

Wroxeter and Uppington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held in the Wroxeter Vineyard visitor centre, Wroxeter
on the 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllrs: Mr B Nelson (Chairman); Mrs V Amos; Mrs J Davies; Mr P Davies; Mr M Millington; Mrs S Rowlands and Mr I Sherwood
In attendance:	Joanne Fellows – Clerk, Shropshire Cllr – Claire Wild

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all present.

2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

4. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public present for meeting

5. REPORTS from Shropshire Cllr &/or others

Police Incidents

Last week there was an armed robbery at Cross Houses. There have been a number of burglaries reported in county so it has been advised to remain vigilant however do not approach offenders and call the police if concerned.

Also there has been an increase in poaching of which the police are actively monitoring again do not approach offenders.

Road Issues

The fatality on the Ironbridge Road near Wroxeter is still under investigation but it is believed not to be a Highways issue that caused the crash.

The parish council still have a concern over road safety. Following last meeting the Chairman contacted the Shropshire Council highways team and expressed concerns. The response received was to state the road from Atcham to Eaton Constantine has not been raised as a site of community concern, if the parish council wish to do so it can be included in the February submission. They have looked at the accident data for this road and there is only one incident recorded during the last 3 years which was a slight injury. There is therefore nothing to indicate that the speed limit is inappropriate.

Councillors did not agree with the statistic as they are personally aware of more incidents, yet alone near misses. Cllr C Wild asked everyone to log every incident with the police going forward. When the number of incidents is proven then the highways team have to review.

Cllr C Wild suggested that the police are invited to next parish council meeting to go through any concerns such as road issues or securing their property.

ACTION clerk to send invitation.

Environmental Maintenance Grant

The grant is currently being reviewed by scrutiny committee, however Shropshire council have a £36million budget pressure which is mainly attributable to Children and Adults social services, so any maintenance grant funding could potentially be withdrawn.

Broadband

Cllr I Sherwood raised the fact that there are still problems with broadband even though it is recorded that the service from BT is up and running in his part of the parish. Cllr C Wild asked Cllr I Sherwood to email her details and she will raise with Connecting Shropshire.

Wroxeter Hotel complaints

A number of complaints have been received from parishioners about loud music especially from the tipis, the rowdy behaviour of some guests including the harassing livestock and parking at the hotel. Whilst there is an acceptance it is a business and events are held, the issues raised are when acceptable boundaries have been breached. The Chairman has spoken with the manager of the hotel and discussed in detail concerns raised. The manager has assured that steps will be taken to address issues. Cllr P Davies **PROPOSED** to give the hotel time to take stock and address issues however should problems persist then environmental health should be notified. Cllr M Millington **SECONDED**. All **AGREED**. Cllr C Wild added that should any resident wish to do so they can report problem individually with environmental health and/or the police.

6. PLACE PLAN REVIEW – emailed 16/10/17

This should not affect parish but Cressage will have input. Further discussions are expected at LJC meeting to be held 27/11/17 of which the Chairman will be attending. Cllr J Davies **PROPOSED** that the parish council respond to Shropshire Council advising them there are no further updates and to remain as designated area of open countryside. Cllr P Davies **SECONDED**. All **AGREED**.

7. TO CONFIRM & ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11th SEPTEMBER 2017

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr P Davies that the minutes should be accepted as a true and accurate record, Cllr V Amos **SECONDED**. All **AGREED**. A copy has been placed in minute book.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Road safety issues

- Ironbridge Road nr Wroxeter – covered item 5
- Visibility at Uriconium/Ironbridge Road Junction – council have been out and trimmed hedge. It has been added to maintenance schedule.
- Potholes Near Junction of Ironbridge Rd & Ishmore Lane – Highways have identified a small area which has been marked up to have repairs done but will not be this financial year.

- Road Dip Near Norton Crossroads – Highways team have inspected and cannot see any major problem there. They acknowledge a slight depression but no need for concern.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** to wrap up all the road issues and submit to Shropshire Council to take forward as part of February Highways team maintenance review.

- Cllr V Amos asked if the signage on the Ironbridge Road could be assessed as the advisory signs near her property to slow down are after the school bus dropping off point and hazards rather than the approach.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning decisions notifications

None received

(b) Planning applications for comment

None received

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the following cheque payments:

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	£ Amount
468	Shropshire Council	ROSPA inspection	96.00
469	Brian Nelson	Clerk advert	150.00
470	Joanne Fellows	Clerk salary Oct/Nov + expenses	323.54
471	HMRC	Clerk tax Oct/Nov	72.80
472	C Lloyd	Grass Cutting	£550.00

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the reconciliation and bank Statements for the month of September 2017

11. ROAD SAFETY

Covered in agenda items 5 and 8.

12. BROADBAND

Covered in agenda item 5.

13. COMPLAINTS RELATING TO WROXETER HOTEL

Covered in agenda item 5.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- Right homes in the right places – emailed 16/10/17
Feedback was requested prior to parish meeting so councillors could give feedback directly if they wished.
- Sue Hackett has sent a letter to the council expressing an interest to be considered for undertaking parish council internal audit. Cllr V Amos **PROPOSED** that S Hackett is appointed for the audit 17-18. Cllr M Millington **SECONDED**, all **AGREED**.
- Contractor C Lloyd has reviewed play equipment following ROSPA inspection. Quotation received £400 to supply and repair swing posts and cross beam. Cllr P Davies **PROPOSED** that quote is accepted and contractor appointed. Cllr I Sherwood **SECONDED**, all **AGREED**
- LJC meeting 27/11/17 – the Chairman volunteered to attend

- e) Town and Parish council forum 23/11/17 – Cllr I Sherwood volunteered to attend

15. PARISH MATTERS

Bluebell bus shelter

Cllr I Sherwood volunteered to apply creosote when weather permits.

16. CLERK MATTERS

Councillors have been notified that the clerk is relocating out of county and has handed in her notice. The post has been advertised on the SALC website, parish council website and in the Shropshire Star. We are awaiting applications – closing date 17th November. Interview panel will be Chairman, Viv Amos, Paul Davies (with Martin Millington reserve). Venue Wroxeter Vineyard – date will be confirmed between councillors.

17. DATE, TIME & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Playground public consultation

Monday 15th January 7:30PM Meeting Room, Wroxeter Vineyard

Followed thereafter by Parish Council meeting

The parish council thanked Cllr M Millington for use of the meeting room.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:55PM