**LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY**

**10th. AUGUST, 2015, AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.**

**08/15/01** **Members Present:**

Councillors Mrs. J. Davidson, (Chair), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), Cllr. S. Hutchison, Cllr. A. Lees and Cllr. R. Drakeley.

**In attendance:**

Mr. KC Jewell – Clerk & RFO to Little Wenlock Parish Council.

**Members of the Public:**

2 x members of the public were present.

**08/15/02** **Apologies:** T &W Borough Cllr. J. Seymour.

**08/15/03 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A. Lees has declared an interest as aconsultee inTWC Planning application TWC/2015/0192.

**08/15/04 Public Session:**

Nothing to report.

**08/15/05 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 13 July 2015.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2015 were **approved and signed.**

**08/15/06 Highways:**

* 1. **Quiet Lane update.**

Cllr, Davidson explained that due to an office move and holidays in the necessary TWC department she has still been unable to get an update on Quiet Lanes and the next steps. This item will be brought forward to the next Parish Council meeting in October.

* 1. **TCO at Church Lane/Wellington Road.**

The Parish Council were of the opinion that when Quiet Lanes is implemented there would be no need for the planned yellow lines at this junction. It was **resolved** to ask TWC why they felt it was it necessary and on what grounds as there has been no known problem in the past.

* 1. **Poppy seed planting Wellington Road verges.**

Having had Adrian Corney visit the site and agree there was no germination to date, the wording of the contract notwithstanding, it was **resolved**, in good nature, to request that the verges be weeded and reseeded.

* 1. **Other highway issues.**

Leighton Lane is overgrown with some trees having broken down which are blocking the route. This was reported by Cllr. Hutchison to TWC Highways Department who did investigate but thought the route went through the farmer’s field which was clear and sent a picture of the cleared field but not the correct route. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Hutchison report the problem again pointing out the correct route and she has also agreed to meet TWC representatives at the site if required.

**08/15/07 Footpaths & Bridleways:**

1. **Footpath 189.**

Cllr. Davidson reported that she had tried to contact the ROW officer on numerous occasions in order to have a meeting about all the footpaths and bridleways within the Parish boundary but has yet received no answer. The last response was 7 July but it was acknowledged that this is a main holiday period and she will keep trying.

1. **Footpath 186.**

There is no news on footpath 186.

**08/15/08 Updates on progress:**

1. **New footpath at Swan Farm.**

Cllr. Alan Lees reported that the signs on the gate at the start of the footpath had been vandalised. It was decided that the best way to stop this in future would be for the signs to be etched into the woodwork of the fence posts. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Lees investigate with Pickstock to see if this would be workable. Cllr. Less also reported that there were still some small bits to finish off and in particular the path needed weeding which would probably be ongoing. It was **resolved** to ask TWC (Andrew Careless) what they used as this is a public footpath and that Cllr. Lees be authorised to spend up to £20 on weed killer if necessary.

**08/15/09 Buildwas Lane.**

1. **Tom’s Bench**.

A replacement bench is on order and Mike Dean has stated he is prepared to pay half the cost of the replacement. As per previous minutes the Parish has offered to contribute up to £200.

1. **Repositioning of Waste Bin**.

Cllr. Lees reported that he had e-mailed Steve Holding but had not yet had a reply however as this is an ongoing issue all parties are aware of the plan to reposition the waste bin. Cllrs’. Davidson and Hutchison will do a site visit .

**08/15/10 LWPC Website.**

1. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Esp and Cllr. Drakeley will cover Cllr. Lees during periods of absence with reference to updating the website.

**08/15/11 Clerk’s Report:**

* + 1. **To report on actions taken since the last meeting.**
       1. **TCO at Church Lane/Wellington Road.**

Ongoing from the last minutes to find out from TWC why this is required.

* + - 1. **Poppy seed planting.**

Adrian Corney has seen the site and agreed there was no seed germination yet but suggested it was due to weather conditions and there was still time for full germination to take place. The thank you letter to Adrian Corney for the successful seeding of Forest Glen has been sent.

* + - 1. **Dropped Drain.**

The dropped drain on Wellington road was reported via TWC pothole website on 4 Aug**.**

* + - 1. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinator.**

The request for a new scheme co-ordinator has been included in the Aug newsletter.

* + - 1. **Lower Huntington Farm Planning Application TWC/2015/0505.**

The objection to the planning application was lodged on 13 July.

