



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall** after the Annual Parish Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: H Roberts (Chairman)  
T Revitt  
E Thomas  
B Rothwell

**In attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Cllr S Bentley (TWC)  
8 Members of the public  
PCSO Collumbell

**22/0232 WELCOME**

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to those joining the meeting, but who did not attend the start of the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council welcomes residents to its meetings.

**22/0233 APOLOGIES**

Cllr J Quin	Family Commitments
Cllr K Hamilton	Family Commitments

It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Rothwell, all were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillor Quin and Councillor Hamilton be accepted.</b>
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**22/0234 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Roberts	Item 7a, Planning Application TWC/2021/0717	Land at rear of The Lion
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**22/0235 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

It was proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Revitt, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the March meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman.</b>
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**22/0236 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETINGS**

The Chairman & Clerk updated the meeting on matters that had arisen since the last meeting:

**a) Parish Litter Pick**

This will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May, with volunteers helping at any time most convenient for them. As well as collecting litter, there will be an opportunity to clean road signs, trim back hedges that hide signs and to use the My Telford App to report fly-tipping and other requests for action. Equipment can be collected from the shop and the litter will be collected on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May from the side of the Village Hall. This will be an opportunity to tidy up the Parish in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

**b) The role of the TW Enforcement Team**

Further to the Parish Council's concerns regarding the lack of enforcement in relation to Planning Application Conditions, an acknowledgement had been received, but no response as yet.

**22/0237 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE****a) Payments**

The following payments were presented:

BACCs	Replacement Intruder Alarm at the Parish Centre	LGA 1972 (Misc Prov) Act 1975 s19	£1071.22
BACCs	Catering deposit for Jubilee Fete	Jubilee Grant Funding	£240.00
BACCs	Call Out and repair of security shutter at the Parish Centre	LGA 1972 (Misc Prov) Act 1975 s19	£144.00
BACCs	Bouncy Castle, Connect 4 and Ball Pool for Jubilee Fete	Jubilee Grant Funding	£250.00

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Rothwell, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the payments be made.**

**b) Financial Report**

The Financial Report had been presented to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**22/0238 PLANNING****a) Planning Applications Updates****TWC/2021/0717 Land to the rear of The Lion / Shanti House**

The Parish Council has been notified of an appeal against TWCs refusal of the outline application for one dwelling on land at The Lion. This will be considered by the Planning Inspector by written submissions.

**b) Planning Applications for Consideration****TWC/2022/0311 60 Forest Farm, Bolas Heath**

Part two storey, part single storey extensions, single storey side extension and front porch

**RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would question the extent and size of the extensions, but recognised that there would be no effect on neighbours. However, Members would request that the planning officer considers the character and style of the original dwelling to ensure that there is no detrimental effect on the architectural design.**

**c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan**

Members have considered for some time that the current Neighbourhood Plan is in need of a review to take into consideration current changes in planning legislation and sustainability challenges within the climate change agenda. A provisional date would be arranged for the initial meeting with Patrick Mottershead at TWC to consider the process for a review.

**d) Other Planning Matters****i) The Stackyard, Waters Upton**

The Chairman has requested a further meeting with Days New Homes to discuss the outstanding matters. This is now particularly frustrating as there have been many delays in bringing Phase One to completion. The land cannot be transferred to the parish Council until the work is complete. This in turn means that the car park area cannot be made available to the Parochial Church Council. Other outstanding matters, such as the landscaping, remain the responsibility of the developer.

With regards to the diversion of the right of way, TWC have confirmed the legal order and they will arrange for the provision of the fencing to the rear of the Quarry and Cedar Lodge, as well as creating the boundary with the adjacent agricultural field.

**ii) Planning workshops**

Members had not been able to attend many of the organised sessions. It had been agreed that each Parish Council will receive a data stick containing all the presentations on each subject. When this is available, an internal training session for the Councillors, with interested public invited, will be arranged.

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#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **All correspondence received for the attention of the Councillors has been circulated and no requests had been received for items to be added to this agenda.**
- b) **Information from Shropshire Association of Local Councils**  
All information and News Bulletins are shared with Members and useful information and guidance is included in the publications, which include advice from NALC and other organisations.

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#### **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

- a) **Updates**  
The Clerk had accompanied the new Highways Officer around the Parish and discussed the outstanding issues including:
- The Shray Hill / Meeson junction enhancements
  - A442 at Swan Bridge
  - Numerous potholes and signs that need repairing or replacing
  - The build-outs at the entrance to Waters Upton from Great Bolas
- b) **Speed Indicator Device**  
The six socket sites have been agreed, and photos taken in preparation for the installation of the sockets. All the equipment is now in stock with TWC. The sites are:
- Outside Lower House Farm
  - Opposite Pear Tree House
  - Crudgington B5062 (from Newport)
  - Shray Hill (from Newport)
  - Great Bolas (from Howle)
  - Cold Hatton (A442)

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#### **CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

The Chairman gave a short update on continued progress with this project and confirmed that the Village Hall Management Committee has accepted the offer of assistance to upgrade the heating and lighting. Thousands of watts have been saved across the Parish already – with thanks to those households that have offered to take part in the scheme.

