

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th. FEBRUARY, 2015 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

- 02/15/01 Members Present:**
Councillors Mrs. J. Davidson, (Chair), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Steve Holding Cllr. Sheila Hutchison, 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:
3 member of the public was present.
- 02/15/02 Apologies:** No one was absent.
- 02/15/03 Declarations of Interest:**
None.
- 02/15/04 Public Session:**
- a. Sharon Pickering asked if the litter bin next to the bench was going to be moved, She was informed that the Parish Council had decided that it would not be moved. However the Parish Council was monitoring the bin to make sure that it was regularly emptied.
 - b. Sharon Pickering inquired about the repair to the Lady Ash bench. The cost would be about £250 and she was willing to contribute to the cost of the repair. It was resolved to ask Larry Jones for a quotation for the work and to compare it with the recent cost of renovating the other benches to give an indication as to how much the parish council would be willing to contribute.
 - c. Sharon Pickering said that the Bench Walk Charity Walk would take place again, probably in May when it was hoped that the work on the site would be completed.
- 02/15/05 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January, 2015:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2015 were **approved and signed**.
- 02/15/06 Highways;**
- a. Quiet Lanes: A meeting had been held with Nick Kitchen (T&W Highway Dept.) and LWPC proposals were put to him. It was pointed out that for the "Quiet Lanes" to have a legal status a formal registration was required. Nick Kitchen was going to discuss this with his colleagues and report back.
 - b. It was reported that West Mercia Constabulary were taking action against car owners parking on the yellow lines at the Forest Glen. It was **resolved** to write to PC Ryan Foster and thank him for his support in this matter.
 - c. Overgrown hedges were creating problems at 2 locations on Spout Lane: by the junction with Wellington Road and from Leighton Lane to Gibbons Coppice. It was resolved to consult with T&W as to what action could be taken to require the landowner to cut the hedges back.
- 02/15/07 Litter bins at the Forest Glen:**
Three additional litter bins had been installed. The one by the notice boards fills up very quickly whilst the other two don't. T&W had forgotten to empty them on at least one occasion.
- 02/15/08 Fly Tipping:**
This is on the increase and may have been exacerbated by the fact that T&W refuse tips are only open for part of the week. Danny Chetwood – T & W BC Neighbourhoods and Environment Manager, had indicated in October 2014 that he was willing to discuss the issue further. After the next incident is reported, he will be invited to a meeting with LWPC.
- 02/15/09 New Works lights:**

The work had not been completed as advised. All the lights down New Works Lane are in place and working. Five further lights needed installing including a new post. It was **resolved** to send a "strong" email to E.On asking why there is a delay in the project.

02/15/10 Little Wenlock War Memorial:

The Clerk reported that the War Memorial Trust had given a grant of £661 towards the cost of the work. It was **resolved** to send them a letter of thanks and appreciation. It was resolved to proceed with the "Memorial Book" which would be placed in the church. It was discussed whether or not LWPC should apply for the War Memorial to be listed. The Clerk advised that he felt that it did not meet the required criteria and it was **resolved** not to make an application.

02/15/11 Swan Farm footpath.

Cllr. Alan Lees reported that Veolia had made a grant and the first part of it would arrive soon; the final amount would be paid when the work was completed and LWPC had provided the evidence of its completion. It was anticipated that work would start in mid April and be completed by the end of May. It was **resolved** that the first cheque of £15,135 would be paid into the Base Rate Account. The final balance of £8,149 would be paid on satisfactory completion of the project.

02/15/12 SALC AGM

The date had been brought forward and the majority of the agenda items were Shropshire orientated. No one was able to attend.

02/15/13 Huntington Lane Surface Mine:

The Clerk, as acting Chairman of the UK Coal Liaison Committee, reported that he had sent a list of concerns and questions to T&W planning department. He was informed that no work had been done and T&W could not answer any of the questions.

It was **resolved** to write a formal letter to T&W Planning Department to reiterate the points made by the Clerk and also to copy in Craig Ball of UK Coal.

The Clerk implied that he would be convening a meeting of the liaison committee sometime in March.

02/15/14 Defibrillator:

The clerk reported that the unit and the storage unit had been ordered from St. Johns. The storage unit had been delivered and given to Peter Morris for installation at The Huntsman Inn.

02/15/15 Media Policy and Transparency Code:

It was **resolved** to adopt both documents.

02/15/16 Chairman's Annual Report:

It was **resolved** that the list submitted by the Clerk of items for the report be accepted. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would have the draft report for the March meeting.

02/15/17 Parish Open Meeting:

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Veolia about coming to talk about recycling but had received no reply. NHS Future Fit could not come because of the pending general election.

02/15/18 Clerk Vacancy: Job & person specification:

It was **resolved** to approve the job & person specification as set out by the Clerk.

02/15/19 Clerk's Report:

- a. Local Council Award Scheme: The Clerk reported that a submission had been made and received by NALC.
- b. Superfast Broadband – copper re-arrangement: Ian Binks had informed the Clerk that matters were progressing with the lines to Huntington Farms and Willowmoor. Regrettably they could not include "exchange only" (EO) lines as Openreach policy is not to move such lines onto cabinets in an ad hoc fashion.

- c. Poppy Seed Mix: Chris Jones (T&W Parks & Open Spaces) had informed all councils that there would be a price increase over the one originally set and for which he gave the reasons. It was **resolved** to continue with the poppy sowing on Wellington Road.

02/15/20

Planning:

No planning applications had been received.

02/15/21

Borough Liaison:

- a. T&W Borough Cllr. Jacqui Seymour reported that Mark Pritchard MP was taking up the issues related to the UK Coal site and the Wrekin Trundle with T&W Council. Cllr Seymour had given him some clear bullet points on issues to be raised including the £10,000 set aside for the Amec Report.
- b. T&W Borough Cllr. Jacqui Seymour had been informed that the Shropshire Wildlife Survey for the Wrekin Partnership would have no impact on the Shaping Places Report.

02/15/22

Reports and Updates by Parish Councillors:

- a. Cllr. Jayne Davidson and other Parish Councillors had attended the Wrekin Forest Partnership Meeting. They were concerned, as stated in minute 02/15/21, that the survey would have no impact on Shaping Places.
- b. Cllr. Jayne Davidson agreed to attend the Village Hall Committee meeting on the 10th February in place of Cllr Steve Holding.

02/15/23

Finance:

- a. Bank balances:
Community Fund Account: £33,530-56
Base Rate Account: £17,207-83
- b. Quarterly Audit:
Cllr. Sheila Hutchison had carried out the quarterly audit and found that everything was satisfactory and in good order.
- c. It was **resolved** to pay £295+VAT for an advert in the Shropshire Star for the Clerk's vacancy.
- d. It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts:
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| Little Wenlock Village Hall | hire | £132.00 |
| Madeley print Shop | printing | £60.00 |
| E.On | light repair | £49.31 |
| Alan Lees | photo paper & ink | £10.00 |
| John Marcham | Salary | £268.56 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £67.14 |

02/15/24

Date of the next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.