

Wolverton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 07 December 2016 at 7.30pm
Venue: Wolverton Church Hall

1. Present

Cllrs Stone, Easterbrook, Rowley & Tunbridge & County Cllr Horner (part of meeting). Apologies were accepted from District Cllr Richards.

2. Disclosure of interests

No interests were declared.

3. To confirm and sign minutes from 28 Sep

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September were approved and signed

4. Matters arising

- a. **New Website.** Cllr Tunbridge confirmed current web provider 1&1 have quoted £1.99 pcm for new contract to provide wolvertonpc.org email addresses and £8.99 pa for the domain name. Contract to be put into place asap. The new web hosting provider Hugo Fox is nil cost. Cllr Tunbridge still to contact Hugo Fox re Hit Counter for the new web pages.

Action Cllr Tunbridge: New contract to be in place before the next Parish Council meeting.

- b. **Bench and replacement notice boards.** Cllr Stone has completed work on the bench with the help of David Payne. As previously note the hardwood slats will be left untreated to weather naturally.

Cllr Stone has determined materials etc required for fixing the two new notice boards at the Church Hall and Norton Lea and dates for installation to be arranged in due course.

- c. **Councillor vacancy.** Vacancy to be filled by co-option.

- d. **Clerking arrangements.** No progress made on a voluntary Clerk. County Cllr Horner put forward various names of existing local Parish Council Clerks as suggestions to approach for paid Clerk position, as voluntary position looking increasingly unlikely. Cllr Stone provided an updated sheet on annual cost based on duties of 11 hours per month. Saving will be made on training if a qualified Clerk can be contracted.

Action Cllr Stone: To pursue contacts provided by Count Cllr Horner and/or place advertisement for paid position.

- e. **Broadband Services** Cllr Stone advised, according to the latest CWS update, that Wolverton is estimated to have Superfast Broadband by 2019 as part of Contract 3.

Currently there is a hold up on the testing and rollout of the wireless service from Sugarnet for those homes initially signed up. Homes that hadn't subscribed into the initial launch could still join the scheme but would be prioritised after the initial customers.

- f. **Clearance of overhanging vegetation – Bridleway SD176.** This has been cleared over most of the route towards Warwick Road over the course of two weekends as part of the Community Payback Scheme.
 - g. **Bridleway Marker Post on Green.** Cllr Stone raised this as missing
Action Cllr Easterbrook: email to John Brown at WDC – County Rights of Way Officer
5. **Report from County Cllr Horner** was noted. Options for Budget savings announced. There are no proposals for closures of Fire Stations or support for 10 minute target of Fire Engines to emergency situations. Also preservation of current level of roads maintenance and increase in numbers of Social Workers. (CClrr Horner left at this point).
 6. **Report from District Councillor Richard.** No report provided.
 7. **Planning applications/decisions.**
 - a. 16/00161/FUL – Waverley discharge of conditions for info decision pending
 - b. 16/03511/FUL – Park View demolition and replacement. After discussion decision made to make no representation as, given its location, we felt impact on Green Belt and village would be limited. It was noted that there may be difficulties in relation to the setting of the listed building. WPC will submit comments on these lines and refer to the need to making good the access road over the Green to the site on completion of demolition and construction. Some discussion took place concerning boundary of the Green which arose from incorrect boundary lines on the site plan of The Court.

Action Cllr Stone: To determine correct boundary of the Green
 - c. Report on pre-application meeting re Sunnyside. Comments will be made when plans have been submitted.
 8. **Finance**

Items a-d below noted and expenditure agreed.

 - a. Bank balance at 10 Oct £3993.32
 - b. Regular expenditure – grass mowing Sep – Oct £120 plus outstanding for Jun £135. Total £255.
 - c. Coach bolts for bench renewal £8.49.
 - d. Post and fixings for Hall noticeboard £70.
 9. **Correspondence**
 - a. WALC Training Survey – individual opinions, deadline 31Jan

- b. NALC legal topic notes (LTN)– local councils documents & records, trespass & public order act, byelaws (nature & use)(see email 30Nov) – For reading.
- c. Alcester Police weekly updates – (various dates emailed) – noted
- d. Lighting concern (see email 30Nov) – Review guidelines and check when lighting was installed.
- e. Gritting routes – no change locally – noted.

10. Future Meetings

25th Jan, 14th Mar, May date TBC

Cllr Rowley announced her decision to stand down. Cllr Stone thanked her for her contributions as a Councillor over many years and requested that she continued to support WPC until the existing vacancy is filled to which she agreed.