

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th. DECEMBER, 2014 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

- 12/14/01 Members Present:**
Councillors Mrs. J. Davidson, (Chair), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Sheila Hutchison, Cllr. Steve Holding and Cllr. Alan Lees.
In attendance:
T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour
Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk & RFO to Little Wenlock Parish Council.
Members of the Public:
1 member of the public was present.
- 12/14/02 Apologies:** None.
- 12/14/03 Declarations of Interest:**
None.
- 12/14/04 Public Session:**
Concern was expressed about the amount of water on the road at the foot of the Wrekin. It was **resolved** to contact the highways department regarding the matter.
- 12/14/05 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2014:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2014 were **approved and signed**.
- 12/14/06 Highways- issues and concerns:**
- a. **Quiet Lanes:** It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from Signs of the Times at a cost of approximately £1240-17. It was **resolved** to carry out the project as soon as possible. It was **resolved** to make a decision on the location of the signs following a site meeting on Spout Lane.
 - b. **Parking enforcement:** Cllrs. Sheila Hutchison and Alan Lees met with PC Ryan Foster and Rod Lake, West Mercia Police traffic officer, who informed them that there were no funds for enforcing parking. However they agreed that they would enforce parking when they can at the foot of the Wrekin.
 - c. **Speeding in Little Wenlock:** Speed cameras cannot be used on Wellington Road because of its configuration prior to entering Little Wenlock.
 - d. **SIDs:** The Clerk reported that the cost of a fixed speed limit radar battery powered (with solar charging) plus fixings etc would cost in the region of £970.
 - e. **Other highway issues:**
 - i. Drains need to be unblocked. The clerk stated that he had reported the blocked drains on Spout Lane and Huntington Lane.
 - ii. The road needs sweeping by the church to remove the leaves on the road.
 - iii. The Witchwell Lane sign needs attention. The Clerk reported that he had already reported the problem twice.
- 12/14/07 Defibrillator:** It was **resolved** to purchase a defibrillator and wall cabinet from St. John Ambulance at a cost of £1280 plus electrical wiring and fitting costs subject to the formal approval of the owner of the Huntsman Inn.
- 12/14/08 New Works Lights update:** Cllr. Alan Lees had been informed that work would start on January 21st and take three days. The New Works lighting committee had been informed. Cllr. Steve Holding agreed to store the old lights for future use.
- 12/14/09 War Memorial:**

- a. **Grant:** No grant has yet been received.
- b. **War Memorial Book:** It was resolved that the Clerk should proceed with getting the Memorial Book made.

12/14/10 **Swan Farm footpaths:**

- a. **Veolia Grant:** No news had yet been received as to whether the bid had been successful or not.
- b. **Procedure for carrying out the project:** As soon as possible if the grant application has successful.

12/14/11 **Shropshire Wildlife Trust: Wrekin Forest Plan 2015-20 Survey:**

The Clerk reported that he had sent out electronic copies of the survey to all those on his subscribers list. Councillors had also distributed printed copies. An email is to be sent out to remind everyone to complete the survey.
It was **resolved** to meet with Adrian Corney to discuss the siting of litter bins at the foot of the Wrekin.

12/14/12 **Christmas tree lights:**

It was reported that following consultation with the Village Hall 4 sets of lights and a transformer had been purchase and were now in use.

12/14/13 **Clerk's Report:**

- a. **Pride in Your Community Grant for the Quiet Lanes Project:** The Clerk had received a formal letter explaining the reasons why the application had not been successful. The Clerk stated that he felt that the bid had met all the criteria and that the reason the bid had been unsuccessful was that it was "a highways issue".
- b. **CTSS Grant:** The Clerk reported that Little Wenlock PC, along with all the other small rural parishes, had received no grant whilst the major conurbations had received grants running into the tens of thousand of pounds.
- c. **2014-2106 National salary Award:** The Clerk reported that Clerks were to receive a one-off payment of £100 on 1st December and a pay rise from the 1st January 2015.

12/14/14 **Planning Applications:**

- a. TWC/2014/1050: Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling & detached garage Land adjacent Falcon House, New Works, Telford.
It was **resolved** that the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application,.

12/14/15 **Borough Liaison:**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received 2 grants, which had been supported by T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour, as follows:

- b. £660 towards the Quiet Lanes project for Spout Lane, and
- c. £600 towards the cost of a defibrillator.

12/14/16 **Reports and updates from Parish Councillors:**

- a. Huntington Lane Surface Mine Liaison Committee. See attached notes.
- b. Wrekin Forest Partnership: 186 questionnaires had been returned. Rubbish and dog mess seem to be the biggest issues. There was a 50/50 split regarding parking. There may be some funding available for the Quiet Lanes project from a 106 agreement.
- c. Candles Liaison Committee meeting. Meeting yet to take place.

12/14/17 **Budget proposals for the financial year 2015-16:**

- a. The Clerk indicated that the projected working balance at the end of the year was £2154. This did not include the reserve fund of £3263.

- b. The Clerk presented a projected list of costs & expenditure for the financial year 2015/16.
- c. Additional major projects for the year 2015/16 included a fund to fight any future large scale building development in the parish and possibly the future purchase of a Speed Limit Radar Sign.
- d. It was **resolved** to set the Precept at £14,228-00 for 2015/16.

12/14/18**Finance:**

- a. Balances in the bank accounts were as follows:
 - i. Community fund: £34,343.56 with all cheques cleared.
 - ii. Base Rate Reward: £17,200.29
- b. It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts:

Raby sawmill	16' Christmas Tree	£114.00
Philip Davidson	Christmas tree lights (lights4fun)	£104.95
J. Marcham	Clerk's Salary	£342.78
HMRC	PAYE	£85.69
J. Marcham	Quarterly Expenses	£108.45
- c. Request for grant from Mind, Telford. The request was declined.

12/14/19**Date of the next meeting:**

12th January 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.