

Wolverton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 7.30pm
Held at Wolverton Church Hall

Present

Councillor D Stone – Chairman
Councillor S Easterbrook – Vice Chairman
Councillor P Anthony
Councillor C Tunbridge
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
There were no members of the public

1. Disclosure of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor P Richards & Councillor J Horner.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To confirm & sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

a) Website

Councillor C Tunbridge confirmed that the website was up to date.
The Chairman asked for a direct link to the New Inn to replace that to the Salvation Squad.

b) Replacement Notice Boards

Councillor D Stone confirmed that the notice boards would be replaced in the near future now that he had purchased the posts which were needed for the installation.

c) Emergency Plan

Councillor S Easterbrook agreed to set a date for a primary meeting and to create and circulate a flyer to promote the meeting, which was to be held at the Church Rooms to discuss a revised Emergency Plan. This was to be called 'Developing Wolverton's Emergency Plan'.

6. Report from Warwickshire County Councillor – Councillor J Horner

Following the August break, Full Council was held on 21 September 2017.

August saw the launch of this year's County Council community grants scheme. This scheme invites community groups to apply for grants of up to £1,000 for schemes that will increase community cohesion.

A meeting of the Parish Council Chairs from Arden Division was held last month and it was decided that it was worth holding quarterly meetings of Parish Council Chairs and Clerks.

The Police were facing demands on their resources to tackle national and regional problems of organised crime, terrorism and cybercrime.

WCC is sponsoring a compost bin offer and details can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting

The Local Flood Grants scheme is now open. The annual grant scheme, to help communities address local flooding issues is open for applications. Applications for these grants are invited from either Town Councils, Parish Councils or Constituted Groups - details can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants#floodsgrant.

Free electric blanket safety checks will take place at venues across all five districts and boroughs this coming October. This service is available to all Warwickshire residents aged 50 or over. Bookings can be made by calling the Trading Standards Service on 01926 414080 or email: ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Report from Stratford District Councillor – Councillor P Richards

On Monday 11th September the Council received its final report from the Planning Inspector on the CIL Policy and a copy of that report will be available shortly.

Earlier this year SDC produced and consulted on a Draft Transport Strategy, in conjunction with Warwickshire County Council.

In July this year the Government announced a new Housing and Infrastructure Fund that will provide a total of £1.2bn of funding to Councils to help fast track infrastructure projects that would unlock housing schemes.

There are two forms of application, one called Forward Funding that is only available to County Councils to a value of £250m. The second called Marginal Funding, which is available to District Councils up to a value of £10m.

SDC have a list of projects it is seeking to put forward for marginal funding, including bids for the Gateway Project, the Canal Quarter and the Long Marston Garden Village.

SDC have also requested that a Forward Funding bid be put forward by Warwickshire County Council, to assist with the delivery of the LMA site and the infrastructure that surrounds it, including the SWRR. That view has been accepted by the County Council along with three other bids they have a desire to bring to fruition.

In 2015 a task group was established by SDC to consider ways in which it could help in the delivery of affordable homes across the District. That working group was then superseded by a Cabinet Working Group in January 2017, to continue the work and bring forward a delivery plan.

Consideration has been given to a number of different options including direct delivery of housing, community delivery, partnership working, and joint ventures and establishing a wholly owned local housing company (LHC).

At Cabinet on Monday 11th September, approval was given for the Working Group to progress with a business plan for a wholly owned LHC.

8. Planning Matters

Application Number	Application Details	PC Comment	SDC Comment
17/02578/FUL	Meltemi, Norton Lea, Norton Lindsey Proposed new porch with balcony above, alterations to window openings and replacement of tile hanging with brick slips to match existing facing brickwork	No Representation (pending a site visit). Deadline 5 October 2017	Pending
17/011404/LDE	Lower Blacon Farm, Wolverton Fields Occupation of the Bothy as an independent residential unit and not ancillary accommodation	No Comment Deadline 5 October 2017	Pending
17/02210/FUL	The Cottages, Wolverton Single storey side/rear extension to existing cottage and the conversion of two existing outbuildings to a games room and a garden room respectively	No Representation but queries raised	To be amended and new consultation
17/02211/LBC	The Cottages, Wolverton Single storey side/rear extension to existing cottage and the conversion of two existing outbuildings to a games room and a garden room respectively	No Representation but queries raised	To be amended and new consultation
17/00257/DISCN	Discharge of conditions re 17/01022 - tile hanging	Recommendation made	Approved
17/01705/FUL	Four Winds, Wolverton Fields, Norton Lindsey Removal of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension, the construction of two new pitched roofs to existing two storey rear extension, the construction of a flat roof dormer window to the rear roof slope and the construction of a new front porch.	Support	Granted
17/01409/FUL	Land adj. to Oak Trees, Wolverton Fields Erection of a single dwelling including a new vehicular access and associated operations	Objection	Refused
17/01850/VARY	Sunnyside, Wolverton Fields, Norton Lindsey Application for the variation of condition 2 of approved application 16/04014/FUL to allow increase in volume to the rear with 2-storey gables whilst keeping the width and height as approved	Support	Refuse Withdrawn at committee
17/00894/FUL	Wolverton Court, Wolverton Renovation and conversion of existing barns to two residential dwellings	Support in principle. New deadline of 17 October 2017	Amended – opened to new consultation
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9. Finance Matters

a. Bank Balance	£2912.12		
b. Income	None		
c. Expenditure	14.07.17	1&1 Internet	£2.39
	28.07.17	Clerk's Salary	£103.31
	29.07.17	WALC	£5.00
	15.08.17	1&1 Internet	£2.39
	23.08.17	Mr Sagrott	£180.00
	28.08.17	Clerk's Salary	£103.31
	01.09.17	Clerk's Expenses	£39.89

10. Conclusion of Audit

The Clerk reported that External Auditor had returned the audit as Certified and the Clerk was asked to ensure that a copy appeared on the website and notice board.

11. Correspondence

- a) SDC – S106 Contributions towards sport, recreation and leisure provision, arising from planning obligation agreements - not likely to affect Wolverton
- b) WCC Councillors' Grant - It was agreed to consider the possibility of obtaining funding from WCC for a Wifi connection at the Church Rooms, which would benefit the PC, PCC, Guides and other users of the Church Rooms.
- c) Consultation on Broadband Universal Service Obligation – no comment
- d) Training – Social Media (Stratford 5 Oct) & WALC programme 2017-18 – Cllr Anthony agree to attend a local WALC Induction course

12. Co-option of Councillor

It was agreed to re-advertise the vacancy on the notice boards, website and in the parish newsletter.

13. Highway Matters

It was confirmed that a number of gullies had been levelled but a number were still blocked, which the Chairman had reported to John Brown of WCC.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr J Horner to enquire regarding the number of organised cycle races that had taken place of late and raise concern over the safety issues. Concern was also raised regarding the painting of road surfaces by the organisers of the cycle races.

Councillor Paul Anthony raised the issue of the external lighting at Woolley Park Farm – relating to its necessity, light pollution and glare affecting road users. It was suggested that when these were first erected, they did not infringe planning regulations as they were fixed to the buildings. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Councillor John Horner regarding the matter.

14. Future meeting dates

28 November 2017 - at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm