

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM AT THE WROXETER HOTEL, WROXETER

PRESENT: Chairman –B. Nelson (BN), V. Amos (VA), J. Davies (JD), L. Davies (LD), P. Davies (PD), M. Millington (MM), S. Rowlands (SR), I. Sherwood (IS)

Clerk: Mrs R. Turner

In attendance: Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild

050/1516 PUBLIC SESSION

Following on from a presentation from Chris Taylor, Connecting Shropshire to the Tern and Severn Valley LJC meeting, Cllr. Nelson expressed the parish's concern that most of the other 14 parishes in the LJC have a "solution" whereas this parish does not. Cllr. Nelson asked Cllr. Wild if it would be worthwhile creating a pressure group to campaign for parishes such as Wroxeter and Uppington. Cllr. Wild suggested writing to Chris Taylor (Connecting Shropshire), Shropshire Council Leader, Keith Barrow and MP Daniel Kawczynski. The council also noted that the Prime Minister unveiled a new initiative for delivering an effective broadband solution for the "final 5%" by 2020", although it is unclear what this means for the parish.

051/1516 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

052/1516 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None declared.

053/1516 REPORTS

Cllr. Wild outlined the budgetary pressures Shropshire Council faces. It has saved £149 million since 2009. Over the next five years, it needs to save a further £77 million. Contributory factors in this include the ending of the revenue support grant from central government in 2020/21, the increase in adult social care costs and the fact that council tax has not been raised for 8 years. The predicted budget for 2020/21 is estimated to be £188m, of which £163m (87%) is core services such as adult's and children's social care and safeguarding, domestic waste disposal, concessionary travel and school transport. Shropshire Council now needs to decide which services it can continue to provide and will be holding a consultation exercise with the community, "The Big Conversation".

The police had reported the following crimes during August, September & October:

Assault: 0	Theft: 0	Burglary Other: 1
Vehicle Crime: 0	Criminal Damage: 2	Burglary Dwelling: 0
Other: 2	Road Traffic Incident: 1	Road Collision: 3

ASB Personal: 1	ASB Environmental: 1	ASB Nuisance: 0
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054/1516 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2015 and they were duly signed by the chairman.

055/1516 MATTERS ARISING – FOR INFORMATION

None.

056/1516 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Notifications

- (i) 15/02038/FUL - 3 Charlton Hill, Wroxeter, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6PS - Erection of replacement dwelling and garage, relocation of access and associated external works - **Grant Permission**
- (ii) 15/03312/FUL - 4 Meadow View, Uppington, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 5HP - Erection of single and two storey extensions to side and rear, detached double garage and associated works – **Grant Permission**

(b) Applications for comment received at time of issuing agenda

None.

(c) Applications for comment received after agenda was issued

- (i) 15/04732/FUL & 15/04733/LBC – Norton Farm, Norton, Shrewsbury, SY4 4UH – Installation of secondary glazing and replacement of steel crittal windows with timber double glazed windows affecting a Grade II listed building – **AGREED to make no comments**

057/1516 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Bus shelter repairs update

The Bluebell bus shelter repairs are now complete and it just needs staining.

Scheduled Ancient Monument consent for the replacement bus shelter at Wroxeter Roman City has now been received.

Action: Clerk and Cllr. Nelson to liaise with the contractor and Mary Wycherley (Historic England) to check final design and arrange for its installation.

058/1516 PLAY AREA

(a) ROSPA report – review of actions arising

The repairs identified have been completed.

059/1516 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to share the cost of a replacement laptop and software between the PC and the clerk's other parishes. As the clerk is about to leave one parish and commence with another, the exact cost is to be confirmed but likely to not exceed £100.

060/1516 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Qtr.2 bank reconciliation and budget report

It was **RESOLVED** to approve this, showing a reconciled end of Qtr.2 balance of £3325.87, with payments totalling £2133.21 and receipts of £4042.00.

(b) Budget and precept setting process for 2016/17 and review of clerk's hours.

The clerk advised that the budget for 2016/17 would need to be set at the January meeting. The clerk explained that her hours are averaging at 4 hours per week, the increase being mainly due to the transparency code requirements. It was **RESOLVED** to increase the clerk's contracted hours to 4 hours per week, with effect from 1st January 2016.

(c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments

Payee	Item	Ref no	Chq. no	Net	VAT	Gross
R Turner	WFHA & Expenses Sep & Oct	P26-1516	422	31.00	0.00	31.00
Chris Lloyd	Grass cutting contract – 2 nd payment	P27-1516	423	362.50	0.00	362.50
Shropshire Council	ROSPA inspection	P28-1516	424	60.00	12.00	72.00
Wroxeter Hotel	Room hire	P29-1516	425	8.33	1.67	10.00

(d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments already made:

Payee	Item	Ref no	Chq/SO/ DD ref	Net	VAT	Gross
R. Turner	Salary – September 2015	P23-1516	SO6	£136.85	N/A	£136.85
R. Turner	Salary – October 2015	P25-1516	SO7	£136.85	N/A	£136.85

(e) Receipts – noted as follows:

Originator	Item	Date	Ref no	Amount
Lloyds	Interest	09.09.15	R08-1516	£0.01
Lloyds	Interest	09.10.15	R09-1516	£0.01

(f) To agree to share cost of transparency code and pensions training with other parish councils

It was **RESOLVED** to approve this request.

061/1516 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Connecting Shropshire update

The Council was unanimous in expressing its concern that whilst being a very considerable way through a sequence of government-supported broadband programmes within the County, there is as yet no firm plan being put forward regarding improvements for this Parish other than "Exploring Solutions". The council felt it must press its case now in order to secure a viable broadband solution for the Parish before the currently known tranches of funds are exhausted.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the council write to Chris Taylor, Keith Barrow and Daniel Kawczynski to request meetings and answers to the following points:

- Provision of a map of the Parish with all of the relevant Telecomms infrastructure clearly detailed and shown in relation to the location of premises within the Parish.
- The precise quantitative criteria used to decide which areas have so far been allocated FTTC or FTTP solutions, supported by a detailed analysis of how Wroxeter & Uppington scored on each of those criteria compared with areas at the bottom of the scale of those which were successful in being allocated FTTC/FTTP.
- Which of the alternative technologies and modes of implementation have been considered for the WUPC area and which of these are currently the most likely one(s) to be offered to the parish? When will the parish know which technology is to be offered and to what extent can it have an influence in the final choice.
- Picking up on the point from the LJC presentation that no more than 0.5-1.0% of Shropshire properties are expected to be allocated the expensive, problematic and inferior satellite option, the council would like to know the maximum number of properties within the WUPC area which it is expected will fall into this category.
- The LJC presentation referred to the possibility of part of the WUPC area being served by T&W. WUPC would like to know how far these discussions have been taken and who to speak to within T&W in order to be kept up to date with any developments on this.

(b) NHS Programme statement - **NOTED**

(c) Shropshire Council – Highways Asset Maintenance Strategy - **NOTED**

(d) Shropshire Council – The Big Conversation - **NOTED**

(e) Citizens Advice – AGM Invite - **NOTED**

(f) Hedgerows Act - request from Condover PC – **AGREED** to support the request

(g) PCC newsletter - **NOTED**

062/1516 PARISH MATTERS

(a) New matters to report

The council **NOTED** the receipt of the external audit report for 2014/15.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATED

NEXT MEETING –11th JANUARY 2016 AT THE WROXETER HOTEL, WROXETER AT 7.30PM