



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021** immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors:

- H Roberts (Chairman)
- E Thomas
- B Rothwell
- J Quin
- T Revitt

**In attendance:**

- Katrina Baker (Clerk)
- Cllr S Bentley (Ward Member)
- 9 Members of the public

**21/0044 WELCOME**

Councillor Roberts, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for staying on to attend the Parish Council meeting. This is the first meeting of the new council year and the first for Councillor Roberts as Chairman. He thanked the Councillors for their support and gave a commitment to representing the residents of the Parish with rigour, determination and fairness.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Orchard Close open water course – completion of the outstanding work  
Orchard Close – resurfacing  
Cold Hatton – A442 Traffic Regulation Scheme  
The Stackyard, Waters Upton – maintenance of the green open spaces

**MOORBANK FARM, CRUDGINGTON**

The meeting welcomed Mrs Sally Stockings and her son, Tom. Sally gave a short presentation on Stockcroft Limited, from Oxfordshire.

Sally and her sons are very proud of what they do and the way they run the business which ensures the health of their pigs, resulting in less disease. The pigs remain as one unit for all of their lives, they are raised on straw in open-sided barns, the piglets are born outside in half moon huts and enjoy their sense of freedom. The pigs have a common health status throughout and therefore they are antibiotic free. Using the site as a continuous unit reduces the amount of movement and minimises the traffic in and out of the site. All animal transport is arranged between 5.30 and 6.30 am, to miss the rush hour traffic and is evident for a few days every 25 weeks.

Tom was a student at HAU and has chosen to set up a business in rural Shropshire. The site at Moorbank Farm is nearing completion. The sheds and ancillary areas have received planning consent for the 1999 pig unit. There will be a straw shed as they are currently using one on the other side of the road.

Tom has recently re-submitted the planning application for his family home, this will be a five-bedroom detached farm house on the site of the original farm but not in the same location. A proposed plan is available and the application is currently with TWC. Tom does not intend to request an agricultural tie for his property.

**21/0045 APOLOGIES**

Councillor J Griffin	Declared an interest and personal circumstances	Approved
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<b>RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.</b>
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**21/0046 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**21/0047 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN APRIL 2021**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**21/0048 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**21/0049 FINANCE & AUDIT****a) Payments**

The following payments were presented, it was proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Revitt, that the payments be made by BACCs.

Bi Annual Fire Alarm Service – Waters Upton Parish Centre	LGA 1972 (Misc Provisions) Act 19756 s19	£42.25
Parish Roadman, Play Areas, Churchyard, Parish Centre	LGA 1972 s101 and s215	£545.00
Zoom Subscription (part payment)	LGA 1972	£12.00
Affiliation Fee to SALC	LGA 1972	£406.06
Litterpicks	Litter Act 1983 ss 5.6	£104.80

**RESOLVED that the payments, as listed be made.**

**b) Risk Assessment Policy & Review**

A copy of the Risk Management Policy had been circulated to members and will appear on the website. Members considered all aspects of risk and confirmed that the necessary insurance and mitigation is in place.

**c) Current Account**

The current account balance is £58,705.83 as at 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 which included the precept of £12,530. The Parish Centre Account balance is £15,665.66. The outstanding principle balance on the Public Works Loan is £7679.39.

**d) End of Year Accounts and AGAR**

A copy of the AGAR Sections one and two had been circulated, for information. The accounts are currently with the Internal Auditor.

The end of year balance had been confirmed as £49,035.80.

Members confirmed the Governance And Accounting Statements, these will be signed by the Chairman.

**21/0050 PLANNING****a) Planning Applications Updates****a) The Poplars, Cold Hatton**

The new enquiry dates will be 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Meeting Point House in Telford.

**b) New Applications for consideration**

One new application had been received, since the publication of the Agenda. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Thomas that this should be dealt with at this meeting.

TWC/2021/0500 The Quarry, Waters Upton

The application states that this is part – retrospective application will include two parking spaces and landscaping. Members resolved to have no objections, although the response will include the need to ensure that the condition remains that the property can only be occupied by the owner or a family member.

**c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council remains confident that the Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan meets the needs of the community, although it is accepted that monitoring and updates will be required in

the near future, taking into consideration the changes in Planning Legislation in recent times.

**d) Other Planning Matters**

None

**21/0051 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**  
SALC has continued to provide weekly updates regarding a wide range of information.
- c) **Local Policing Charter**  
A copy has been circulated to all Members. PCSO Ivan Collumbell hopes to attend a future Full Council meeting. His role is new to West Mercia, he is a Rural Liaison Officer. The Parish Council will work with members of the SNT with regards to the commitments in the Charter.

**21/0052 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

**a) B5062 / Meeson Junction**

The Chairman had attended a site meeting with Councillor Bentley, TWC Officers and a representative of UPL Limited, the local landowner. The site meeting produced evidence of the speed at this location and therefore the concerns of the local residents, raised at the meeting, were witnessed. Rebecca Taylor-Barnes, TWC Highways Officer, had updated Members on the planned work for the B5062, which will take place overnight from 1<sup>st</sup> June and will mean the road is closed from the Tibberton junction to Crudgington. The road will reduce to 50mph, this is based on the speed monitoring results. However, it had been agreed that further monitoring will take place with a view to a further reduction if proved necessary following the planned work. The scheme will de-clutter the signage, replace the cats eyes with LED versions and remove the two redundant bus stops.

Following the site visit, TWC has agreed it will provide two safety mirrors to assist the local residents and a quotation will be obtained for a VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign). It was also suggested that two trees will need to be removed to improve visibility for vehicles leaving Meeson Lane onto the B5062.

**b) A442 Cold Hatton Scheme**

Some residents and road users are disappointed at the effectiveness of the scheme. A number of accidents have occurred where vehicles have hit the central refuges. TWC has agreed to add 'No Overtaking' signs and a request for solid lines will be forwarded to enforce the 'no overtaking' instructions. A meeting with TWC will take place where further discussions to raise the concerns can take place. There is still concern that the VAS do not always work and a request that the Road Safety Partnership continues to visit as often as possible will be added.

**c) Waters Upton Bridge Repairs**

The tree has been removed from the bridge and traffic monitoring lines have now been installed to assess vehicles numbers and speed, this information will be used by the Highways Authority as it designs the replacement scheme.

**21/0053 CLIMATE CHANGE**

Councillor Roberts reported that the grant application for sustainable initiatives had been successful and we are to receive £4000 which will enable the Parish Council to provide support and advice to all households and to the public buildings such as the church, village hall, parish centre and school.

Anyone interested in joining the Working Group to plan and implement the scheme should contact the Clerk for further information.

**21/0054 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Rothwell thanked his fellow Councillors for their support over the last two years and the Clerk, also thanking the public who have attended meetings and raised important subjects for the Council to consider.

**21/0055 CLERK'S REPORT**

**a) Crudgington Grass Track Racing**

A meeting had taken place with representatives of Waters Upton Parish and Ercall Magna Parish, to consider the three track racing sites in the Parishes.

A report was read which gave details of the regulations relating to each site. Confirmation had been received that there were no dates when both Crudgington & Moortown events would take place on the same weekend.

The Enforcement Officer will visit both sites. The Environmental Officer is keen to understand the concerns and neighbours are asked to email local issues, at the time, so that they can be monitored.

**b) Stackyard Phase II**

Grateful thanks are extended to the residents who are cutting the grass on the site of Phase One and Phase Two. This remains the responsibility of Days New Homes as the land transfer has not been completed. It is disappointing that Phase One has not been completed as this would then provide the car park for those attending church services.

The central community green spaces will transfer to the Parish Council on completion. However, there is no estimated time for completion available at this time. The public right of way is clearly identified.

**c) Field View and The Meadows Play Areas**

TWC has kindly agreed to provide the bark for both areas. Other maintenance work is required with the replacement of wooden edges and a log seat. The plants will be removed from the raised planters and we will be working with Crudgington School children to replant and maintain them.

**21/0056 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

Councillor Bentley continues to act on behalf of local residents and has meetings to continue discussions regarding the boundaries within the Stackyard site and the current planning applications.

With regards to the A442 at Cold Hatton, TWC has invested significant resources and financial investment. A meeting with the Highways Officers is to be arranged as the requests continue for 'a proper resolution'. Discussions will continue with John Campion, the PCC, as Average Speed Cameras could work from Shawburch to Hodnet.

**21/0057 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT**

A copy of the Local Policing Charter and recent newsletter have been distributed.

**21/0058 PARISH MATTERS**

In addition to those raised in the public session, the Clerk will

- a) contact Nova Cycling and the police regarding racing and trial cycle events in the Parish
- b) Contact the landowner / farmer regarding flooding on the right of way and the ditch in Catsbritch Lane
- c) contact TWC regarding the safety issues at The Swan site.
- d) The recent traffic light delays at Crudgington Crossroads confirm that the lights will not be suitable and that the only options should include a traffic island.
- e) Concerns were raised regarding the reduction in car parking spaces at The Lion Inn.

**21/0059 NEXT MEETING**

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

7.30pm

Full Council

Waters Upton Village Hall

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 9.45pm.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.*