

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
11th JUNE, 2012 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.**

6/12/01

Members Present:

Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chairman), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman) and Mr. A. Lees.
Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk to Little Wenlock Parish Council.

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour.

Members of the Public:

5 members of the public were present.

6/12/02

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Holding because of work commitments and this was approved.

Apologies were received from T&W Councillor Terry Kiernan.

6/12/03

Declarations of Interest:

None were made.

6/12/04

Members of the Public Address the Parish Council.

John Ferrington, Ishbel Walker and Vernon Plim asked if there was anyway of finding out if T&W Planning Department, when deciding to allow a car park on the restored UK Coal site, had taken into account the representations of 36 residents from New Works objecting to the car park. (A signed petition had been handed to Michael Barker, Head of Planning, by John Ferrington.)

Two letters were read out by the Clerk; one in response to a Freedom of Information request made to T&W and another from Peter Whittle (Chairman of the Huntington Lane Surface Mine Community Liaison Committee) to Michael Barker expressing disappointment that the concerns of the residents of New Works were being ignored.

The question was raised that in the light of the number of objections to the car park why did it not go to the plans board for a decision to be made?

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had still not been officially informed by T&W of their decision to grant planning permission for the car park.

It was further pointed out that New Works residents were never consulted about the proposed car park nor was it made clear where the car park was going to be and the form that it would take. There was an overwhelming feeling against it and that our "co-operative" council has taken no notice of the resident's views. It was asked that if problems arise from the car park who will deal with them, T&W Council or the police?

More litter bins were requested for New Works. It was pointed out that there would be one by the new bus shelter.

6/12/05

Minutes:

The minutes of the AGM held on 14th May 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6/12/06

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:

The Clerk informed the meeting that no one had requested an election and therefore a co-option could made. The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the relevant guidelines relating to the procedure.

It was **resolved** to write to Ed Roberts and thank him for his valuable service to the community during his time as a Parish Councillor.

It was **resolved** to send out a leaflet to all electors informing them of the vacancy and how they could apply to be considered for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

6/12/07

Jubilee Celebrations:

The Chairman had attended a meeting on 8th June and reported that over £1,000 had been raised for The Severn Hospice and that it did not include the bucket collection. There was the possibility of holding a parish fun day in 2013.

The Parish Council expressed its thanks to everyone involved but with particular thanks to Peter Morris and Steve Holding had put a lot of personal effort into the planning and execution of the Jubilee Event and thanks were expressed to them.

6/12/08

Highways:

i. Meeting with T&W Highway Officers:

Councillors J. Esp and A. Lees had met with T&W highway officers on 24th May. Cllr. A. Lees presented a full and detailed report on the meeting which is appended to these minutes. Cllr. Lees draft response in relation to the Forest Glen and Wellington Road was **approved** and is appended to these minutes.

ii. Location of speed survey sites:

The cost of each site was in the region of £375 and T&W would install the equipment for only two of the sites recommended. The Parish Council **resolved** not to pay for any additional sites. It was **resolved** that the two sites for the T&W equipment be on Wellington Road and Coalmoor Road..

iii. Gulley Cleaning:

The Clerk reported that the gullies were next scheduled for cleaning in April 2013. However if any ad-hoc road gullies needed to be cleaned T&W would aim to attend within 10 working days.

iv. Other Issues:

- i. The pedestrian warning signs at the Forest Glen had not yet been installed.
- ii. Passing places on Church Hill at New Works needed installing to replace the present muddy ad-hoc ones.

6/12/09

Affordable Housing:

Cllr. Lees outlined the history of the survey and the requests that LWPC had made regarding the final draft of the report. He had sent an email to Fiona Stewart on the 15th May with LWPC's recommended wording but had not received a reply to date.

6/12/10

Street Lighting:

Cllr. Lees reported that the repair to a light in New Works had resulted in a dimmer light. It was explained that the old style light was no longer available and that it would cost £100 to have a second hand replacement. However the light has now been attended to and is fine.

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Daffodil planting on Buildwas Lane:

The Clerk had requested a bulb catalogue from Parkers which should arrive in July. The approximate cost of 500 assorted bulbs would be £25 and 1000 named species bulbs would be £100.

