

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th MARCH, 2013 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

3/13/01

Members Present:

Councillors Mrs. S. Hutchison (Chairman), Miss J. Esp (Vice Chairman), Mrs. J. Davidson, Mr. S. Holding and Mr. A. Lees.

Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk & RFO to Little Wenlock Parish Council.

Members of the Public:

1 member of the public was present, Ray Drakeley, a member of the New Works Lighting Working Party.

3/13/02

Apologies:

Apologies were received from T&W Councillor Terry Kiernan and T&W Councillor Jacqui Seymour.

3/13/03

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. S. Holding declared a pecuniary interest in item 10a.

3/13/04

Members of the public address the Parish Council:

No member of the public addressed the council.

3/13/05

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2013 were **approved** and **signed** by the Chairman.

3/13/06

New Works Bus Shelter:

- a. It was **resolved** to have a site meeting to discuss the location of the planters.
- b. It was **resolved** that the information board would be placed to one side of the bus shelter.
- c. It was **resolved** neither to have a formal opening ceremony nor to contact the press in case of further vandalism by the protestors against UK Coal. It was **resolved** that a photograph of the bus shelter with Craig Ball (UK Coal), Adrian Foster (Veolia), Will Onions (Severn Oak) and Cllr. Sheila Hutchison (LWPC Chairman) be taken at the site for use by UK Coal and Veolia in any "in-house" publications and to place it on LWPC web site.
- d. It was **resolved** to write to Will Onions to thank him for the excellent job done in building the bus shelter.

3/13/07

New Works Lighting update:

The Parish Council was informed that a small working party of local residents had been convened to address the issue of the lights at New Works. They were waiting for information from Dan Hitchin at E.On with regards to the type of light which they would like and to the cost of an additional light adjacent to New Works Farm.

3/13/08

BT Openreach Superfast Broadband:

The Village Hall has received the cheque for £750 in relation to the wayleave for the cabinet.

Ian Binks is willing to come to the Parish Open Meeting and answer any questions about superfast broadband although he would like the questions before hand so that he can research any information that is required.

A completion date for the project had not yet been given although taking into account the problem over the location of the cabinet sometime in May might be probable.

3/13/09

Highway issues and updates:

- a. Adam Brookes had informed the Clerk that they will not extend the double yellow lines further towards Hatch Lane.
- b. There was no further information regarding the rumble strips. It was **resolved** to write to Adam Brookes to obtain further information.
- c. There was no further information regarding reduced speed limits within the parish.
- d. The Clerk reported that he had met with a T&W sub-contractor and had shown him around the parish. New bollards were to be placed along the left hand stretch of road from Hatch

Lane to Willow Moor where there is a steep drop by the edge of the road. It was agreed that the stretch of Spout Lane from "Severnvale" to the bridge was in very poor state and needed major work. The drainage problem at Willow Moor had been attended to, a collapsed drain had been repaired and another drain/gulley had been found.

3/13/10

Footpath at Swan Farm:

a. To receive and decide on quotations for work to be done on the footpaths:

Cllr. S. Holding left the room and so did the member of the public as commercially sensitive quotations were to be decided.

It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from HPlant.

Cllr S. Holding and the member of the public returned to the meeting.

A community group had been established to promote the improvement of the route to Swan Farm Pool so that it could be used by those in wheelchairs or families with children in pushchairs.

b. Update on the boardwalk repairs:

Andrew Careless had stated that work would commence in the new financial year and the Parish Council would be invoiced for the £1000 during the 2013/14 financial year.

3/13/11

Chairman's Annual Report:

It was **resolved** to accept the report without amendments and publish it in the next edition of the Community Newsletter.

3/13/12

Annual Parish Open Meeting:

The Clerk reported that Craig Ball (UK Coal) and Ian Binks (BT Openreach) had offered to attend the meeting and this was accepted. It was **resolved** to invite Lee Barnard to give an update on highway issues. It was **resolved** to move Councillors "Question Time" to the penultimate item on the agenda. It was **resolved** to state in the Community Newsletter that there were matters raised at the meeting that may affect what the Parish Council does in the future so please come along and express your views

3/13/13

War Memorial:

a. Ownership:

The Clerk outlined the history of the war memorial and the issues related to its ownership.

It was **resolved** to accept future responsibility for the war memorial. This decision was taken under the War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act 1923 and its later amendments which gives local authorities (in this case the Parish Council) the power to maintain, repair and protect war memorials in its parish.

b. Funding for repairs:

It was hoped that the PCC would financially assist with the work which was required to repair the war memorial.

As the original war memorial was financed by public subscription it was **resolved** that a request went to each household within the Little Wenlock village for a donation. It was further suggested that a contribution might come from the proposed Saturday event on the playing field. It was further **resolved** that should the total needed not be reached an application to the War Memorial Fund and/or the UK Coal be made.

3/13/14

Newsletter:

To include bus shelter update, New Works Lights Community Working party, Broadband update, Annual Parish Meeting information, 2013/14 budget and financial figures, events at the Huntsman, boardwalk project, war memorial and the Swan Farm footpath residents application,

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Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported on the recent Society of Local Council Clerk's course he had attended. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would issue each councillor with a binder in which would be all the council's policy documents e.g. Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure, Council's assets, Community Engagement Policy, Freedom of Information Policy, Media Policy, Risk Management Policy, Training Statement, Parish Plan, role of the Parish Clerk, contact numbers etc.

3/13/16

Planning:

a. Installation of maintenance/inspection platform on the top of the existing television transmission tower, The Wrekin, Telford. TWC/2013/0155.

The Parish Council **had no objection to** this application.

b. Change of use from carpentry workshop to a mechanics workshop: The Old Barn., Malt House Bank TWC/2013/0166.

The Parish Council **objected** by a majority vote (Cllr. S. Holding voted in favour of the application) to this application on the grounds that the change of use from a B1 to B2 (General Industrial) category meant that the site could be used for a wider variety of inappropriate industrial uses in the future and that was in contravention of the Parish Plan 2012-2022 statements 4.9 and 4.10.

It was strongly felt that B1 category (Business) was much more appropriate for a rural area and the site should remain under that category as it excludes from any industrial process, being a use which can be carried out in any residential area without detriment to the amenity of that area by reason of **noise**, vibration, **smell**, **fumes**, smoke, soot, ash, dust or grit.

One resident had written a letter of objection to the Parish Council regarding the proposed change of use.

c. Gibbons Wood and parking on Spout Lane.

The Parish Council had received a number of letters raising concerns about problems with parking on Spout Lane when events were taking place in Gibbons Wood by Back 2 Basics who organise bush craft birthday parties etc in the wood. The Clerk had contacted the Planning Department at T&W and the enforcement officer is investigating the issue.

d. Planning Approvals:

Full Planning approval had been given to TWC/2012/0695 6 New Works Lane and TWC/2013/0018 St. Lawrence Church's kitchen and toilet.

e. Cattle Pound:

The Clerk reported that he had received from one resident the plan of the area when the Home Farm was sold in June 1929 which clearly shows the cattle pound.

3/13/17

Playing Field Cycle Path:

The Vice-Chairman of the Village Hall, Mrs. Hilary Betts, was making a bid to Veolia for funding a cycle path on the playing field. Veolia had requested that the owners of the land, namely the Parish Council, give written consent for this project.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council gives it permission for the proposed cycle path to be built on the playing field.

3/13/18

Councillors Reports and Updates:

- a. Cllr. Sheila Hutchison gave a resume of the meeting with Michael Barker relating to "The Wrekin Forest". She stated that a lot rests regarding its future on the 2015 T&W development plan. The main concern is regarding future housing development on land owned by Harworth Estates (UK Coal). It was **resolved** that LWPC wishes to keep "The Wrekin Forest" as a wild and undisturbed area. Michael Barker had been given a copy of Little Wenlock Parish Plan 2012-2022 which clearly outlines in section 5 "Countryside and Environment" the Council's views. The Parish Council waits to see what future developments are proposed.
- b. Cllr. Steve Holding reported on the Village Hall meeting and outlined the idea for a Fun Day in either June or July and a proposal for "Bob Carter's" nets on the playing field.
- c. Cllr. A. Lees gave an update on the recent meeting of the Coal Liaison Committee. His report is appended to these minutes but the important note is that UK Coal hopes to finish coaling by August 2013 (dependant on the weather) and by December 2013 have the void filled and the top soil on.

3/13/19

Finance:

- a. **Money Transfers:** The Clerk reported that he had moved the sum of £9,162.00 from the Base Rate account to the LWPC Current Account to pay the invoice from Severn Oak Timber Ltd.
- b. **Bank Balances:** The Clerk reported that the balance in the in the current account is £10,219.13 with one cheque for £52 to be presented. The balance is therefore £10167.13. The balance in the Base Rate Account is £17,050.16, £9,162.00 having been transferred to the current account for payment to Severn Oak Timber Ltd.

- c. **Projected end of year balances:** After all outstanding accounts are paid for March there will be a balance of £311-28 in the current account. The Base Rate Account balance is £17,050-18; there is still a £12334-03 balance on the BT Openreach Superfast Broadband grant; that leaves a working balance of £4716-19. There will in addition be about £1,700-00 VAT refund. The working balance carried forward to 2013/14 will therefore be in the region of £6,734-00 but £1000-00 of that is "ring-fenced" to pay T&W for work on the boardwalk at Swan farm Pool.
- d. **Grounds maintenance:** It was **resolved** to accept the prices quoted by K. Smith Contracting Services for grounds maintenance in the financial year 2013/14.
- e. **Accounts to pay:** It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts:
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| Severnoak Ltd | Bus Shelter | £9,162.00 |
| E.On | Light repairs | £34.52 |
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| J. Marcham | Salary | £242.33 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £60.58 |
| J. Marcham | Admin Expenses | £116.90 |
| K. Smith | Winter Gritting | £180.00 |
| Came & Company | Insurance on bus shelter | £25.00 |

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Date of the next meeting:

8th April, 2013, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.