

## LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

**06/14/01 Members Present:**

Councillors Mrs. J. Davidson (Chair), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), and Mr. A. Lees.

**In attendance:**

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour.

Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk & RFO to Little Wenlock Parish Council.

**Members of the Public:**

Two members of the public were present.

**06/14/02 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Mrs. S. Hutchison (on holiday) and Mr. S. Holding (work commitment) which were both approved, and T&W Borough Councillor Terry Kiernan.

**06/14/03 Declarations of Interest:** None

**06/14/04 Public Session:**

Mr. Jim Roberts outlined recent problems with "green laners" which started on Bank Holiday Sunday on Hatch Lane. They had gone around the rocks blocking Hatch Lane which is bridleway. He subsequently placed 2 more rocks to prevent access but the Land Rovers had winches and pulled them away. He had given the Clerk a description of the two Land Rovers and the number of one of them which the Clerk reported to the police. He subsequently placed more rocks which were again removed.

He had spoken with Andrew Careless, Rights of Way Officer, about his concerns and about the future possible damage to the restored bridleways and footpaths on the coal site.

There have also been problems with these Land Rovers at Cluddley and at the shooting range on Wrekin Course

It was **resolved** to:

- a. To ask Andrew Careless what T&W were intending to do about the problem.
- b. If Andrew Careless cannot do anything then go to the press with a written Press Release, and
- c. Mention the problem in the Community Newsletter.

**06/14/05 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were **approved and signed**.

**06/14/06 Quiet Lanes:**

- a. Cllr. Alan Lees gave a resume of the recent meeting that he and Cllrs. Jayne Davidson and Juliet Esp had with Nick Kitchen from T&W Highways Department. Nick Kitchen had outlined the quiet lane proposals. Some suggested options had been made regarding signage at the start and end of the roads designated as quiet lanes.
- b. Cllr. Alan Lees produced a map of the area with proposed signage and road narrowing sites following a tour of the area with Cllr. Jayne Davidson. Cllr. Juliet Esp suggested a further repeater sign on Willowmoor Bank. It was **resolved** to present the location map to Nick Kitchen for discussion and implementation.
- c. Nick Kitchen had stated that funding was tight but was not averse to funding the project.
- d. It was **resolved** to inform the community of the proposed project in the Community Newsletter.

**06/14/07 T&W Council's Community Pride Fund:**

As stated by Nick Kitchen funding is tight. It was therefore resolved to see if the "Pride in the Community Fund" was a possibility either to fully fund or part fund the quiet lanes project. It was pointed out that the project would not only benefit the local community but also the wider community by making the roads safer for walkers, cyclist and horse riders. It was **resolved** to ask Nick Kitchen

to give us a projected sum for the project and then to see if the project was eligible for money from the fund.

**06/14/08**

**New Works street lighting:**

Cllrs Alan Lees reported that Dan Hitchin had informed him that we were still waiting for Western Power Distribution to connect the initial light and that might be done by 18<sup>th</sup> July. E.On are training there own staff so that they can do power connections in the future and this may speed up the whole project.

**06/14/09**

**Swan Farm Footpath project:**

- a. Quotations had been requested from three companies, one had declined as the project was not big enough for them. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from AJB on the grounds that the price was acceptable and they had previously done work which was of a good quality.
- b. The grant request to Veolia must not exceed £25,000 in VAT.
- c. The Clerk had written to HMRC to see if the VAT could be reclaimed on the project and had also contacted the T&W finance officer who deals with VAT. If VAT was not refundable Andrew Careless, the Rights of Way Officer, would see what he could do.
- d. No decision on the project could be made until the matter of the VAT was resolved.
- e. It had been suggested that the verges where the recent work had been carried out at Swan Farm be sown with wild flowers. It was **resolved** to find out the cost of seed and make a decision at the July meeting.
- f. It was **resolved** to write to Andrew Careless, the Rights of Way Officer, and thank him for the repair of the footpath at Swan Farm, a great job had been done.

**06/14/10**

**Footpath at Witchwell Lane (Shropshire Way):**

It was reported that footpath does not dry out and would benefit from some bark (or similar) being laid down. Bulk bark cost about £40 a load and cost would be looked into and the matter raised again at the July meeting.

**06/14/11**

**War Memorial:**

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Midland Masonry and was waiting for a date for the work to be done from them.

