

Minutes of Woore Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting

Monday 9th January 2023, 7.00pm, The Victory Hall, Woore



PRESENT:

Cllr. M. Cowey (Chairman), Cllr K. Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr G. Daville, Cllr, M. Carter, Cllr. M. Blake and Cllr. R. Goodman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs H. Jackson (Clerk to the Council).

PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public present.

22136 Welcome / Present, Apologies and/or absent

Apologies were received from Cllr Higgin due to personal commitments and Cllr Hamilton due to illness. Cllr Roy Aldcroft (Ward Councillor Shropshire Council) provided apologies post meeting due to illness. It was unanimously **resolved** to accept the apologies.

22137 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests

Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests. Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer. Members are reminded to declare any gifts and/or hospitality. (LGA 1972 s94).

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

22138 Streetlights

- i) **Motion 1:** To reverse a resolution of Woore Parish Council of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th of August 20022 Agenda item 22067 Streetlights.

The Chair provided an explanation of the current situation, noting that the motion to reverse the motion from August 2022 was supported by 2 Councillors and the Extraordinary meeting was called.

Discussion took place with all Councillors making comment.

The motion to reverse a resolution of Woore Parish Council of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th of August 20022 Agenda item 22067 Streetlights was **resolved** by majority, with Cllr Blake voting against.

- i) **Motion 2:** *In the case that 22138i) is supported, the following motion will be proposed.

To accept the proposition of Mr Steven Smith Assistant Director of Infrastructure for Shropshire Council dated the 19th of July 2022 (confirmed again by Andy Wilde of Shropshire Council on the 9th of December 2022), which is summarised in the response by Woore Parish Clerk on the 22nd of July 2022:

- Shropshire Council (SC) to **adopt fully 20no streetlights** within the Parish of Woore **from 1st April 2023**. Including;
 - 15no on St Leonards Way estate (including Westfields Rise, Fairfield Rose, Blaizefield Close)
 - 2no in Pipe Gate (old road)
 - 3no on Dorrington Lane
- SC to provide **written evidence for the previously agreed adoption of 4no streetlights** on The Grove (old part)
- SC to **approve a change of tenancy (COT) for the electricity supply to all aforementioned streetlights from 1st April 2023** (COT to be submitted by Clerk to Woore Parish Council to the electricity supplier (SSE) prior to this date).
- WPC to **settle outstanding arrears for electricity supply December 2021 – current date AND all electricity supply up to the date of COT (1st April 2023)**.

- SC to **complete repairs on Blaizefield Close light including replacement of light with LED**
- WPC to **complete all repairs on aforementioned streetlights up to 1st April 2023**
- SC to **replace all aforementioned lights with LED lanterns** as part of the council's wider programme of LED replacement *
- SC to **conduct a full health and safety review of 24no streetlights** and to complete any associated works as advised. This is to include all parish streetlights that were previously agreed as under SC ownership.
- Woore Parish Council to pay all outstanding arrears plus costs accrued during the deferred payment and continue payment till the 31st of March 2023.

It was noted that the offer from Shropshire council (as above) to adopt all remaining streetlights within the Parish of Woore was a pleasing outcome and that it was prudent to accept the offer for the benefit of making significant future cost savings and moving forward to prioritise ensuring that the maintenance of lights is carried out to ensure their safety. It was recognised that there are existing procedural issues in terms of Shropshire Councils records for streetlight adoption and that it would be sensible for the Parish Council to produce a written record of the status/ownership of all lights moving forward.

The motion to accept the proposition of Mr Steven Smith Assistant Director of Infrastructure for Shropshire Council dated the 19th of July 2022 (confirmed again by Andy Wilde of Shropshire Council on the 9th of December 2022), which is summarised in the response by Woore Parish Clerk on the 22nd of July 2022 (bulleted above) was **resolved** by majority, with Cllr Blake voting against.

It was agreed that the Clerk would take the necessary steps to confirm this in writing to Shropshire Council, make payment for existing electricity arrears to SSE and confirm the COT with SSE, within the required timeframe.

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council Meeting Monday 9th January 2023, 7.30pm and 13th February 2023, 7.30pm.

Signed.....(Chair)

Dated 13th February 2023

Agenda Item	Motion	Cllr	For	Against	Abstain
22138 i. Prop: Cowey, M Second: Carter, M	Streetlights: Motion 1: To reverse a resolution of Woore Parish Council of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8 th of August 20022 Agenda item 22067 Streetlights.	Goodman, R	X		
		Daville, G	X		
		Carter, M	X		
		Cowey, M	X		
		Blake, M		X	
		Davies, K	X		

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22138 ii.	Streetlights: Motion 2: To accept the proposition of Mr Steven Smith Assistant	Goodman, R	X		
		Daville, G	X		
Prop: Cowey, M Second: Davies, K	Director of Infrastructure for Shropshire Council dated the 19 th of July 2022 (confirmed again by Andy Wilde of Shropshire Council on the 9 th of December 2022), which is summarised in the response by Woore Parish Clerk on the 22 nd of July 2022: 8th of August 20022 Agenda item 22067 Streetlights.	Carter, M	X		
		Cowey, M	X		
		Blake, M		X	
		Davies, K	X		