

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
8th July, 2013 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.****7/13/01****Members Present:**

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

In attendance:

Mr. J.F. Marcham – Clerk & RFO to Little Wenlock Parish Council.
T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour

Members of the Public:

1 member of the public attended.

7/13/02**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from T&W Councillor Terry Kiernan.

7/13/03**Declarations of Interest:**

None were declared.

7/13/04**Members of the public address the Parish Council:**

No one addressed the meeting.

7/13/05**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2013 were then **approved** and **signed** by the Chairman.

7/13/06**Highway Issues:**

- a. Rumble Strips: No further information had been received.
- b. Parking restrictions at the Forest Glen: No further information had been received.
- c. Willowmoor Bank: the Clerk reported that he had informed T&W of the problems and they were following it up.
- d. The Clerk reported that reflector posts had been put up between The Hatch and Willowmoor on the verge where there is a steep drop.
- e. It was reported that the 30 mph sign on Blacksmith's Lane (Church Hill) was falling over and the post was badly corroded. The Clerk to report it to T&W.
- f. It was **resolved** to invite Lee Barnard to the next LWPC meeting to update everyone on developments.

7/13/07**New Works Bus Shelter:**

The planters had now been installed and also the information board. It was **resolved** to take a photograph and invite Peter Whittle, Craig Ball and Adrian Foster to be on the photograph.

7/13/08**Swan Farm boardwalk and Rights of Way:**

- a. Cllr. S. Hutchison met with Andrew Careless (T&W Rights of Way Officer) on 26th June to look at the boardwalk which is part of public RoW and is a footpath. The wood may be rotten and if this is the case the cost would be at least £8k depending on the state of the timbers in the water. The contractor, who is a diver, will inspect the timbers. If the work is not done soon the boards will have to be removed and notices put up or alternatively divert the RoW around the pond. It was suggested that lottery fund might be used for the project.
- b. Cllr. S. Hutchison reported that the 2 stiles at Willowmoor, which are in a dangerous state, will be replaced by kissing gates.

- c. The Swan Farm bridle path and the footpath down to the pond had been cleared by a group of volunteers on 5th July. It was **resolved** to send a letter of thanks to Bob Alton who leads the group.

7/13/09

UK Coal Community Fund:

- a. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter dated 2nd July from Jonathan Eatough, Assistant Director: Law, Democracy & Public Protection, which stated, "I am sorry that the Council has taken some time to respond but we have been trying to resolve this issue and you may know that the funding for these grants has now been released". The Clerk had written to Michael Barker on 28th June to ask for the money within two weeks but had received no reply. It was **resolved** to write to Richard Partington, MD of T&W, requesting immediate release of the money to the grant recipients.
- b. Complaints about members of the coal fund committee: This had not yet been resolved.
- c. Freedom of Information applications:
 - i. TWC-21652, Appeal against information request: The response states, "The Council will not release a copy of the unredacted complain you have requested as the redactions have been applied to protect the identity, and therefore the data protection rights of the complainant".
 - ii. TWC-21856: The decision to withhold payment of the grants was made by Michael Barker, Assistant Director, Planning Specialist and advice was provided by Ian Ross, Group Solicitor.
- d. Action to be taken: The Clerk had discussed the nature and problem of the FOI requests made to T&W with the Information Commissioner's Office and had been strongly advised by them to make a "Subject Access Request" relating to personal data, including emails, about the Parish Councillors and the Clerk in the email sent on 14th May under the subject "Formal Complaint". The Clerk would draw up appropriate letters for the Parish Councillors and himself who serve on the UK Coal Community Fund Committee to submit to T&W Council.
- e. The Trundle: No reason had been given by T&W as to why the complaint made by the UK Coal Fund about the management of The Trundle had not been dealt with, whilst the one against them had been dealt with immediately.

7/13/10

Street Lights at New Works:

The funding was still awaiting and nothing could progress until it was in LWPC's bank account.

Cllr. A. Lees reported that there were a number of decisions to be made:

- i. Regarding the actual lanterns.
- ii. The nature of the actual light, e.g. warm white.
- iii. A calculation of what lighting output is required to meet the present light levels, and
- iv. Timer on/off controls subject to a survey.

7/13/11

War Memorial:

It was **resolved** that the specification drawn up by the Clerk in consultation with The War Memorial Trust on how the actual work was to be done is now sent to the original 3 contactors and the 2 contractors on the WMT list for quotations. Cllr. Lees would provide 2 CD discs of photographs for the 2 new contractors.

7/13/12

Community Newsletter:

Copies were distributed to councillors for delivery to parishioners.

7/13/13

Superfast Broadband:

The fibre cable had been installed and it was hoped that it would go live soon.

A press release had been drawn up by the Clerk once "it was switched on".

Cllr. J. Esp expressed concern about the copper cable rearrangement and had it been forgotten.