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Swan Farm Footpath repairs:

Weather permitting work would be done on Saturday 16th June starting at 9.00 am. A team of helpers had been recruited.

6/12/13

Best Kept Village Competition:

The Clerk reported that he was still seeking information to see if the scheme was still operating.

6/12/14 Additional Litter Bins for the playing field:

It was **resolved** to place this on the July agenda.

6/12/15 Code of Conduct:

It was **resolved** to adopt the NALC template Code of Conduct for Parish Councils.

6/12/16 Clerk's Report:

- a. New Works Bus Shelter: It was **resolved** to approve the design presented by SevernOak. The next stage was to have a site plan and submit both to Veolia for approval.
- b. Superfast broadband: Work was progressing and it was hoped that the final costs etc would be available.
- c. Smartwater & NHW intranet: Applications had now exceeded 10 which meant that the scheme could go ahead but Smartwater applications were coming in slowly as were NHW Intranet applications.
- d. Co-operative Ward Fund: No suggestions had come forth from the electorate. The Parish Council had suggested that the money might be used to replace the wooden staging at Swan Farm Pool, re-surface the Coalbrookdale Road to Buildwas Lane Bridleway, and a member of the public suggested planters for Little Wenlock.
- e. Wild Wrekin Trail booklet: It was resolved to distribute one to each household
- f. It was **resolved** to write to Nick Woodbridge and congratulate him on his selection as a member of the Olympic Modern Pentathlon Team.
- g. The Clerk reported that the SLCC Conference had been cancelled.
- h. Planning application TWC/2011/0517 regarding the concrete silo dated 23rd May 2011 had not yet been dealt with although the planning department hoped that there would be a decision very soon!
- i. Lydebrook House: The T&W Planning Enforcement officer had visited the property and had advised that the use of the garage as a shop was unauthorised and that the signage should be removed. He was to make a further visit.

6/12/17 Planning:

- a. TWC/2012/0261 Amended Plan.
It was proposed that 45 metres of mature hedging be removed at the junction of Wrekin Course and Wellington Road to improve visibility.
The Parish Council **resolved** to object to this in the strongest possible terms and to the total destruction of 45 metres of mature hedgerow which it is now proposed to remove to improve the sight lines at the junction.
This is ecological vandalism and will destroy the habitat of many species of both plants and animals. It is highly probable that this is an historic hedge dating back well over 100+ years. There is no justification whatsoever to destroy part of it.
- b. UK Coal Restoration Plan and the car park at New Works.
This was fully discussed earlier in the meeting with some of the residents from New Works.

6/12/18 Borough Liaison:

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour outlined recent work done by the Scrutiny Board in relation to school places and waste & recycling 20 year contract and the waste transfer site.

6/12/19 Updates and reports from Parish Councillors:

Cllr. A. Lees gave a report on the meeting of the HLSMCL held on 28th May. The full report is appended to these minutes.

6/12/20

Finance:

- a.* The Clerk reported that the bank mandate change in relation to Cllr. J. Esp had been successfully set up.
- b.* Statement of current financial balances are as follows: Balance in Business Account is £4,246.65 with one outstanding cheque for £98.00 which gives a working balance of £4148.65. Balance in Base Rate Reward is £5,798.20, interest of £2.46 having been added.
- c.* Cheques for donations and grants were presented for signing.
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| St. Lawrence Church PCC. Towards the upkeep of the churchyard. | £300.00 |
| The Samaritans | £80.00 |
| Midland Air Ambulance | £100.00 |
| Hope House | £80.00 |
| Severn Hospice | £80.00 |
- d.* It was resolved to make the following payments as listed in the Clerk's Report:
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| Madeley Print Shop | Newsletter | £25.00 |
| Madeley Print Shop | Forms | £18.00 |
| Elaine Gandy | Plants for New Works planters | £53.64 |
| J.F. Marcham | Salary | £242.33 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £60.58 |
| J.F. Marcham | Quarterly Expenses | £277.49 |
- e.* It was resolved to retrospectively approve the payment of £2256.00 to Howes Property Service for the installation of the new signage.
- f.* The Clerk reported that the Notice of Audit had been placed on the Parish Notice Board, along with a statement of accounts and instructions to electors regarding the audit, on Monday 11th June as legally required.

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Date of the next meeting:

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