

**LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
14<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 AT 7.00 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.**

- 04/14/01 Members Present:**  
Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chair), Mrs. J. Davidson, Mr. A. Lees and Mr. S. Holding.  
**In attendance:**  
Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk & RFO to Little Wenlock Parish Council.  
**Members of the Public:**  
3 members of the public were present.  
The Press.
- 04/14/02 Apologies:**  
Apologies were received from Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), which were approved, and T&W Borough Councillor Terry Kiernan.
- 04/14/03 Declarations of Interest:**  
None
- 04/14/04 Public Session:**  
No issue raised or comments made.
- 04/14/05 Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014:**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were **approved and signed**.
- 04/14/06 Highways:**  
There had been no update from the last meeting with T&W Highway Officers on the Forest Glen work nor the Quiet Lane Policy. The clerk was requested to pursue this.  
A discussion took place in relation to Newport and Wellington employing a CSO to assist with parking enforcement. It was **resolved** to make further enquiries and obtain more information about parking enforcement.  
It was **resolved** that Cllr. Jayne Davidson would raise the issue of parking at The Wrekin with Peter Holt at the next Wrekin Forest Partnership meeting.
- 04/14/07 Swan Farm Footpath:**  
Cllr. Alan Lees reported that a meeting had taken place with Andrew Careless (T&W R of W Officer) and the contractor. The specification has been agreed and the three landowner permissions have been granted.  
There were 3 areas for discussion:  
  1. A straight repair of the bridle path.
  2. A repair to the fence line to be done by Ed Roberts which is still under discussion.
  3. To receive a quotation from the contractor for the footpath project.  
The boardwalk is to be taken up as soon as possible. There is no funding to replace the boardwalk. It was suggested that its replacement be included as part of any grant application so long as it did not jeopardise the rest of the grant for the footpath project. It was **resolved** to ask the contractor for a quotation to replace the boardwalk.
- 04/14/08 Huntington Lane:**  
As there was a majority of residents concerned about the possibility of the change of their post code if the road was named it was **resolved** not to take the matter any further.
- 04/14/09 Street lights:**  
Cllr. Alan Lees reported that the first light had been installed outside 11 New Works Lane and that he had received favourable reports. The power had not yet been connected to it. Once done the light needs to be assessed for either 18w or 24w lights. However the light has been installed higher up

than the original light and E.On and Western Power Distribution will work together to reposition it. Lighting time sequences need to be decided. At the moment "all night" seems to be the favourite option.

It was **resolved** to query the price of the new E.On maintenance contract as it was about £200 more than last year.

**04/14/10**

**Litter Bin:**

Cllr. Steve Holding agreed to re-site the litter bin on Buildwas Lane.

**04/14/11**

**Parish Open Meeting:**

The proposed agenda was agreed. It was resolved that the Clerk would buy 4 bottles of wine, soft drinks and "nibbles" for the meeting.

**04/14/12**

**Clerk's Report:**

1. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would retire in July 2015 after the next election.
2. The Clerk reported that he had received a communication from the Information Commissioners Office in relation to its FOI request to T&W Borough Council. It was **resolved** to suggest to the ICO a possible compromise.
3. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that along with other local government employees a 1% pay rise had been offered.
4. The Clerk reported that there were problems with the Parish Council's Dell laptop; Internet Explorer was not working and hence no internet connectivity and that a disc would not eject. It was **resolved** not to repair it and to see what the new Clerk would like once they had been appointed.
5. The Clerk reported that the audit training meeting which he had attended had been most valuable.

**04/14/13**

**Planning:**

No planning applications had been received.

**04/14/14**

**Borough Liaison:**

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour stated that £100 from the Councillor's Ward Fund would be given to All Hands Around the Wrekin fundraising event. A discussion took place on the present planning problems.

**04/14/15**

**Reports and Updates from Parish Councillors:**

1. Village Hall AGM: The Trustees Annual Report for 2013 had been received and was in the circulation file.
2. Cllr. Jayne Davidson stated that everything was fine at the Candles site although there had been recent complaints about smells and litter.
3. Cllr. Jayne Davidson had attended the meeting entitled "Our Shropshire Countryside under Treat" organised by the CPRE. She reported that the view was that builders can build anywhere and that the only block on a planning application is via the design of the proposed project and its appropriateness to the locality.

**04/14/16**

**To receive & approve the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.**

It was **resolved** to **approve** the accounts which were duly countersigned by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**04/14/17**

**To approve and sign section one of the Annual Audit Return.**

It was **resolved** to **approve** section one of the Annual Audit Return which was duly countersigned by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**04/14/18**

**To approve the Asset Register for 2014:**

It was **resolved** to approve the Asset Register. It was **resolved** to include the War Memorial on the asset register to mark the Parish Council's responsibility for it but to give it no value.

**04/14/19**

**Requests for grants:**

1. It was **resolved** to give a grant of £300 to Little Wenlock Parochial Church Council towards the upkeep of the Church Yard and Cemetery. It was resolved to ask the PCC for a copy of their latest audited accounts.
2. It was **resolved** to give a grant of £100 towards "Hands Around the Wrekin".
3. It was **resolved** to give a grant of £50 to The Samaritans of Telford.

**04/14/20**

**Finance:**

1. It was **resolved** that the Parish Councillors should have time to read the proposed new financial regulations. The Clerk provided them with a copy in which he had "tagged" points of particular interest.
2. It was **resolved** to accept the insurance quotation from Came and Company.
3. It was **resolved** to accept the quotations for ground maintenance work from Ken Smith Contracting Service.
4. It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts:
 

Broker Network Ltd.	Insurance	£481.20
Madeley Print Shop	Printing	£30.00
John Marcham	Salary	£262.78
HMRC	PAYE	£65.69
SALC	Course	£20.00
CPRE	Annual Membership Fee	£36.00
T&W Council	Grit bins & refills	£339.95
5. Precept: The Clerk reported that the council tax support grant (CTSG) does not form part of the Precept although it is paid with it and equals the amount of the Precept requested:
 

The net Parish Precept Request for 2014/15 was	£12,989.00
CTSG	£65.00
Total paid, which equals the original Precept request	£13,054.00

**04/14/21**

**Date of the next Meeting:**

1. Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.
2. AGM on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.