7/13/14

Car Park at New Works:

- a. A response was still awaited from Stuart Ashton at Harworth Estates.
- b. The T&W planning department had stated in a recent email that the decision about the car park was that "this process is not subject to a public consultation". The Clerk has inquired if there is a process whereby an appeal can be made so that a process of consultation can take place.
- c. A copy of the original survey of residents at New Works against the car park (dated February 2012) had been updated and there were 30 residents against the car park on New Works Lane in its present format.
- d. A member of the public who had attended the Parish Council meeting on 17th June had sent an email to UK Coal, T&W Officers and some members of the Local Access Forum which included completely misleading and inaccurate statements about the report presented by Cllr. Lees and the Clerk regarding their meeting with Stuart Aston of Harworth estates. They were accused of:
 - i. Renegotiation the car park plans.
 - ii. That the renegotiation had resulted in an overhead bar being planned "to stop horse box entry".
 - iii. That the size of the car park had been changed.
 - iv. That some residents want to discourage visitors to "their area" and that a small group of local residents, now pursuing a personal rather than a public or community agenda by protecting their own interests as residents.

Response to the above:

- v. Cllr. Lees and the Clerk did not renegotiate the car parking plan, they brought to the attention of Harworth Estates the real concerns of the local residents who had never been consulted about the car park in their community and possible alternatives were suggested depending on local resident's wishes.
- vi. The restoration plan drawing of the proposed car park has the statement "gate with height restriction barrier" clearly written on against it.
- vii. At the moment no changes have been made to the location, or the size of the proposed car park.
- viii. As already stated the local residents of New Works have never been consulted nor had the opportunity to express their concerns about the problems the car park will bring through inappropriate usage. Their survey, which was given to Michael Barker by John Ferrington at a UK Coal Community Liaison meeting, has been totally ignored. They have every right to protest, New Works has suffered the brunt of the noise etc from the surface mine and should now have its peace and tranquillity returned to it once the mining is complete.
- e. It was **resolved** to write to Richard Partington bringing the concerns of the residents to his notice and the lack of any form of consultation having taken place.

7/13/15

Clerk's Report:

- a. Forest Glen car park: Part of the car park has been closed off because there is a precarious rock on the quarry face that has cracked and is now loose and needs dealing with.
- b. SALC Training: The comments made by councillors relating to the planning training were noted.
- c. Youths on motorbikes at Steeraway: A local resident had requested help in dealing with this problem. Advice was given to contact Andrew Careless to see if there was an option to install a gate that would not let the bikes through. Sgt Russ Yeomans was also consulted and was aware of the problem.
- d. Npower payments: no further information has been received about the complaint.

7/13/16

Planning:

Consultation regarding speaking at Plans Board: It was **resolved** that it should remain at 5 minutes.

7/13/17

Borough Liaison:

T&W Borough Councillor Jacqui Seymour outlined recent developments relating to the boundary review. Of interest to LWPC is the splitting off of Admaston and Shawbury into a new ward with 2 members and Wrockwardine will become a 1 member ward.

In response to her complaint to Richard Partington relating to the UK Coal fund she had also been told that the monies would be released. Regarding her request about a separate bank account for the UK Coal Fund she had been informed that the monies had been allocated to a separate sub-code centre and not to a separate bank account.

7/13/18

Councillor's reports and updates:

- a. LAF Meeting: Attended by Cllrs. S. Hutchison and A. Lees, a report is appended to these minutes.
- b. Shaping Places: Attended by Cllrs. J. Davidson and A. Lees who will put a report together for LWPC. It was **resolved** to invite Rachel Taylor, T&W Environment and Planning Policy Leader, to meet with LWPC as soon as possible. It was also **resolved** to ask her if she had seen a copy of Little Wenlock Parish Plan and if not to supply her with a copy. The Parish Plan can be put forward as an alternative to a Neighbourhood Plan.

7/13/19

Finance:

- a. Bank Account Balances and future funding and spending:

Community Account: £13,801.69 with all cheques cleared. £1000 ring fenced for the boardwalk, £2,093.49 VAT to be refunded to the UK Coal fund and £6531.94 from the cola fund for BT Broadband. That leaves a working balance of only £4176.26,

Base Rate Account: £17,078.69. Bill for BT Broadband yet to be presented = £15,265.97. Working balance is therefore £1812.72.

This gives a TOTAL working balance now of £5988.98 plus Precept of £6325 in September = £12,313.98 for the rest of the financial year. However it is prudent to keep in reserve at least 25% of the Precept £3162.50 for unforeseen contingencies and emergencies. This would then reduce the actual amount available for the rest of the year to £9151.48.

- b. Payments to be made:

J. Marcham	Timpson's for plaque	£24.99
SALC	Courses	£40.00
J. Marcham	Salary	£251.96
HMRC	PAYE	£62.98
Npower	Energy Consumption	£33.26
Npower	Energy Consumption	£79.68
Elaine Gandy	New Works planters	£77.93
Madeley Print Shop	Newsletter	£30.00

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Date of the next meeting:

Monday 12th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Note it may start earlier if an officer of T&W Borough Council attends for a consultation.