

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM AT THE WROXETER HOTEL, WROXETER

PRESENT: Chairman –B. Nelson (BN), V. Amos (VA), P. Davies (PD), M. Millington (MM), K. Pritchett (KP), S. Rowlands (SR), I. Sherwood (IS)

Clerk: Mrs R. Turner

048/1415 PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr. Nelson welcomed Ian Sherwood. It was **NOTED** that the meeting on 12th January was inquorate but a presentation had been given on the Connecting Shropshire project, details of which are minuted below.

049/1415 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were **NOTED**:

- Cllr. L. Davies

050/1415 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

051/1415 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Ian Sherwood had put himself forward for one of the vacant seats. Ian left the room whilst a vote was taken. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to co-opt him (P: PD, S: MM). Ian re-entered the room and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr. Davies advised that his wife, Jean Davies, was also interested in becoming a councillor. She was invited to attend the next meeting.

Cllr. Pritchett entered the meeting.

052/1415 REPORTS

The police had reported the following crimes during November and December:

Assault:	Theft: 2	Burglary Other: 1
Vehicle Crime:	Criminal Damage:	Burglary Dwelling:
Other:	Road Traffic Incident:	Road Collision:
ASB Personal: 1	ASB Environmental:	ASB Nuisance:

053/1415 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2014

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman (P: PD, S: MM)

054/1415 MATTERS ARISING

None.

055/1415 CONNECTING SHROPSHIRE

Chris Taylor, Programme Manager Connecting Shropshire, Cllr. Steve Charmley, Portfolio Holder for Business Growth, ip&e and Commissioning and Cllr. Claire Wild had attended the inquorate meeting on 12th January. A presentation had been given on broadband. The Connecting Shropshire programme aims to cover 87% of premises in Shropshire with superfast (24Mbps) broadband and 93% with fibre broadband, speed of at least 2Mbps. A second phase of £11.38 million is planned and match funding is being sought. The parish is served by cabinets at Cressage, Norton crossroads, Atcham Industrial estate and Uppington. Of these, high speed connections are only being made at the Cressage cabinet and this covers very few premises in the parish. Overall only 16 premises in the parish will get high speed broadband. Some cabinets in Uppington may be connected via Telford and Wrekin's high speed broadband programme but this is uncertain. In response to a question from Cllr. Nelson, Chris Taylor confirmed that the target is still for all premises to get speeds of at least 2Mbps.

The Parish Council were very disappointed that the vast majority of the parish will not benefit from the Connecting Shropshire project.. Cllr. Nelson offered to lead efforts to press for better broadband in the parish. Cllr. Pritchett asked what the current broadband speed is and it was **AGREED** to publish a request in under the Wrekin for parishioners to test their broadband speed and to send the results to the Parish Council.

056/1415 UPPINGTON PLAY AREA

The leg of the smaller swing is rotting – quote to be sought to replace it or re-bracket and sleeve it. Cllr. Pritchett would obtain quote and Cllr. Amos to obtain quote from Chris Lloyd.

Two quotes for repairing the fence had been received. It was agreed that Cllr. Amos would seek a further quote from Chris Lloyd and the cheapest contractor would be appointed to repair the fence.

Three quotes for the play area grass cutting contract would be sought for consideration at the next meeting.

057/1415 PLACE PLAN REVIEW

The following changes to the Place Plan were identified:

Development related infrastructure:

Make provision of high speed ICT/broadband and a CRITICAL priority and add this as a CIL priority

Wider infrastructure needs:

- Replacement bus shelter at Wroxeter Roman City – CRITICAL
- Community tree scheme – remove
- Open space improvements – downgrade to a LOW priority
- Improvements to sewerage plants at Brookside, Wroxeter and Rushton – MEDIUM priority

058/1415 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Notifications

- (i) 14/04489/FUL - 1 Meadow View, Uppington, Telford, TF6 5HP - Erection of first floor rear extension – **Permission Granted**

(b) Applications for comment

- (i) 14/05558/LBC - Norton Farm , Norton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 4UH - Installation of secondary glazing to a Grade II Listed Building – **no comments**

059/1415 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(i) Bus shelter repairs

B5061- Bluebell Crossroads – Cllr. Davies apologised for not having the time to repair this shelter. Cllrs. Nelson and Pritchett offered to repair this shelter.