**08/15/12 Borough Liaison.**

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour was away on holiday and her apologies for missing the meeting are recorded in minute 08/15/02.

**08/15/13 Planning:**

1. **TWC/2015/0637: Upper Coalmoor Farm – Erection of extension to existing workshop building.**

It was **resolved** that there is no objection to this application.

1. **TWC/2015/0661: Upper Coalmoor Farm – Change of use of land from equestrian use (sui genris) to external storage area (B8) and creation of a new access, car parking facility, and landscaping bund in association with existing agricultural unit.**

It was **resolved** to object to this application on the following grounds in accordance with the Parish Plan 2012 – 2022:

Guideline H8a – This application is not considered to be an appropriate type or small scale for the area.

Guideline H8b – This is a new large building and parking facility and will not be located in an existing building.

Guideline H8c – This development will substantially increase traffic on a minor road.

Guideline H9 ­– The Parish will resist inappropriate permanent or temporary industrial developments.

1. **TWC/2015/0192: Site of Windover - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with associated access and landscaping.**

It was **resolved** to object to this application on the following grounds in accordance with the Parish Plan 2012 – 2022:

Guideline H2 **–** New housing location.

Guideline H3 **–** New Housing Scale.

Guideline H5 – Affordable Housing.

Guideline H6–Housing design**.**

It is also considered that this application does not comply with the National Policy Framework:

CF1 – Homes.

CF7 – Rural Area.

The Wrekin Local Plan.

1. **TWC/2015/0694: Halfway House, The Wrekin – Installation of new timber cladding, 4no. Roof lights, 3no. Windows, erection of detached carport and outbuilding to house vending machine (Retrospective).**

It was **resolved** to comment on this application:

It is regrettable that planning permission was not sought before the changes were completed. The Parish Council is not happy with any retrospective planning applications and would have liked to see the plans earlier. Any development within the Parish should reflect the wishes of the community.

1. **TWC/2015/0690/0691: Erection of a detached double bay garage with ancillary accommodation above (Listed).**

It was **resolved** to support this application.

**08/15/14 Individual Councillors reports and updates.**

**Wrekin Forest Plan (Cllr. Jayne Davidson).**

Cllr. Jayne Davidson emailed a report to all councillors – a copy is attached to the minutes.

**Village Hall Committee Meeting(Cllr. Alan Lees).**

Cllr. Alan Lees emailed a report to all councillors - a copy is attached to the minutes**.**

**TWC Shaping Places (Cllr. Sheila Hutchison, Cllr. Ray Drakely).**

Cllr. Hutchison reported that there appears to be no involvement for the Parish.

**Geo Village Symposium Dates (Cllr. Jayne Davidson).**

Cllr. Davidson reported that the dates for the Symposium are 3rd and 4th Oct in Ludlow. There will be a visit to Little Wenlock and a ‘walk the Wrekin’ on 5th Oct.

**08/15/15 Megan Pease volunteer request.**

It was **resolved** that Cllr. Lees contact Megan and offer work on behalf of LWPC.

**08/15/16 Finance:**

1. **Bank balances.**
   1. Business Current Account (Community Fund) with all cheques cleared: £5903.86 (Includes VAT refund of £5503.53 to be repaid to T&W).
   2. Business Savings Account (Base Rate Account): £32,413.94.

The balance after all the present accounts are settled will be £4335.73. The VAT refund for £5503.53 should be refunded to T&W as part of the UK Coal grant agreement. Money will need to be transferred from the Business Savings Account before paying the VAT to TWC.

**The balance on the following ring-fenced money is as follows:**

**New Works Street Lights**

New Works Street Lighting UK Coal Grant = £33870.05

Invoices total = £33021.18

Balance remaining = £848.87 + VAT refund of £5503.53.

**War Memorial:**

All the remaining monies have been distributed and thank you letters have been received from RPL and Help for Heroes. This account is now closed.

1. **Accounts to pay as listed in the Clerk’s report.**

It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts:

LWVH and Playing Field Hall Hire 30/03/15 & 20/04/15 £22.00

SALC Grant Funding Training £20.00

Npower Street Lighting D2d £71.04

Npower Street Lighting D2m £112.99

TWC Parish Election Costs £140.00

K Smith Contracting Grass Cutting £703.20

KC Jewell Salary £220.97

HMRC PAYE £55.24

SALC Annual Affiliation Fee £222.69

**07/15/17 Date of the next meeting:**

Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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