**06/14/12**

**BT Copper Cable Re-alignment to Huntington etc:**

The Clerk reported that he had been communication with Ian Binks (BT Director) who has informed him that the part of Openreach responsible for coming up with an answer for us has had an increase in its resources (more people basically) and so I am now more hopeful of a proposal in the very near future.....provision of rural broadband in challenging areas is increasingly preoccupying citizens across the country and we have an increasing demand for solutions of this nature – hence the increase in resource.

**06/14/13**

**Fly Tipping:**

Cllr. Alan Lees reported that he had given T&W photographs of some item from a recent fly-tipping incident which might identify the culprits. He had heard nothing from T&W. He had a reference number for his report and T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour stated that she would make enquiries.

**06/14/14**

**Buildwas Lane:**

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Lee Barnard regarding both the status of the road and its present deplorable condition. He has passed the query onto Amanda Roberts and as yet we have not heard from her.

**06/14/15**

**Rumble Strips on Spout Lane:**

No decision was taken as to what action LWPC should take on the rumble strip which had been covered over with chippings.

**06/14/16**

**Clerk's Report:**

- a. The Clerk has reported blocked gullies on Church Lane and Wellington Road.

- b. FOI request: I think we have reached to "end of the road" so far as the commissioners are concerned. However each one of us can do a "Subject Access Request" to T&W if you so wish.
- c. Elaine Adams had kindly bought new plants for the New Works planters.
- d. Letters of thanks have been received from Little Wenlock Parochial Church Council, The Samaritans and Hands Around the Wrekin for the donations made by LWPC.
- e. The Clerk reported that there have been problems with "Land Rover off-roaders" in the vicinity of Hatch Lane, where they have removed the blocking boulders, and at Cluddley. The local police have been made aware of the problem and also the vandalism to a footpath gate at Swan Farm.
- f. Request for a litter bin on Blacksmith's Lane, New Works. It was **resolved** that a site visit be made and a decision made at the July meeting.
- g. Request for the prickly undergrowth at the narrow public pathway opposite the planter in New Works Lane to be severely cut back. It was resolved to ask Ken Smith Contracting to cut back the offending plants when he next strims around the benches.

06/14/17

**Planning Applications:**

TWC/2014/0456. Erection of single storey side extension, Horsehay Village Golf Centre, Horsehay. TF4 3BT

It was **resolved** not to make a comment as the club house was not in the parish.

06/14/18

**Borough Liaison:**

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour outlined the discussion which had recently taken place over the "Shaping Places" meeting at Rodington which had been attended by over 100 residents.

She stated that "Shaping Places" would not be in place until 2016 and thus there was still no defence against speculative builders making planning applications.

06/14/19

**Report & Updates by Parish Councillors:**

- a. Bus Users Group: Cllr. J. Davidson reported that the main thrust of the meeting was about saving £85,000 and reducing certain bus services. This would not affect the bus service to Little Wenlock.

06/14/20

**External Audit & Electors' Rights Notice of Appointment:**

The Clerk reported that the required notice had been placed on both notice boards.

06/14/21

**New Financial Regulations:**

It was **resolved** to accept the new financial regulation and the copy was signed by the Chairman and RFO.

06/14/22

**Tom Pickering Benchwalks Inspection:**

Larry Jones has stated that he will not charge more than £80 to inspect all the benches and adjacent land and give a written report. It was **resolved** to request Larry Jones to carry out the inspection.

06/14/23

**Finance:**

- a. The Clerk reported that he had made an application the HMRC for refund of VAT paid in the financial year 2013/14 totalling £762.04.
- b. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Alan Lees would carry out the quarterly audit.
- c. Balance in the Community Account on 2<sup>nd</sup> June was £35,323.09 with 3 unrepresented cheques for £361.08 which gives a working balance of £34,962.01. There is my usual caveat about ring fenced monies.  
The balance in the Base Rate Account is £17,157.47.
- d. It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts:
 

E.On	Light repair Clee Rise	£49.31
E.On	Annual maintenance Contract (6 months)	£227.58
J.F. Marcham	Salary	£262.78

HMRC	PAYE	£65.69
J.F. Marcham	Quarterly expenses etc	£274.02
T&W	Remembrance poppy seed sowing	£80.00
Elaine Adams	Plants for New Works planters	£59.00

**06/14/24**     **Date of the next meeting:**     Date of the next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.