



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

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public.

### **14/2501 Apologies**

**RESOLVED** – to accept apologies from Cllr's. Mick Hanmer (work commitments) and H. Smith (family commitments)

### **14/2502 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr's Shirley Reynolds, C.F. Smith and B.J. Thompson declared an interest in Item 10a) on the agenda, concerning consideration of a planning application for MOD Donnington.

### **14/2503 To present a grant to Severn Hospice**

There was no one from Severn Hospice in attendance and it was AGREED to post the cheque to them.

### **14/2504 Public Session**

The residents in attendance did not have any items for discussion.

**14/2505 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **14/2506 Correspondence**

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – Copy letter of reply from the Secretary of State for Health to Cllr. K. Sahota regarding A & E Services stating that the reconfiguration of local health services is a matter for the local NHS and it would be inappropriate for Ministers to intervene in local decisions. The letter also says that the NHS in Shropshire is engaging its local community to review the provision of services and no decisions about A& E Departments at RSH and PRH have been made. The Secretary of State says that he would encourage Cllr. Sahota to continue to engage with the local NHS to ensure that his views are taken into account.
- b) **Local Government Boundary Commission** – Electoral Review final recommendations for electoral arrangements which will be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. If accepted the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the next elections 2015.
- c) **Telford & Wrekin Parish Forum** - Notice of next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm at Ketley Community Centre. Items on the agenda include a presentation by Veolia on Waste & Recycling and a presentation by Dave Hanley on the Pride in the Community Programme.
- d) **Katrina Baker** – Notice of Parish & Town Councils Planning Seminar on 27<sup>th</sup> February at Castle Farm Community Centre 3pm – 5pm.

- e) **Trench Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Society** – Letter of thanks to the Parish Environmental team for work carried out trimming the hedge along the perimeter fence of the allotments.
- f) **Wellington Town Council** - Invitation to the Mayor's Annual Civic Dinner & Dance on 8<sup>th</sup> March at The Buckatree Hall Hotel, Wellington at 7pm. Tickets are £25.
- g) **Royal Mail** – Letter regarding changes to the processing of mail which will be processed from the North West Midlands Mail Centre at Wolverhampton from 27<sup>th</sup> January. Royal Mail says that this change should not affect the delivery of our mail.
- h) **Newport Town Council** – Letter from Lee Jakeman regarding parking enforcement in Telford & Wrekin. Mr. Jakeman says that Newport Town Council are of the opinion that there is not an effective parking enforcement in Telford & Wrekin and wish to gauge the opinion of parish councils by asking 2 questions:
  - i. Do you think there is an effective parking enforcement regime in the borough of Telford & Wrekin and
  - ii. Do you think that parking enforcement is a matter for the police of the local unitary authority?Mr. Jakeman says that West Mercia police withdrew parking wardens in January 2008 and there are no dedicated officers to enforce parking. TWC is the only unitary authority in which West Mercia operates that does not have civil parking enforcement. Newport Town Council has formally requested TWC to apply for CPE and has received correspondence and verbal indications that they have no ambition to begin the application process. The police admit that parking is not a priority for them and have been pushing TWC to apply for the powers to operate CPE. Cllr. K. Hanmer said that it is about time something was done about the parking problem in the Borough and it should be a matter for the local authority to enforce. Cllr. Shirley Reynolds disagreed that this is a matter for the Borough Council. Cllr. Smith said that it takes time and money to apply for CPE. Cllr. Smith pointed out that the police drive past New Inns Garage every day and do not use their powers to resolve the parking problem there.  
It was AGREED that i) there is not an effective parking enforcement regime in the Borough and ii) it should be a matter for both the Unitary Authority and the Police, but the police should use the powers they already have.

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

**Telford & Wrekin Council** – Invitation to express an interest in hosting the Green Gym Project. This is an open competitive process for the selection of a host for the project which offers people an alternative way to improve their health and wellbeing by getting involved in practical gardening, conservation and environmental activities. The project will be funded through a grant from TWC. Following interested parties expressing an interest, a meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the requirements further.

## **TABLED CORRESPONDENCE**

**Telford & Wrekin Bus User Group** – Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January. **Parish Charter Monitoring Group** – Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013. **SALC** – Information Bulletins 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## **14/2507 Payments to be Issued**

Each Councillor received a list of the expenditure transactions for February 2014. **RESOLVED** – that the expenditure transactions for February 2014 totalling £18,590.31 be approved. (Copy list attached to office Minutes)

**14/2508 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for January**

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

**14/2509 To consider schemes to spend the remaining Parish Environmental Team (PET) project money**

The Clerk informed members that Andrew Banham has suggested that we replace the old fencing at Trench Playing Fields with new 1.8 high chain link fencing and concrete posts for £938 and remove the damaged column at Lennox Road for £120. It was **RESOLVED** to finance the fencing and removal of the post from the PET budget. It was further **RESOLVED** to purchase litter bins for Richmond Avenue/Pickering Road, Richmond Avenue/Wombidge Road, Woodhouse Crescent, Woodhouse Crescent bungalows and St. Georges Road near to the junction with Wrockwardine Wood Way.

Andrew Banham also requested suggested locations for snow clearing. It was **AGREED** that the following areas should be included:

The Woodlands, Chapel Terrace, Johnston Close and Malcolm Davies Drive, Wrockwardine Wood, Woodhouse Crescent Bungalows and Richmond Avenue/Wombidge Road, Trench.

**14/2510 Telford Food Bank – To consider a request for volunteers to form a Board of Trustees**

Cllr. K. Hanmer said that she is worried about the responsibility that would be placed on any trustee and it was agreed to find out more information before considering this item.

**14/2511 To consider Planning Application W2014/0107 – Building B8 MOD Donnington & Corner of Hortonwood Roundabout**

Cllr. Smith outlined the scheme for information only and then together with Cllr's Shirley Reynolds and John Thompson left the room while the item was discussed.

Cllr's. Shirley Reynolds, Stephen Reynolds and John Thompson left the meeting at 7.23pm.

Cllr. K. Watkins said that the proposed building will replace the existing B8 building and will use the same footprint. Cllr. Watkins said that he is concerned that if the application is refused then jobs will be lost and part of the Depot will close.

Cllr. K. Hanmer said that she is in favour of the application but expressed concern that part of the application involves a building that will overlook Hoo Farm and block out their sunlight.

**RESOLVED** – to support the proposed planning application.

**14/2512 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.**

There were no further items.

**14/2513 DATE & VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....