



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm.

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

In attendance: Mr. Chalkley (Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group, Mrs. Horton (Age UK Donnington Day Care Centre) and two members of the public.

14/2600 Apologies All members were present.

14/2601 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any item specified in the agenda.

14/2602 To issue Grants

Grants were issued to Mrs. Horton from Age UK Donnington Day Care Centre and Mr. Chalkley from Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group.

14/2603 Public Session

- a) A resident said that the footpath by the new school from Wombridge Road to Wrockwardine Wood Way ends in steps near to the Leisure Centre and is not wheelchair friendly. The resident also expressed concern that although there are new lights half way down the access path, the other half going towards Wombridge Road does not have any lighting. Cllr. C.F. Smith and Cllr. Shirley Reynolds said that they will raise this matter with TWC but pointed out that this area comes under Oakengates Town Council.
- b) A resident raised concerns about a piece of land on the corner of Pickering Road that has been abandoned. Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Reynolds agreed to look into this matter which is also in Oakengates Town Council area.
- c) A resident requested that we ask Telford & Wrekin Council to ensure that advertisement posters are taken down once an event is over.

14/2604 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14/2605 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 10th September and 1st October were received and accepted by the Full Council. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that at the meeting on 10th September the Planning Committee agreed not to object to the conversion of the Red Lion Public House into dwellings, but did object to a further two dwellings on the car park because of the mine shafts in the area. It was noted that this application has since been granted permission. The Committee also objected to an application for change of use of open land to private garden land at 22 Priestland Terrace and this will be considered by the Plans Board. Cllr. Smith said that the Parish Council has always objected to public land being sold off.

14/2606 Correspondence

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** - Notice of temporary road closure at Furnace Lane 11th – 14th November from the junction of Lennock Road to the Junction of James Nelson Crescent for new gas service works.
- b) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Letter from Richard Partington regarding Election Posters. Mr. Partington said that during the run up to the European elections there were problems with election posters on street furniture being damaged or defaced often with offensive symbols or language. This led to complaints and TWC incurred time and expense when having to take them down. Complaints were also received about posters being left up long after the 14 day grace period post-election. Some of the language was so offensive immediate action from TWC was required to remove posters. Prior to their removal offence is caused to residents and visitors to the Borough which is detrimental to the reputation and finances of the Borough. Because Mr Partington is concerned that this vandalism might set a precedent for future elections he is considering asking the Council to withdraw its consent for political groups/candidates in an election from using street furniture and other council owned land to put up posters. It was found from a review of surrounding authorities that TWC are now in the minority of authorities allowing such posters. Before he makes a decision Mr. Partington would like our views by 14th November. **RESOLVED** – to write to Mr. Partington to inform him that we agree that election posters should not be placed on council assets. It was **AGREED** to request that if advertising posters are to be allowed, then permission must be applied for with an agreement to remove them once the event is over.
- c) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Letter from Chris Jones regarding Remembrance Poppy Mixes. Mr. Jones said that the 2014 sowings were largely very successful but there has also been some disappointing results which he can only put down to the nature of poppy seed and its ability to go dormant when conditions do not suit it. Mr. Jones is now writing to establish interest for a revised scheme although he cannot give costs at this stage, but would appreciate an indication of any requirements by 31st October.
- d) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Invitation to the Festival of Remembrance on Sunday 9th November at Oakengates Theatre at 8pm. There will be music from the Abraham Darby Showband, a parade of Standards and one hundred names will be read from the Roll of Honour. Invitation to the Civic Carol Service on Monday 1st December at Oakengates Theatre at 7.30pm. Music from the Abraham Darby Showband, Telfordaires and Hadley & District Orpheus Male Voice Choir. Both events are ticket only. Cllr. Stephen Reynolds agreed to attend both events.
- e) **SALC** – Notice of Annual General Meeting on Saturday 1st November at The Shirehall, Shrewsbury at 9.45am followed by the Conference at 10.45am – 3.15pm. Cost is £20 per member.
- f) **Telford & Wrekin CAB** – Invitation to an Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd October at Belmont Community Hall, Wellington at 7pm.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA

Telford & Wrekin Council – Invitation to Telford Community Spaces Half Day Conference at the Whitehouse Hotel on Tuesday 11th November 9am – 1pm. Cost is £20 which includes all seminars, refreshments and lunch.

TABLED CORRESPONDENCE

SALC – Information Bulletins 19th September and 3rd October. Local Council Review Magazine.

14/2607 Payments to be Issued

Each Councillor received a list of the expenditure transactions for October 2014. **RESOLVED** – that the expenditure transactions for October 2014 totalling £6,191.61 be approved. (Copy list attached to office Minutes)

14/2608 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for September 2014

A Statement of Accounts for September 2014, was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes).
RESOLVED – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for September 2014.

14/2609 Any Items of Information or Items for the Next Agenda

- a) Cllr. K. Hanmer requested that we report a problem with dog waste on the footpath going down Church Road towards the Junior School. Cllr. Hanmer said that the problem is horrendous and this path is used daily by the walking bus.
- b) Cllr. J. Thompson gave apologies for the meeting in November because he will be attending Wellington Town Council Meeting.

14/2610 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th November 2014 in the Meeting Room at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....