

Wroxeter and Uppington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in the Wroxeter Vineyard visitor centre, Wroxeter
on the 10th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllrs: Mr B Nelson (Chairman); Mrs J Davies; Mr P Davies; Mr M Millington; Mrs S Rowlands and Mr I Sherwood
In attendance:	Joanne Fellows – Clerk, Chris Taylor – Connecting Shropshire

01 **CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Chairman welcomed all present.

02 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr V Amos – work commitment
Shropshire Cllr C Wild – prior engagement

03 **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

No dispensation requests received.
Pecuniary interests will be annotated at the relevant item in the minutes.

04 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No members present

05 **BROADBAND**

Chris Taylor from Connecting Shropshire tabled a document for councillors to have a look at detailing a press release that was being issued today (copies will be emailed out in due course).

Last September an open market review was started and invitations for tender were issued. There have been a number of applications and they have all been through the evaluation process. The outcome of the successful bidder has been announced today and named as Airband. There are 14170 homes in Shropshire (Shropshire Council area) and the company have a commitment to deliver to 7000 homes this year, however the rollout of where is still to be agreed. Surveys will have to take place across the county to identify infrastructure already in-situ and what is required to take project forward. Even if residents have previously applied for funding they will be evaluated as part of the scope of study.

Now the new contractor has been announced it is envisaged that company will engage with individual parishes and confirm rollout. Wroxeter and Uppington may form part of phase 3 and may not be in for some time yet so residents could still apply for the Better Broadband voucher scheme until December 2017 if their current speed is below 2Mbps (details on Connecting Shropshire website). Chris said that when he gets definite timescales he will email clerk with details.

The Chairman asked if there was an intention to re-instate the Broadband Partnership group. Chris said there had been no formal talks however a forum could be considered if it added value.

Chris asked councillors to look at press release and if there are any questions please email him.

The Chairman thanked Chris for taking the time to come to the meeting.

Chris left: 8:05PM

06 **REPORTS** from Shropshire Councillor &/or others
Cllr C Wild has extended her apologies for not attending meeting due to prior commitment.
No reports tabled.

07 **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**
There has been no LJC meeting so nothing to report.

08 **MINUTES** - To approve and sign the minutes dated 15th May, 2017
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr M Millington that the minutes should be accepted as a true and accurate record, Cllr P Davies **SECONDED**. All **AGREED**. A copy has been placed in minute book.

09 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
None raised

10 **PLANNING MATTERS**
a) Planning decision notifications – for information only
Councillors noted planning decisions made.

Reference	Applicant	Address
17/01689/FUL	Capes and McLeod Leisure	Uckington, SY4 4UL
Description		
Erection of single storey extension to existing workshop		
Planning Decision		
Grant permission		

Reference	Applicant	Address
17/01322/LBC		2 Upper Barns, Rushton, TF6 5AG
Description		
Works to replace window opening with door opening at rear of dwelling		
Planning Decision		
Grant permission		

b) Planning applications for comment
None received

11 **TRANSPARENCY GRANT APPLICATION**
Applications are being sought for grant applications 2017/18. In 2016/17 the parish council received grant funding to purchase a laptop and equipment and this is still held in reserves. All councillors **AGREED** not to lodge a further claim.

12 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Chq No.	PAYEE	Description	Amount
462	Joanne Fellows	Salary + admin expenses	£337.47
463	HMRC	Employee tax	£72.76
464	I Sherwood	Bus shelter maintenance – Creosote purchased	£45.30

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the reconciliation and bank Statements for the months of April and May 2017.
- c) Councillors noted that the standing order for the Data Protection renewal was to be collected 27/07/17 for £35.
- d) Councillors noted that the Environmental grant for 17/18 had been revised and was now £1,357.78
- e) The notice for electors rights was due to finish 14/07/17. The clerk confirmed that to date no applications have been received.

13 **PLAYGROUND UPPINGTON**

It had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the playground at Uppington is used infrequently. With funding cuts from Shropshire Council the cost of the upkeep and ongoing requirement is open for review. The Parish Council issued notices to ask for feedback and have received four responses requesting the playground is kept.

It was **PROPOSED** by the chairman to defer further discussion until next meeting but in the meantime to:

- collate these responses and from those given seek further input as to whether they would be prepared to for example take on the upkeep as a community group
- await for ROSPA inspection (which is due imminently)
- approach the landowner
- ask Shropshire Council the status with funding going forward

Cllr P Davies **SECONDED**, all **AGREED**.

14 **PUBLIC FOOTPATH – near Wroxeter Vineyard**

Cllr M Millington apologised that he had not had time to find out his correspondence for defining the footpath. Cllr P Davies had looked at the Ordnance survey map and there is no obvious evidence of a public footpath adjacent to the vineyard. Cllr P Davies **PROPOSED** that the item is deferred until next meeting allowing councillors to make further enquiries, Cllr M Millington **SECONDED**, all **AGREED**.

15 **ACCESS ROAD BROOKSIDE**

The clerk has contacted Severnside twice whom have not replied. Further enquiries were made with Shropshire Council who confirmed the access road at the back was not their jurisdiction. Cllr M Millington had observed that a fortnight ago a Shropshire Council maintenance officer visited and was taking pictures and notes about the site. When M Millington enquired the staff member confirmed the access road was not Shropshire Council but they would be potentially willing to work in collaboration with Severnside to offer a workable solution. **ACTION** the clerk will contact Shropshire Council and ask to be included in developments.

16 **SMELL FROM BROOKSIDE SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

It was raised through the Shropshire Council that there was an issue with the sewerage treatment plant. The clerk contacted Severnside who sent out a contractor to assess the situation and carry out some maintenance work. They felt there should no longer be an issue. The Chairman contacted other householders who had noted the smell prior to the recent work that was carried out but they had not been aware of it subsequently. Hence, we will continue to monitor the situation into the future.

17 **DEFIBRILATOR**

PC D Walton had asked all parishes if they have a defibrillator of which Wroxeter and Uppington do not. The clerk asked the councillors if they wanted to consider purchasing one as she has been procuring one for her other parish. The AED costs £1,000 and then there is installation and need for connection to electricity supply. Councillors debated the proposal and due to the geographical spread of the parish it was felt that it would be more effective to call 999 and for the ambulance service to

attend incident. Cllr P Davies **PROPOSED** that an AED is not purchased at this current time however this does not rule out review at a later date, Cllr I Sherwood **SECONDED**, all **AGREED**.

18 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Following presentation from PC D Walton earlier this year the parish council wanted to consider the best way to spread news within the parish and a Twitter update feed from the police was suggested. It was **AGREED** by all to defer to next meeting for further enquiries to be made.

19 **CORRESPONDENCE** - not covered elsewhere on agenda
None raised.

20 **PARISH MATTERS**
None raised.

25 **DATE, TIME & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11th September, 2017, Meeting room, Wroxeter Vineyard Visitor Centre,
7:30PM

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:00PM