

Wolverton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 7.30pm
Held at Councillor P Woods home, 1 The Byre, Meadow Farm, Wolverton

1. Present

Councillor D Stone Chairman
Councillor P Anthony
Councillor S Easterbrook
Councillor P Wood
County Councillor J Horner (part of meeting)
Parish Clerk – Nicola Overall

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of District Councillor P Richards, due to work commitments.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To confirm & sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

a) Website

Cllr S Easterbrook was to ensure that contact details were added for all members of the Parish Council and County and District Councils.

b) Emergency Plan

Cllr S Easterbrook confirmed that he was progressing with the Emergency Plan and was to draw up a schedule. The schedule would list all homes in the parish and members were to visit those homes to collect data for the Emergency Plan. The data was to include homes which could be called upon for resources such as heating and lighting in the event of an emergency. In doing so, any persons who may be vulnerable in the event of an emergency would be included in the Plan. The information would be held only by The Clerk and members of the Parish Council.

c) Churchyard Extension

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

d) Tree Inspection

The Chairman had previously circulated a Tree Inspection report obtained from the County Council giving details of trees in the village which were the responsibility of either the Council County or the Parish Council. The County Council inspect and maintain the trees near to the Marl Bank and those on the Norton Lea verge. The Clerk was requested to obtain the cost for an inspection of the eight trees owned by the Parish Council and to confirm that there are two trees, not one, on the verge side of the Marl Bank. The Clerk was to enquire whether the sloe and elder shrubs on the verges of the Mark Bank come within the remit of the County Council as some are currently overhanging the footway.

e) Self-Assessment for Parish Councils

Councillors D Stone and P Anthony had partially completed the Self-Assessment form and with the assistance of members and the Clerk the form was finalised and would be published on the website. The form was considered to be a useful tool in establishing the organisational capability of the Parish Council.

f) WWI Role of Honour

The Chairman reported that the names of Wolverton Parishioners who had died in WWI had been forwarded to the District Council to be included in the WWI Role of Honour.

(Cllr J Horner arrived)

6. Report from County Councillor

Councillor J Horner reported on the challenge of social care for local government, which was projected to take an increasing share of the Council's budget over the coming years. Warwickshire is fortunate in being a relatively affluent county and so the County Council's finances are in better shape than Northamptonshire, which has recently gone into administration and a recent ITN report mentioned a few other Counties that were in jeopardy due to social care costs.

Pressure on public sector budgets has encouraged officers to look at ways of increasing revenues from non-statutory services. One of these services is the District's green bin collection service. Rugby Borough had started charging for green bin collections last year. In Stratford the green bin charge is included in the general precept.

The net effect of the Rugby action has been to increase Rugby's revenues, but increase costs for the County waste disposal team by about the same amount due to green waste finding its way into the grey bin and having to be taken to landfill. A genuine cost saving solution would be to combine the waste collection services and the waste disposal and recycling services into one organisation.

The No Rogue Traders scheme can be found online at <https://www.noroguetradershere.com/> or by freephone 0800 233 5000.

Councillor Horner also reported that support for carers is provided in Warwickshire by the Carers Trust. One in ten people in Warwickshire are carers and a free confidential service is available to help with any issues a carer might be having. The telephone number is 024 7610 1040.

Councillor S Easterbrook asked if the County Council could address the broken and tilted paving slabs on the footway throughout the village Councillor Horner was asked to address the matter.

Councillor J Horner left the meeting.

7. Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk had received interest from a resident who was to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to introduce himself.

8. Low Carbon Heating

Councillor S Easterbrook asked for the item to be deferred until the next meeting.

9. Planning Matters

A summary of WPC responses and outcomes is given in the table below for applications received between WPC meetings. Councillor Stone reported that the Woolly Park Farm application had been granted only after requested changes were made to the application details. The existing unit was to be used for agricultural purposes and only the newer unit was for habitation.

Application Number	Application Details	PC Comment	SDC Comment
18/02305/AGNOT	Manor Farm, Extensions to existing and general-purpose yard	N/A	Withdrawn
18/02179/LDP	Blacon Cottage Erection of 2 outbuildings and new driveway and alterations to existing openings of front of dwelling	N/A	Permitted
18/01998/FUL	Parana, Wolverton Fields Single storey rear extension	Support	Permitted
18/01440/FUL	Blacon Cottage, Wolverton Fields	No representation	Refused
18/00459/FUL	Woolly Park Farm Retention of additional mobile home	No representation	Granted

10. Finance

a. Bank Balance	£2221.83
b. Income	£0
c. Expenditure	
Clerk's Salary August	£82.81
Clerk's Expenses	£14.98

HMRC August	£20.60
Grass Cutting	£160.00

11. Correspondence

- a) SDC - Delegated Powers to Determine Planning Applications – Letter of 18 July
- b) WALC – Understanding & Responding to Planning Applications – email of 4 August
- c) WCC – Gigabit Voucher Scheme – email of 8 August - Councillor P Anthony to attend the briefing event on 20 September 2018
- d) WALC – Member Briefing – Planning Consultations – email of 8 August
- e) WALC – 3 Tier Highways Event – email of 8 August
- f) SDC – Informal Consultation Draft Tree Management
- g) Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2018 (Consultation)
- h) WALC – Stratford District Member Briefing – Clerk’s email 3 September
- i) SDC - CIL procedures and the new Permission in Principle (PiP) process

12. Meeting Dates

20 November 2018
22 January 2019

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....Designation.....Date.....