The wildflower seeds, purchased as part of the TW Grant and those kindly donated by Mr R Greenow are being sown around the parish to improve bio-diversity. This will result in reduced grass cutting in places.

A news item will be in the next newsletter to promote an offer package, including LED bulbs, with the option to include installation for those that would benefit from this offer.

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#### **PARISH PROJECTS**

##### **a) Parish Room Croft**

The work to create the Village Green in preparation for the Jubilee Celebrations has been completed, with special thanks to Mr L Finzi. It had been agreed to postpone projects 2 (the car park) and 3 (the children's play area) until the Autumn so that more room is available for use at the Jubilee Fete.

##### **b) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

###### **i) Village Fete**

Councillor Thomas updated the meeting on the work of the Committee to provide a free to attend fete and fun afternoon for the Parish. Funding has been received from Councillor Bentley and TWC and it is hoped that some sponsorship will also be received towards specific elements of the afternoon.

A road closure will be in place to enable a safe area for the street party outside of Parish Room Croft, with access and emergency access being arranged.

Afternoon teas are to be available (at £7.00 per person) these need to be ordered by 15th May. Other elements of the day include:

- BBQ and Street Party
- Children's activities, games and crafts
- Pet parade
- Face painting
- Competitions
- Wheelbarrow of booze

The church will be open and there will be a memorabilia display

There will be a dress your house up competition, so that everyone can get involved.  
The Parish Council has purchased commemorative coins for the primary school children.

A flyer will be produced and delivered to all properties to ensure that everyone knows they are invited.

ii) Village Funding

Other local events are to be arranged over the weekend in villages within the Parish.

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**POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**Community Speedwatch**

A successful training event took place recently and Councillor Revitt has now joined the team. There will be other training events so if anyone is interested in getting involved with this worthwhile initiative, please ask for a police vetting form. These forms have to be completed every year.

**PCSO Collumbell**

The community continues to appreciate the work that our PCSO does in the rural area.

**Newsletter**

The recent edition has been circulated.

**Police & Crime Commissioner / TWC – tackling fly tipping on private land**

Everyone is invited to Waters Upton Village Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm until 7.30pm to discuss a new initiative to tackle fly tipping on private land. Farmers, in particular, are invited.

**Priorities**

The Parish Council has confirmed its 3 priorities as:

- Speeding and inappropriate use of narrow rural lanes by HGVs
- Wildlife Crime
- Theft from outbuildings

The chairman took the opportunity to remind local residents of the importance of the Smartwater Kits and being involved in the We Don't Buy Crime campaign.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

The Chairman reminded everyone of the local NW App and how this can work to raise awareness of suspicious activity. The local NW scheme has been very successful and the Parish Council will be discussing in the future, the extension of the scheme to include the new properties.

Thanks were extended to Mrs S Finzi for her work as Co-ordinator in Cold Hatton.

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**CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Included in the Annual Report to the APM.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**Orchard Close**

Work continues with TWC and Severn Trent regarding the completion of the work on the open watercourse and to address the recent evidence of sewage. This is being dealt with by Public Protection at TWC, along with a similar incident evident in River Lane.

**Highway Drain ditch to the rear of The Lion**

TWC has confirmed that CCTV will be used to investigate the route from the highway to the watercourse.

**Grass Track Racing**

Some concerns have been raised with TWC regarding a possible breach of conditions of the Planning Consent. Officers from TWC have been in contact with the Management Team of STAR Racing and are working with the team and residents to ensure that the event is running in accordance with the planning permission.

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**INFORMATION FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL – Councillor Stephen Bentley**

In addition to the report presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, further information was available regarding the public transport bid which had been unsuccessful for TW and Shropshire. This has resulted in Cllr Bentley opening up discussions regarding a possible bespoke rural transport initiative.

**22/0246 PARISH MATTERS**

The Chairman explained that this is now an opportunity for the public to ask any questions relating to items that have been discussed throughout the meeting.

- Evidence of excessive dog fouling on public rights of way
- Recent burglary at Sytch Lane

**22/0247 NEXT MEETING**

25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	7.30pm	Annual General Meeting	WUVH
	8.00pm	May Full Council Meeting	

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting which closed at 8.40pm.

**Signed .....****Date .....**

*These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.*