m.).

13169 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Allison, Helen Blake and Malcolm Blake declared an interest if any discussions were held regarding the planning application at Grove Crescent, Woore.

13170 OPEN FORUM

The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of item 13170, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open.

Cllr Moore subsequently proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of the meeting to allow SC Cadwallader to participate in discussions on all items on the agenda and sit at the table with the Woore Parish Council Councillors, this was supported and SC Cadwallader joined the table.

Roy Martin said that the Audlem Road - A525 is in a very poor state and thinks it should be looked at as it has been seriously neglected over a number of years. The Chair said that works should have been undertaken under a S106 agreement. SC Cadwallader said that he had taken up the issues of footpaths, speed limit and the lack of street lights and had now found the correct people at Shropshire Council to speak to. The Clerk to write and chase up.

Brian Herbert said that the survey he had undertaken concerning the potential development at Newcastle Road had received 55 responses with nobody in support of the application. The Chair said that at the moment there was no application for the Parish Council to consider yet and residents should object individually if one was received, not rely on survey responded to now.

Chris Jeffries spoke about difficulties with the recycling facilities on the Swan public house car park, he said that the recycling containers had been filled and an additional 11 bags had been left at the site for approximately one month. The matter had been reported to the collection company without any collections being made. The Clerk to make contact with the collection company and chase up.

Roy Martin said that the large advertisement sign for the property owned by Mr Iqbal was still being displayed despite no work being in progress on site. After discussion it was thought that the enforcement officer at Shropshire Council will have to be involved again to pursue the matter. The Clerk to chase up.

13171 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 13th JANUARY 2014

Resolved to accept.

13172 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

13157 SPEED SIGNS

The Clerk has spoken to highways who inform him that the sign near to the Coopers Arms is known to them and is a traffic monitoring sign.

Costs have been obtained for speed signs by Cllr. M. Blake and circulated, and were to be discussed more fully under agenda item 13178.

13159 MATTERS ARISING

13144/132 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk has spoken to his office and Owen Paterson MP is asking for clarification from Shropshire Council before replying.

13144/134 SEWAGE - PIPE GATE

The Clerk spoke to Severn Trent on Monday 3rd February; they are still obtaining records of issues in Pipe Gate from their sub-contractor companies to give a clear history of the issues.

Cllr Lightfoot reported she had encountered contractors examining the issue on site.

13144/137 BANNER ADVERTISING MEETINGS

The Clerk reported that he was unsure of how they will work in practice - A boards (or equivalent), he said a banner at the Victory Hall on the railings would work fine but he had spoken further and the Management Committee did not now allow any banners given safety concerns. It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow Chris Jeffries to speak on the matter, he said that the new owner of the Manor did not wish to have banners displayed on their fence, although he said he had previously used the 'H' road signs to display banners. Cllr Hammersley said she had contacts through work suppliers who would probably be able to give advice on practical solutions. The Clerk to follow these contacts up.

13163 RECREATION

The Clerk has received confirmation from the planning department via Cllr. Cadwallader that planning permission is not required for the additional three pieces of play equipment at St. Leonard's Way.

13164 PRECEPT 2014 - 2015

The Clerk has reported decision made and resolution passed and has completed necessary paperwork for the 2014 - 2015 precept.

13124 COMPLAINT TO LGO

The Clerk reported that he had not to date received a formal response to the complaint made to the Local Government Ombudsman, the Clerk to chase up again.

13173 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

SC Cadwallader reported that at a meeting to be held on 14 February 2014, the Infrastructure Levy will be discussed. He understood that a request for an updated place plan response will soon be made, the Clerk to enquire with Hayley Deighton when this will be made. He said the future role of LJC's after this financial year was under discussion.

WOORE VICTORY HALL

Cllr H. Blake reported that at the last Woore Victory Hall meeting, it was agreed that they were happy to have adult equipment at the bottom of the car park. It would be further discussed at the next meeting scheduled for 17th March 2014. The Chair said that it looks as though planning permission would be required, the Clerk to clarify. Cllr Woodcock and the Chair agreed to measure the plot to submit a detailed plan to the Woore Victory Hall Committee. Planning and maintenance costs would be met by the Council.

WOORE UNITED CHARITIES

Cllr Cartwright had nothing to add to the report that at the meeting of 14th December 2013, the committee of Woore United Charities were happy to have two representatives from the Parish Council for Woore United Charities.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Cllr Clifford reported that the next LJC meeting is later in February 2014 and they would be considering the application for funding of recreation equipment at St. Leonard's Way.

SALC

Cllrs H. Blake and M. Blake reported that they had attended a SALC meeting on 15th January 2014 and there was much unrest about NPPF and planning. They are looking at a memorial for 100 years post the start of the First World War for two people in the Woore area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Hammersley tabled a Neighbourhood Watch report to be included in Clerk's correspondence.

13174 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS

Cllr Moore reported that he needed to follow up with the Parishioners who had expressed interest in the Parish Path Warden scheme and follow up the report that there is a dangerous tree as you leave Pipe Gate.

13175 PLANNING MATTERS

The Chair presented the report of the Planning Working Group Meeting of 27th January 2014.

Cllr Woodcock said he was concerned about elements of the Planning Working Group Membership, Powers and Purposes, he felt that the power to appoint should be done at a full Council meeting. The Chair took the meeting through all the points raised by Cllr Woodcock and the Membership, Powers and Purposes were approved in full.

Cllr Moore said that the notes of the meetings held should be displayed on the website and noticeboards, this was agreed and would be actioned.

The Chair said that the Clerk had made enquiries of who may be available to attend the Planning Committee meeting of 11th February 2014 at which the Grove Crescent application was to be discussed. The Chair thought it was reasonable for Cllrs Allison, H. Blake and M. Blake to be present for discussions on who may be able to attend the Planning Committee meeting of 11th February 2014, Cllr Moore said that the Code of Conduct said that a Councillor needs to have a direct financial interest to draw away from a discussion. The Chair said that declarations of interest are a personal matter for them to decide.

At this point Cllrs Allison, H. Blake and M. Blake left the meeting.

Cllr Cadwallader said that he felt that any of the three Councillors could attend the Planning Committee Meeting and give the views of the Parish Council after declaring an interest; he said he may be able to attend the meeting of 11th February 2014.

Cllr Moore said he was not particularly unavailable to attend on 11th February 2014.

Cllr Woodcock said the Clerk should establish from SALC if they would advise if they were able to attend, the Clerk to do so.

Following discussion a resolution was proposed and passed, that i. if willing one of Cllr Allison, H. Blake or M. Blake could be the representative ii. obtain advice whether legal or not and iii. in the event that one of the three were not able that Cllr Moore attend.

At this point Cllrs Allison, H. Blake and M. Blake returned to the meeting.

13175 PLANNING MATTERS (continued)

The Chair outlined the resolution, Cllr M. Blake said he was uncomfortable to attend, but would attend future meetings. Cllrs H. Blake and Allison both said they were uncomfortable to attend.

Cllr Allison said Shropshire Council are being too quick to give approval on planning applications whilst being close to the 5% land supply necessary and default in favour without judicial review is premature. Cllr Alison thinks the Planning Committee should resign en bloc and force a judicial review.

Cllr Woodcock said he agreed with Cllr Allison's comments, but decision would then go to the inspectorate.

Cllr Cadwallader said that Woore should not take all the development for Shropshire.

Cllr Moore said part of the problem was the lack of a local plan by Shropshire Council and he thinks there is a problem with Woore Parish Council being designated a community hub.

Cllr M. Blake said he wished to propose a resolution to discuss being designated a community hub. The Chair ruled that a resolution to change could not be considered at this meeting without prior notice. Cllr Moore said he wished to propose the matter for discussion at the next meeting which was agreed.

Cllr Woodcock declared an interest in the Station Yard planning application but said it had taken eighteen months to get to consideration and others are being dealt with much quicker.

Cllr Moore asked if it was legal how Shropshire Council have dealt with Irelands Cross versus Station Yard, the Clerk to ask SALC.

13176 RECREATION

Cllr M. Blake reported that the funding bid for additional play equipment at St. Leonard's Way was to be made at the LJC meeting later in February and a bid was to be made to the National Lottery for the adult exercise equipment.

It was agreed that near neighbours at St. Leonard's Way would be consulted by end of February 2014 by individual notice delivered to the affected houses and the proposed scheme would be advertised in the next newsletter. It was agreed that the order would be placed for the play equipment at St. Leonard's Way at the end of February 2014 for delivery at the end of March 2014. Positions of equipment did not need to be settled until the day before delivery.

13177 MISSION STATEMENT

The existing mission statement as circulated was discussed.

The benefits of having Quality Parish Status were discussed, Cllr Hammersley does not think it gives great benefits to a Parish Council but gives real benefits to a Town Council. It was agreed that Cllr Hammersley would expand on this for the next meeting.

The completion of the Parish Plan dated 2006 was discussed, it was agreed that in the next edition of the newsletter, help would be asked to form a new group being Parishioner led to further pursue the Parish Plan.

13178 SPEED SIGNS

Cllr M. Blake discussed the Speed Signs covered by the quotes he had circulated. His preferred option was the Viasis Compact 3003 as demonstrated by Chris Smith at a cost of £2,600 plus VAT. This was supported and a resolution passed to this effect and an order would be placed. It was also agreed that the sign would not be shared with Loggerheads Parish Council.

13179 WEBSITE - COUNCILLORS INFORMATION

Cllr Hammersley asked if all Councillors were agreeable to their Declarations of Interest being displayed on the Parish Council website, all Councillors were agreeable and a resolution was passed to this effect.

Cllr Hammersley asked if more Councillors would complete personal profiles for the website.

13180 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Gardening Care Services	Lengthsmans Services to Oct 2013	£360.00
S W Knobbs	Expenses - January 2014	£213.28
S W Knobbs	Salary - February 2014	£299.21
HMRC	Tax - February 2014	£74.80

Resolved to pay accounts.

13181 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) NALC Events Calendar 2014, circulated.
- 2) Letter from Richard Denison to Clerk, Chief Planning Officer, Shropshire Council dated 8th January 2014, circulated.
- 3) West Mercia Police - Market Drayton Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter - January 2014, circulated.
- 4) Email from Councillor Frank Woodcock re Irelands Cross planning application 13/02698/OUT - dated 15th January 2014, circulated. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Planning to ask for the footpath as described in the letter from Councillor Frank Woodcock stating that it was a long standing aim of the Parish Council included in the Place Plan and wishing for the land to be gifted.
- 5) Email from Frank Woodcock re Station Yard planning application - dated 22nd January 2014, circulated.
- 6) Email from Loggerheads Parish Council Clerk re possible sharing of speed sign - dated 26th January 2014, circulated.
- 7) Email from Frank Riseley re minutes of December 2013 meeting - dated 29th January 2014, circulated.

It was agreed that the Clerk in addition to circulating the Clerk's correspondence by paper would circulate correspondence as possible by email to all Councillors.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10th MARCH 2014

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.25 P.M.

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