



## ***FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr's. L.T. Brayne – Chair, K. Hanmer – Vice Chair, D. Plant, Shirley Reynolds, H. Smith, C.F. Smith, B.J. Thompson, K.R. Watkins and S.A. Watkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark Hunter and Cat Slaytor (Veolia), Debbie Germany (TWC) and three members of the public.

### **14/2488 Apologies**

**RESOLVED** – to accept apologies from Cllr's. Mick Hanmer (work commitments), Stephen Reynolds (training at Oakengates Town Council) and John Thompson who will be late attending.

### **14/2489 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests declared.

### **14/2490 To receive a presentation from Mark Hunter, Cat Slaytor and Debbie Germany on the new recycling service.**

Mr. Hunter said that Veolia who were previously known as Leigh Environment and Onyx have been in Shropshire for 25 – 30 years and they own the Candles Site at New Works. Mr. Hunter said that they have a new waste facility in Shrewsbury and one at Four Ashes, Stafford and are planning a new facility for Hortonwood.. Veolia have a highly motivated workforce, an excellent health & safety record and regular staff training. They donate part of the landfill tax to an environmental trust charity which last year benefited Oakengates United Church by 25k, Ketley Methodist Church by 39k and the Greenwood Centre by 39k. Mr. Hunter said that Veolia deliver a value for money service and they will develop partnerships with local businesses and invest in new containers and vehicles. Mr. Hunter said that Veolia need to increase the recycling rate, currently 43% to 60% by 2024. There will be no change to collection days or to the materials collected, but it will be made easier to encourage people to recycle more. Mr. Hunter said that a Community Liaison Officer will be appointed to promote services via schools, road shows and community talks. Veolia will also be offering a fifteen place apprentice scheme for young people aged 18 – 24 years. New vehicles will have in-cab technology and 360 degree cameras which will help reduce missed collections. Phase one will begin in April 2014 with the new recycling service and new wheelie bin. Phase two will be in 2019 when Veolia take over the refuse and green waste collections. A hessian sack will be provided to properties that are unable to accommodate a bin. Multi occupancy properties will have a Eurobin in the compound and hessian sacks. Blue bags for card and paper will be continued. Veolia will use the Granville site and Stafford site until the new facility has been built at Hortonwood, which will be an integrated waste management facility expected to open in 2016.

Cllr. D. Plant asked if Veolia will provide vehicles for estates with narrow access roads. Mr. Hunter said that they will be using both small and large vehicles and they will ensure that the vehicle will fit the road they are accessing.

A resident asked if the new facility at Hortonwood will be for public use and if any existing sites are to be closed. Mr. Hunter said that the new facility will be open to the public. Debbie Germany said that they are investing in this new facility as current sites are wearing out. Debbie said that Ketley has issues with queuing traffic and the new site will be able to cope with the volume of traffic.

Cllr. John Thompson asked if Veolia's charity would be supporting anything in our area and suggested they could contribute towards planting poppy seeds to commemorate WW1. Mr. Hunter said that he would not be able to make such a decision and any application would have to go to the trust board to see if it meets their criteria.

A resident asked if food waste collection will be reintroduced. Mr. Hunter said that they plan to offer this service to all householders.

A resident said that he had his recycling collected today and noticed that everything went into the same truck. Debbie said that recycling should be separated into compartments and she will investigate why this wasn't carried out.

The Chair thanked Mr. Hunter, Cat Slaytor and Debbie Germany for attending and they left the meeting.

#### **14/2491 Public Session**

a) A resident said that the roads in this area are deteriorating and at Wombridge Road onto Wrockwardine Wood Way the camber is the wrong way and the road requires resurfacing. The resident asked if the Borough Councillors could ensure the camber is altered when resurfacing takes place so that the junction doesn't flood in the future. The resident said that some road lining has been carried out but TWC have not finished the job and the left hand lane by Asda needs marking properly. Cllr. C.F. Smith pointed out that although the traffic lights at Wombridge Road are not in this parish he will raise this matter. Cllr. Smith said that the Parish Council need to remind Highways that we have complained about the white lining before and it needs to be done properly. The resident pointed out that the lining at the junction at Stafford Road has also not been redone.

b) A resident asked what is happening with the maisonettes at Gordon Road. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that Wrekin Housing Trust are assessing them as there is subsidence in this area. The maisonettes at Talbot Road are also being assessed and Cllr. Smith said he should find out what is happening with them later this week.

**14/2492 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**14/2493 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and the recommendations made** were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

#### **14/2494 Precept 2014/15**

**RESOLVED** – to set the precept for the Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 at £90,230 net figure and with our allocated grant of £13,270 this gives a total figure of £103,500.

Cllr. K. Watkins said that he attended budget training at SALC recently where it was recommended that councils should keep a minimum of one years precept in reserve.

**14/2495 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014** were received and accepted by the Full Council.

#### **14/2496 Correspondence**

a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Invitation from Cllr. Kuldip Sahota to a Public Budget Consultation Event on 29<sup>th</sup> January at The Place, Oakengates at 6pm to hear our views on their budget proposals. Places need to be booked. Alternatively you can email views or take a budget survey at [www.telford.gov.uk/budget](http://www.telford.gov.uk/budget)

The letter says that all services are being cut and the most significant will be to Adult Social Care, Services for young people and integrated transport. TWC want to put £15 million into a

one off two year investment programme in: Pride in your community – regenerating borough towns and district centres, maintaining roads and making the borough cleaner and greener and helping to build young people's futures – working with businesses and partners to create more training and job opportunities for young people.

The letter also asks if we think TWC should either freeze council tax until 2016 (Council part of the bill only, there may an increase in other elements such as parish, fire and police funding) or increase council tax by 1.9% which would help towards protecting more council services for residents.

b) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Email from Jonathan Rowe regarding a Parish Engagement Programme entitled "Pride in Your Community". Mr. Rowe says that on 9<sup>th</sup> January the Cabinet will consider a report relating to a Programme of Physical and Social improvements across the Borough. This is a £7.5m resident focused investment programme with a focus on Neighbourhoods, District Centre, Borough Town and Employment areas. It will deliver a joined up programme of social and physical improvements, ensuring that a large number of residents have an opportunity to benefit in terms of improvements to their area and improved training and employment opportunities. The report also outlines a proposal for investment into Hollinswood District Centre, together with a proposal around a new "community enablement fund" and a proposal to provide an additional £1000 per ward member as part of a specific Pride in your Community element to the "Ward Cooperative Fund". Mr. Rowe says if the Cabinet approve this report, they will want to start the Stakeholder Engagement Process and he will be in touch again to discuss the next step.

c) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Invitation to attend Holocaust Memorial Day event on 27<sup>th</sup> January at Telford Town Park Visitor Centre at 10.30am. The unveiling of a permanent 'memorial' structure will be followed by a 2 minute silence and activities by local school pupils. This is an outdoor event. An exhibition will be displayed in the centre from 10.30am – 3.30pm. The event is open to all and booking is not required.

d) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Letter from the Mayor Cllr. Leon Murray thanking Members for the invitation to the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Cllr. Murray said that he and the Mayoress very much enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and celebrate Christmas with local residents and asked for thanks to be passed on to all those involved in organising the party.

e) **SALC** – Invitation to nominate the Chairman to attend the Summer Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014. Any Chairman who has made a significant contribution to the local council sector or have represented the interests of the local sector can be nominated.

f) **Western Power Distribution** – Invitation to stakeholder workshop on 5<sup>th</sup> February at Birmingham (Botanical Gardens) at 9.15am – 3pm. At the event Western Power will explain the final outputs and commitments submitted in their Business Plan for 2015 – 2023.

g) **West Mercia Ladies Football Club** – Email from Louise Hickman apologising for not attending our last meeting. Louise said that work has been manic as she is an emergency response Police Officer. Louise sends grateful thanks to everyone at the Parish Council and says she feels very proud to live within the parish knowing of the great work that they do.

h) **Mrs. Helyer** – Email of thanks regarding the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Mrs. Helyer said that the council excelled themselves and that the food was excellent and the entertainment good. Mrs. Helyer also says that she has noticed that the alleyway between Lyndhurst Drive and Wombridge Road has become so much cleaner and lots of people have commented to her on the improvement.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA**

**Katrina Baker** – Invitation to a meeting of the Parish Forum on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm at Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre. Cllr. Bill McClements and Ken Clarke will be attending to discuss TWC Budget 2014/15.

**Katrina Baker** - Email to confirm the Planning Seminar that is to take place at Castle Farm Community Centre, Hadley on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm – 5pm.

**Police & Crime Commissioner** – Email from Bill Longmore inviting comments on his outline budget proposals for 2014/15. Mr. Longmore says that he is proposing to consolidate initiatives included in the 2013/14 budget, initially funded from reserves in the base budget to guarantee future funding which will mean: 49 more PCSOs than the level previously planned; A fund of £2m for Community Safety initiatives and victims services, for which community groups can bid; A community ambassador for each police command area to improve liaison with local communities; Increasing the number of Special Constables; Accelerating the recruitment of police officers to ensure vacancies in local policing are filled as quickly as possible. Mr. Longmore says that he also intends to provide new funding from 2014/15 for the police to tackle rural crime, business crime and cyber crime and this will be available for a five year period. Mr. Longmore says that he is proposing a below inflation increase in council tax of 2%. All comments on these proposals should be submitted by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **TABLED CORRESPONDENCE**

**Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police 2014 – 2016 Rural Crime Strategy draft document. SALC** – Information Bulletin 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014. **Christmas Cards** – from David Wright MP, Sutherland Co-operative Academy, Wellington Cottage Care Trust and Wrockwardine Wood Infant School. **Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine. Leaflets & Brochures.**

### **14/2497 Payments to be Issued**

Each Councillor received a list of the expenditure transactions for January 2014. **RESOLVED** – that the expenditure transactions for January 2014 totalling £16,175.69 be approved. (Copy list attached to office Minutes)

### **14/2498 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for December**

A Statement of Accounts for December 2013, was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes). **RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for December 2013.

### **14/2499 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.**

A Friends of the Cockshutt Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the Parish Council Centre at 7pm.

### **14/2500 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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