



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2014 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm.

Present: Cllr's. L.T. Brayne - Chair, D. Plant, Shirley Reynolds, Stephen Reynolds, C.F. Smith, B.J. Thompson, K. R. Watkins and S.A. Watkins.

In attendance: Gemma Williams (Telford & Wrekin Council), Mrs. Smith (Wrockwardine Wood Arts College and one member of the public.

14/2569 Apologies RESOLVED – to accept apologies from Cllr's. K. Hanmer, M. Hanmer and H. Smith (family commitments)

14/2570 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Cllr. Stephen Reynolds declared an interest in Item 14 on the agenda under Private Session.

14/2571 To present a grant to Wrockwardine Wood Arts Academy

The Chair presented a grant to Mrs. Annie Smith which will go towards the Senior Choirs trip to Italy.

14/2572 To receive Gemma Williams from Telford & Wrekin Council to discuss the review of Street Lighting Management Arrangements.

Gemma apologised that Amanda Roberts was not in attendance tonight and said that she will answer as many questions as she can, but may have to come back to us with some answers.

Cllr. Charles Smith asked for details of the Prysmian costs and Gemma said that these are for normal repairs, replacement columns, knocked down columns and emergency repairs. Western Power costs are for service transfers and Gemma said that they have to employ another contractor for any mains works.

Cllr. Smith pointed out that street lighting costs increased by 12% in 2013/14 although the electricity cost came down.

Cllr. Smith said that the consultation document states that testing of columns takes place every six years at a cost of £8.95 per column. This would mean that every six years street lighting would cost £38K, not including any other costs such as Prysmian costs that may also increase. Cllr. Smith said that we have to consider all these extra costs as we have to precept for them.

Cllr. Smith asked for the cost of a repair or replacement to a street light and Gemma said that she is unable to give a price for potential repairs.

Gemma said we could save costs on electricity if we changed to lower wattage lamps, but we would have to put money up front to change them. Cllr. Smith said that we have a contract with TWC and notice that we still have some old columns and cannot be expected to enter into new management arrangements with old lanterns. Gemma said that she has only been in post for three years so is not aware of any old lanterns and would have to check.

Cllr Smith said that if street lighting is going to cost us more money, then we would have to consider handing them back to the Borough Council. Gemma said that this is our prerogative and that is why this consultation exercise is taking place. Gemma said that the consultation period has been extended by two weeks to 12th September because they were late getting the paperwork out.

Cllr. Smith said that we need to know what the cost per column on a normal year includes and what the annual column charge will be. Cllr. Smith asked if scouting will take place every ten days. Gemma

said that this does take place now and will continue. Gemma said that she receives a report every morning of the area that the scout has covered the previous night.

Cllr. Stephen Reynolds asked if there will be provision in the contract for additional lighting. Gemma said that any new lights that were needed would be an extra cost to the parish council.

There were no further questions so the Chair thanked Gemma for attending and she left the meeting at 7.15pm.

14/2573 Public Session The resident in attendance did not have any issues he wished to raise.

14/2574 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14/2575 Correspondence

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – email from Natalie Rushton regarding proposed works at the junction of New Road, planned from 21st July, for a signalised junction in preparation for the school development. The works are programmed for 3 weeks and will be carried out with 3 way traffic lights. Work is also planned to re-construct the abandoned steps from the footbridge over Wrockwardine Wood Way and should take 3 weeks with minimal disruption to the footpath.
- b) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – email from Christopher Fletcher regarding information on Individual Electoral Registration. Mr. Fletcher is the new Electoral Outreach Officer and part of his role is to get as many people to register to vote as possible. For the first time people will be able to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote Mr. Fletcher asks for help to get the message out that the system is changing.
- c) **Telford & Wrekin Council** – email from Wendy Tonge regarding Universal Infant Free School Meals. From September 2014 all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will be eligible for a cooked school lunch at no cost to the parents.
- d) **Shropshire Fire & Rescue** – invitation to an Integrated Risk Management Plan session on 22nd July at Telford Central Fire Station at 6.30pm. This is to discuss their Phase 3 options and they would like as many members of the public and councillors to attend as possible. The meeting will last for an hour and a half approximately.
- e) **Department for Communities and Local Government** – Invitation to put forward recommendations for the Birthday 2015 Honours List. Candidates should be actively involved in building a bigger, stronger society and may be involved in areas such as community empowerment, public service reform and social action. Closing date for nominations is 4pm Monday 4th August.
- f) **Resident Letter** – Letter of opposition to planned housing on sites within the Shaping Places consultation.

Correspondence received after publication of the Agenda

- a) **Telford & Wrekin Council** - Email from Simon Wiley informing us that due to a quiet Winter Service during 2013 they only carried out one programmed re-fill of grit bins and as a result they owe us 17 re-fills which will be carried over to next winter.
- b) **Westdale Services Limited** – Invitation to an open day at AFC Telford United, Wellington on Monday 14th July 2014 from 2pm to 8pm for homeowners or social/private landlords to learn about an offer to externally insulate their property. This Community Award Scheme is being delivered on behalf of Telford & Wrekin Council to benefit up to 1000 properties in the Borough.

Tabled Correspondence

SALC – Information Bulletin 20th June 2014 and Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine.

14/2576 Payments to be Issued

Each Councillor received a list of the expenditure transactions for July 2014. **RESOLVED** – that the expenditure transactions for July 2013 totalling £6,234.73 be approved. (Copy list attached to office Minutes)

14/2577 To receive and approve a Statement of Accounts for June 2014

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

14/2578 To elect a Working Party to consider the new Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED – that the Finance Committee, together with Cllr. Plant will consider the new Financial Regulations.

14/2579 Right of Way Footpath off Moss Road

The Chair and Cllr. Plant visited the site and found that the footpath was very overgrown. The Clerk said that Andrew Careless has advised that TWC Legal Team have written to the resident whose fencing is encroaching on the footpath and he will contact them to see if there has been any progress with having it moved. Mr. Carless said that he will also arrange for the overgrowth to be cut back.

14/2580 Any Items of Information or Items for the Next Agenda

- a) Cllr. John Thompson requested that we invite Wrekin Housing Trust to our next meeting to let us know what is going on with Gordon Road and Talbot Road. Cllr. Thompson said that there are a lot of empty properties in these areas and a lot of rumours circulating about what is happening with them.
- b) Cllr. Shirley Reynolds requested that we address the problem of parking on Church Road at the next meeting. It was AGREED to invite Sanctuary Housing to send a representative to our next meeting to discuss use of the Old Mill Car Park.
- c) The Clerk informed members that WPC Nikki Scott had given apologies for tonight's meeting which she had hoped to attend.
- d) Cllr. Stephen Reynolds reminded everyone about the walk/litter pick on the Cockshutt on Sunday 13th July, meeting at the Lamb Inn Car Park at 11am. Cllr. Reynolds said that he has obtained litter pickers and bags from TWC.

14/2581 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 in the School Hall at 7pm.

14/21582 Private Session

RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press will be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they are instructed to withdraw.

Cllr. Stephen Reynolds, having declared an interest in the following item, left the meeting at 7.35pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....