



## ***FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr's. L.T. Brayne – Chair, K. Hanmer – Vice Chair, D. Plant, Shirley Reynolds, Stephen Reynolds, C.F. Smith, H. Smith, B.J. Thompson, K.R. Watkins and S.A. Watkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Jim Collins and Mr. Andrew Newell (Telford & Wrekin Council)  
7 members of the public.

WPC Lake and PCSO John Bowen

### **14/2514 Apologies**

**RESOLVED** – to accept apologies from Cllr. Mick Hanmer (work commitments)

### **14/2515 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr's L.T. Brayne, C.F. Smith, H. Smith, K. Watkins and S.A. Watkins declared an interest in Item 7 on the agenda – *To confirm the Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting.*

### **14/2516 To receive an update on the new Telford Co-operative Academy from Mr. Jim Collins and Mr. Andrew Newell.**

Mr. Collins thanked members for inviting him to the meeting. Mr. Collins said that because of concerns expressed by residents regarding the increased volume of traffic that will be caused by the new school, the Parish Council voted not to support the proposal to site the entrance on New Road. At the Borough Planning Committee meeting in December, the application including the entrance on New Road was approved with the proviso to look for an alternative entrance. Mr. Collins said that the school will definitely go ahead and they have been seeking alternative access and as a result he is here tonight with good news, as TWC have managed to readjust funding to enable them to finance an alternative entrance. Mr. Newell presented a plan of the new access which will run off Wrockwardine Wood Way through the top field and will provide 130 parking spaces including 7 disabled bays and a drop off area. A resident asked if parents will be prevented from using the original access to the leisure centre. The resident said that a large sign sited at a school in Wellington deters people from using certain entrances. Mr. Newell said that senior staff will be on site to prevent parents using this access and as part of the scheme there will be directional signage.

A resident commented that the proposed new access looks much better and said that a large sign preventing access would be helpful.

Mr. Collins said that the new access will be far better for residents, as teachers will have parking spaces and parents can drive in and drop their children off, but he takes the point that if they can afford the access they should be able to afford a sign to discourage use of the original entrance.

Mr. Newell confirmed that there will be a zebra crossing on Church Road near Wade Road and the bus stops may have to be moved to accommodate it.

Cllr. C.F. Smith said that with this solution there are no houses close to the entrance, so no one will be disturbed by cars parking and it allows people to drive in at the same time as others are driving out and parents will be able to drop children off close to the school.

A resident asked how parents will be prevented from dropping off children at the football club. Mr. Newell said there will be raised kerbs and no dropping off point at this location.

Cllr. Thompson asked if the new access will be built first to enable works traffic to use it. Mr. Newell said that the 3G surface needs to be open by July this year so they cannot guarantee the access will be done first but they are looking for a solution.

Mr. Collins said that traffic lights are still to be installed at the top of New Road and the steps leading to the walkover bridge will be refurbished.

A resident asked if the issues with excess water on the site have been resolved. Mr. Newell said that the new 3G pitch will have its own drainage system including a water storage tank and a further tank under the school and one under the mound

Cllr. Thompson said that he is very pleased that TWC have listened to the parish council and residents and thanked Cllr's Charles Smith and Shirley Reynolds for all their hard work.

The Chair thanked Mr. Collins and Mr. Newell for attending and they left the meeting.

#### **14/2517 Public Session**

a) A resident from Chapel Terrace expressed concerns about parking problems outside their properties. The resident said that they have problems getting off the car park and there are not enough parking bays. The resident presented a plan that she had drawn up suggesting how the car park could be enlarged allowing for 12 parking spaces. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that there is a serious problem with this car park and both he and Cllr. Shirley Reynolds have donated £1000 each of their Ward money to make improvements. Cllr. Smith suggested that the Parish Council consider this matter at the next meeting to put their weight behind an improvement scheme. Cllr. Smith said that TWC engineers have just started to cost an improvement scheme. It was AGREED to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

b) A resident said that Trench Community Centre playing field was used for training last week by a senior football team. The team used floodlights and kicked the ball over another residents hedge and broke his fence retrieving their ball. It was AGREED to invite Derek Owen to our next meeting to discuss problems with football teams using this site.

c) WPC Lake introduced PCSO John Bowen who is attending our meeting for the first time. The Chair said that PCSO Bowen is welcome to attend at any time.

**14/2518 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**14/2519 The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March and the recommendations made** were approved by the Full Council. The Minutes were signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Cllr. Anne Watkins said that it was agreed at the Finance Committee Meeting that members would provide the refreshments after the Remembrance Service on 28<sup>th</sup> June and said that any donations would be welcome.

**14/2520 The Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March and the recommendations made** were approved by the Full Council.

#### **14/2521 Correspondence**

a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Advance notice of surface dressing works in the Borough which will start on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Work will take place across 40 sites in the Borough, expected completion date is 9<sup>th</sup> May and works on each site should take approximately one day. Minor patching works will commence from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to prepare the road for surface dressing and this will last for 2-3 days at each location. Information boards will be put up in all locations and residents will be informed if short term localised road closures will be required for some of the work. Work in our area will be in Furnace Lane and Church Road/New Road.

b) **Reverend Matthew Stafford** – Letter regarding safety concerns at the pupil entrance to the Infant School. In his letter Rev. Stafford says that he has noticed that parents are parking their cars on the area outside school adjacent to The Mill and if emergency services needed

to gain access to the playground they would be severely hampered. Rev. Stafford that the parish council should apply for the site to become a yellow box area. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that he will raise Rev. Stafford's request with Telford & Wrekin Council.

c) **Severn Hospice** – Letter of apology for not attending our last meeting and thanks for the grant of £150.

d) **Mrs. I.A. Coulbeck** – letter regarding the improved upkeep of the former Methodist Chapel churchyard. Mrs. Coulbeck said that she visited the churchyard at the weekend and was amazed at how neatly cut and tidy it was and thanked everyone concerned.

e) **SALC** – Training events – Presentation from Mazars external auditors on end of year accounts on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Shirehall 6.30 – 8.30pm (registration from 6pm and Determining Planning Applications and the presumption in favour of sustainable development on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at Shirehall 4.45 – 7pm. It was noted that Cllr's Shirley and Stephen Reynolds will attend on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA**

**Telford & Wrekin Council** – Notice of waste management service changes from 31<sup>st</sup> March. The new purple container/sack will be distributed over a 6 week period from 1<sup>st</sup> April and will be used to collect glass, mixed cans and plastics. The current blue sack and box will be used to collect paper and cardboard and the orange net and red box will become redundant. Residents can retain the orange net and red box or leave them out with the new purple top container on the first collection day for Veolia to collect and recycle.

**Telford & Wrekin Council** – Notice of Temporary Prohibition of Traffic on 13<sup>th</sup> April during the planned Sikh Celebration Parade. Roads in our area include Trench Lock and Wombridge Road and will only be closed whilst the procession passes along those sections of the route.

**Telford & Wrekin Council** – Notice of a Pop Up Festival on Easter Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Enginuity, Ironbridge and a request for volunteer Stewards.

## **TABLED CORRESPONDENCE**

**Telford & Wrekin Council** – Job Junction Sessions List. **Telford & Wrekin Council** – List of temporary road closures in the Borough. **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Details of WW1 Remembrance bookmarks available to purchase. **Parish Charter monitoring Group** – Minutes of a meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February. **SALC** – Information Bulletins 14<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March. **Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine. Leaflets & Brochures.**

### **14/2522 Payments to be Issued**

Each Councillor received a list of the expenditure transactions for March 2014. **RESOLVED** – that the expenditure transactions for March 2014 totalling £4,668.60 be approved. (Copy list attached to office Minutes)

### **14/2523 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for February**

A Statement of Accounts for February 2014, was tabled (copy attached to office Minutes). **RESOLVED** – to approve and accept the Statement of Accounts for February 2014.

### **14/2524 To receive an update on the Cockshutt LNR Application and Friends Group.**

Cllr. Stephen Reynolds informed members that a report sent to him by the Clerk stated that the Cockshutt is to become a Local Nature Reserve and the provisional designation date is late 2014. Cllr. Reynolds pointed out that Alec Connah has carried out a considerable amount of work behind the LNR application.

Cllr. Reynolds informed members that Oakengates Town Council supports the application.

Cllr. Reynolds suggested a planned walkabout/litter pick to highlight the Friends Group to people in the area. It was AGREED that June would be a good month for a walkabout and Cllr. Reynolds will liaise with the Clerk over the arrangements.

**14/2525 To receive an update on the Remembrance Service and Civic Reception on 28<sup>th</sup> June**

The Clerk informed members that Mrs. Madeley was to have met with Rev. Stafford last week, but the meeting had to be cancelled and rearranged for next week and we should have an update for our next meeting.

**14/2526 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.**

- a) Cllr. Anne Watkins said that she has spoken to a resident who is concerned about the lack of lighting from the old Shawburch pub through Stratford Park play area to Hortonwood and he has requested that lights are installed across the park. Cllr. Watkins said that this would not be feasible but asked if the two Borough Councillors would have any influence on having the lights on the new Trench Road turned on earlier to help light the area for people who walk that way to Hortonwood to start work on the early shift.
- b) Cllr. K. Hanmer asked if anyone knows what is happening with the old Shawburch pub as there appears to be someone living there. Cllr. C.F. Smith said that he will look into this.
- c) Cllr. J. Thompson said that residents of Malcolm Davies Drive, one visually impaired, are struggling to negotiate the footpaths because of cars parking inconsiderately. WPC Scott said that the police have very limited powers unless the paths are completely blocked. Cllr. C.F. Smith suggested that we should write to Sanctuary to ask them to investigate and to point out that their residents are being inconvenienced.

**14/2527 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7pm. Cllr. J. Thompson gave apologies for this meeting as he will be at Wellington Town Council.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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