Wroxeter Roman City shelter – a quote had been received for a new shelter from Dale Dilly. Cllr. Pritchett agreed to get a further quote from Gary Mumford. A grant may be available from Shropshire Council in 2015/16 financial year.

(ii) Lower Longwood/Dryton crossroads

In a response to a request for more measures to control speeding in this area, including double white lines, Mike Davies of Shropshire Council had responded as follows: *“The introduction of a double white line system on the length of road you have requested would be based on the available forward visibility distance for the prevailing travelled speed and the road being of a suitable width. Whilst it does not require a traffic regulation order it does require the support from the police, who would carry out enforcement. As well as being a no overtaking restriction, a double white line system also means that vehicles are not allowed to stop on any length of road where the restriction applies. Additionally, the cost of introducing a double white line system can be high - largely resulting from the requirement to have road studs at short separation intervals, centre line removal and replacement with the lines, the survey to assess start and end points for the continuous white lines through a series of bends, and traffic management for these activities.*

Consequently, for these reasons we generally only tend to consider a double white line system where they are considered absolutely necessary. All such a lining system would do will be to make overtaking an offence, and not necessarily influence travelled speeds. I would advise against using such a lining scheme.”

060/1415 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Clerk’s pay award in line with NJC pay award and sign revised standing order

Further to an NJC pay settlement having been determined, it was **AGREED** to amend the Clerk's salary accordingly, with effect from January 2015 and to award the non-consolidated payment, which formed part of the NJC settlement. The revised standing order was signed, covering the period to end of March 2015.

(i) Appointment of internal auditor for 2014/15 accounts

It was **AGREED** to appoint Sue Hackett.

(ii) Budget and precept for 2015/16 budget & consider 2015-18 budget projection

The tabled budget was approved. The loss of £187 CTSG was noted. It was **RESOLVED** to set a precept of £3501.94 for 2015/16 (P: VA, S: PD). The indicative long term budget projection was **NOTED**.

(iii) Qtr. 3 Bank reconciliation and budget report

The Council **NOTED** the Qtr. 3 budget report and bank reconciliation, showing payments to date of £2634.09 and receipts of £3999.75, with the reconciled end of quarter balance being £1931.78.

(iv) Accounts for payment

It was **RESOLVED** to retrospectively approve the following account, paid at the inquorate meeting (P: VA, S: PD):

Payee	Item	Ref no	Net	VAT	Gross
Wroxeter Hotel	Room hire	398	£8.33	£1.67	£10.00
R. Turner	Expenses Nov to Dec	399	£13.50	£0.00	£13.50
R Turner	WFHA – Nov to Dec	400	£17.50	£0.00	£17.50

(v) The following standing order payments already made were noted:

Payee	Item	Ref no	Net	VAT	Gross
R. Turner	Salary – November 2014	SO	£130.52	N/A	£130.52
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(vi) The following income received was NOTED:

Interest - £0.02 – November and December

061/1415 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was **NOTED**:

- (i) The Wrekin Forest Plan 2015-20 consultation
- (ii) Community Health News/Future Fit meetings – Clerk to contact Daphne of the Patients Group to find out details of consultation events
- (iii) NHS Walk In centre opening at RSH, 15th December
- (iv) Countrywide Grounds Maintenance satisfaction survey
- (v) Emergency Planning newsletter
- (vi) Flood Repair and Renewal Grant
- (vii) Broadband campaign updates
- (viii) Police and Crime Commissioner Precept consultation
- (ix) Shropnet – refresh project has been aborted

None to report.

NEXT MEETING – 9TH MARCH 2015 AT THE WROXETER HOTEL, WROXETER AT 7.30PM

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATED