



Waters Upton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr S Bentley (Ward Member)
7 Members of the public

20/3882 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Rothwell, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION

Condition of Oak Tree, Parish Room Croft

Speed of traffic, in particular motorbikes, on the bends between Catsbitch Lane and Crudginton on the B5062

Speed of traffic on A442 at Cold Hatton

20/3883 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Griffin

Leave of Absence

Approved

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

20/3884 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr E Thomas Speed of traffic outside Lower House Farm

20/3885 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2020

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2020 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

20/3886 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Replacement Noticeboard, Sytch Lane

Investigations will take place regarding the siting of the new noticeboard on land outside of the ST works, where there will also be space for a bench, if permission can be granted.

20/3887 FINANCE & AUDIT

a) Payments

Under the scheme of delegation, no payments had been made since the last meeting. Members considered the invoices due for payment and arrangements would be made for Councillors to sign the cheques.

000177	PKF Littlejohn – Audit Fee	£360.00
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000178	Cardtronics – ATM Fees (Parish Centre)	£1199.75
000179	Waters Upton Stores – reimburse cost of fridge repair	£168.52

b) Receipts

The shop donations to the play equipment for Parish Room Croft will be lower due to the shop currently raising funds for the British Legion Poppy Appeal (This is especially important as no house to house collections are allowed this year).

c) Current Account

The balance at the end of August is £.

d) Completion of Audit

The External Auditors have completed the End of Year Accounts and Audit for 2019 /2020 and no matters have been raised. The conclusion of audit will now be advertised.

20/3888

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

None

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2020/0798 Shray Hill Farm

Change of Use – farmhouse to offices with car parking, access and gateway

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would express concerns regarding the access onto the B5062 at this location. It was also disappointing that the agents (BiT (TWC) had not included that the application is part retrospective as the car park has already been created. The access is behind a 5' sandstone wall, which will hinder visibility. Members would request that a one-way system be considered and that funding be requested to enhance the traffic regulation scheme at this location to slow down the traffic and make the multi-junction area safer.

TWC/2020/0891 Beechfield, Bolas Heath

Removal of condition 3 (Agricultural Tie)

RESOLVED that the Parish Council continues to object to this re-submission. The Parish Council supports affordable, local accommodation and it is important to retain such properties for use by local agricultural workers at affordable prices. Permission for the erection of this building was based on having an 'agricultural tie' and therefore it is important that it is retained.

c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

Members considered the Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan and its importance in the determination of planning applications in the Parish. As part of the monitoring and review, the Parish Council confirmed that the WUNP continues to meet the needs of the Parish at this time.

d) Other Planning Matters

a) Orchard Close – the outstanding work on the open watercourse remains incomplete.

b) Ditch to the rear of Upton Stones and the Lion

This has been acknowledged and action will be taken.

c) The Swan Site

Work continues, mainly at a weekend. There has been no communication from the owner / developer to the Parish Council in order to discuss the proposed Community Asset and its Management.

There have been concerns raised regarding work practices and health and safety, and this is to be monitored by TWC.

d) TW Local Plan – consultation on Issues and Options document

Members will meet to formulate the Parish Council response. This is an ideal opportunity to raise local issues identified in the rural areas, such as lack of rural transport, use of solar panels etc.

20/3889 CORRESPONDENCE

Items received for information – please contact the Clerk if you wish to read any of these documents or if you require additional information.

- a) All correspondence has been shared with Members throughout the period since the last meeting. Members have not requested that any should be included on the agenda.
- b) **Information from SALC**
The AGM will take place via Zoom on Friday, 20th November 2020 at 6pm.
- c) **Wrekin Area Committee**
The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated to Members for information. The Street Champion / Snow Warden co-ordinator has agreed to attend the next meeting.
- d) **Planning Matters 2020**
The Clerk had represented the PC at this seminar which updated attendees on the revised planning legislation and introduced the Planning White Paper, for consultation.
- e) **TW Bus User Group**
The Minutes had been circulated to Members, for information. The loss of the 519, Shrewsbury to Newport service has caused some people to be confined to the house as it was their lifeline, as they have no family and no transport.
A meeting is to be arranged for the rural parishes to discuss the possibility of a community bus.
- f) **Rural Forum**
The Clerk had represented the PC at this meeting, which was particularly useful to discuss issues relating to Highways and Transport with the relevant Cabinet Members and Senior Officers.

20/3890 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) A442 Cold Hatton Scheme

The first phase has been completed, which has improved the surface of the carriageway and included the revised lining. Phase two should follow in November which will include the provision of the VAS and associated sensors. There will be new gateways signs and these will be funded from the Parish Council contributions and will therefore include both parish logos.

b) B5062 Road safety scheme from Cherrington to Crudgington

Although Members believed that a lot of thought had gone into this scheme, to address the speed, it was still their view that the speed should reduce to 40mph through Shray Hill, especially as this has been the location of a number of accidents, including fatalities.

Keeping in mind the information received regarding speed from Catsbritch Lane to Crudgington and related issues on the stretch of road where the bollards are missing and signage poor, it was agreed that further representation should be included in the response so that the road from Cherrington to Crudgington benefits from this scheme.

c) Rural Transport Partnership

Members shared concerns that the loss of the Arriva 519 will have a detrimental effect on a number of residents, who relied on it for work, appointments, shopping and visiting. A meeting with TWC is to be arranged, inviting representatives from Erccall Magna, Edgmond and Tibberton & Cherrington to join to find a way of providing some form of community transport to support the residents, who are at risk due to isolation issues.

d) Bike Stands

As we continue to promote cycling, and investigating appropriate safe routes, the funding has been confirmed for the provision of bike stands around the parish. Sites include Great Bolas Play Area, Waters Upton Village Hall, Field View Play area, Crudgington Play Area and the Stackyard Car Park.

20/3891 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy of the report will be circulated and available in the newsletter and on the website. The Chairman had attended a virtual meeting with TWC, HAU, the Police and neighbouring parishes as a briefing regarding the need for Telford & Wrekin to move into Tier 2 due to the sharp rise in numbers of positive Covid cases. It is absolutely essential that everyone follows the national guidelines.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Roberts gave a report from his attendance at a meeting of the Helicopter Liaison Group which took place on 13th October and was a good meeting with a lot of useful information regarding the essential needs of the flying school. The officers took seriously the increase in complaints from local residents, but use these constructively to ensure that they are aware of local concerns. Sqd Leader Kim Leach ensures that all complaints are dealt with effectively within 24 hours and their aim is always to ensure that there is never a second complaint from the same area.

The Wrekin Gliding Club has moved to RAF Shawbury (to be known as the RAF Shawbury Gliding Club) and Cllr Revitt was able to confirm that they take safety very seriously.

20/3892 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Parish Room Croft

Members had received a copy of the proposal from our Consultant and we look forward to moving forward with the scheme so that there is a design available, to be used as a public consultation document.

A draft design is now available for the sign which will be located on the double gate to the Parish Room Croft Village Green. A road namesign is to be provided outside of The Paddocks and will include reference to it being a Private Road, to hopefully deter drivers from using it for parking and turning.

b) Climate Change

The Clerk represents the Parish Council on the Parish & Town Council Working Group of the TW Climate Change Partnership.

Anyone interested in assisting to promote this within the Parish would be very welcome – it was thought that a regular newsletter article, with updates, suggestions and ideas, would be useful.

c) Bulbs and Planters

In order to move forward with our plans for brighter verges throughout the parish, bulbs will be purchased and distributed to local residents with a request for them to be planted in verges and areas of open space. The bulbs for the rear of the footpath from Upton Stones to Crudgington Triangle are to be planted by the school children. A quotation has been requested for planters to be sited at the entrances to our Parish.

d) Quiet Lanes Scheme

TWC is collecting the remaining information and statistics for this scheme which will be in Catsbritch Lane and Meeson Road.

e) SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices)

The rural parish partnership is finding it a challenge to secure funding to bridge the gap to provide the equipment and to fund the monitoring and re-locating of the camera around the 6 parishes. It was agreed that this should be added to a future agenda for further consideration, with costs, of a scheme for Waters Upton parish alone.

20/3893 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Stephen Bentley, one of the Ward Members for Edgmond and Ercall Magna reported the following:

- The meeting with HAU, Police and TWC was very useful in understanding the current position regarding Covid and particularly in the rural areas of Telford & Wrekin.
- The walk in centre, at HAU, for covid testing is available, but residents are reminded that parking is limited and to walk to the site, if at all possible – parking is available at the Village Hall, Shrewsbury Road, Edgmond
- There have been confirmed Covid cases in local schools but the local authority and staff have worked hard to contain these successfully
- The A442 scheme at Cold Hatton will be completed before the end of the year and a request was made that the community awaits its completion before considering if it is going to make the use of this section of road safer
- The scheme for the B5062 is good, but he will speak with officers regarding the other information received regarding the use of the road (especially by motorbikes) to address the issues from Cherrington to Crudgington.
- Concerns remain regarding a decision to move Planning Committee meetings to daytimes – this is being challenged as democratically unfair on anyone who works
- Morgans Planning Application has been approved – this will include sufficient car parking to ensure that there is no requirement for parking on the verge opposite the butchers

- The training carried out at RAF Shawbury is essential in the defence of our country and he supports RAF Shawbury in the manner in which they work with the community at all times.
- It is disappointing that the normal Remembrance Day services cannot take place this year. It is still his intention to visit all the Parishes in his Ward and to provide a poppy wreath. Councillor Rothwell kindly agreed to lay the wreath in Great Bolas.

20/3894 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT

Members were disappointed that WMP do not attend meetings. However, on this occasion a report has been received and circulated to Members. They are also producing a monthly newsletter, which residents can sign up to. It remains disappointing that there has been no update in the Neighbourhood Watch communication scheme – the information shared was very useful.

This has been raised as an issue with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

The community is reminded to ring in suspicious activity or unknown number plates of vehicles acting in a strange manner direct to the police, using 999 if it is an emergency taking place at the time or use 111 at other times.

The Clerk reported that, after a long wait, we have reached the top of the list for the Community Speedwatch Scheme and three areas have been identified – Great Bolas, Waters Upton Village and Crudgington (as you approach the play area at Manor Place).

A list of volunteers will be required and they will all be trained in the use of the equipment. They will work in groups of three at each location.

PC Wayne Upton (plastic policeman) will be on duty outside of Waters Upton Stores – anyone else who would like him outside of their property for a period of time, please contact the Clerk to make arrangements.

20/3895 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch

The lack of information and support for NW from the Safer Neighbourhood Team is to be raised with the Inspector.

b) Crudgington Solar Sign

The sign as you approach Crudgington from Sleaford is out of order again.

c) Inappropriate use of electric fences

Local landowners who use electric fences on public rights of way are to be reported, as this is very dangerous for ramblers and their dogs.

20/3896 NEXT MEETING

25th November 2020 7.30pm Full Council Via Zoom

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to the meeting and thanked the residents for attending. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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 25th November 2020.