



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors:

- T Revitt
- E Thomas
- H Roberts
- J Quin

**In attendance:**

- Katrina Baker (Clerk)
- CLlr S Bentley (Ward Member)
- 4 Members of the public

**20/3897 WELCOME**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**20/3898 APOLOGIES**

Councillor J Griffin	Leave of Absence	Approved
Councillor B Rothwell	Moving House / No Internet	Approved

**RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.**

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Quin that a further three months leave of absence be agreed for Councillor Griffin.

**20/3899 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**20/3900 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER 2020**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**20/3901 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**a) Replacement Noticeboard, Sytch Lane**

A meeting had taken place with a representative of STW who are pleased to support the Parish Council and have given permission for the noticeboard to be sited outside of their station. They will also support the siting of a bench, if this is agreed in the future.

**20/3902 FINANCE & AUDIT**

**a) Payments**

There were no payments to be authorised at the meeting.

**b) Current Account**

The balance at the end of October is £62,802.16 which includes the £10,000 Parish Centre Grant.

**c) 2021/22 Budget**

In view of the current situation, Members confirmed that it is their wish that there should be no increase in the precept of 2021/22. The Clerk will prepare a draft budget for consideration at the next meeting and this will include the projects already considered. However, if Members have new projects that they would like to be included, they can forward details to the Clerk for investigation and quotations.

**20/3903**

**PLANNING**

**a) Planning Applications Updates**

The Application for Shray Hill Farm has been approved and Members noted that their comments, particularly relating to the access have been taken into consideration.

**b) New Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2020/0963**

**64 Sheepbridge Cottage**

Erection of a detached garage workshop

**RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would have no objections to the proposed garage workshop but would ask that the Planning Case Officer seeks assurance that the right of way will be respected and that there will be appropriate visibility for access and egress onto the narrow lane.**

**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) The Stackyard, Phase II**

The Clerk reported that work had commenced on site and that the old buildings have been demolished and removed. There will be no further access for agricultural vehicles, they will now use the new stone access to the rear of Crudgington School.

It is important that the bin store is brought into use, to remove the need for the refuse bins to be on the roadside at the top of River Lane, and it is necessary to remind Veolia of the need to reverse from the road to empty the bins.

The Developers have confirmed that they will construct the bin store in bricks that match the boundary of Number One and it will be to a height that will hide the bins.

The right of way will cross the site of Phase II and a kissing gate will be installed at the end of the track, if needed to ensure suitable access.

The Parish Council will request an additional litter / dog waste bin at the entrance to The Stackyard.

Members expressed concern over the safety of road users and pedestrians when the HGVs are in the village and on the site. This will be raised with the Developers in the hope that everyone can remain safe during the construction period.

**b) Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation**

This consultation period has been extended to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 which will give more time to draft an appropriate response, taking all the concerns relevant to rural housing into consideration.

**20/3904**

**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 took place on 20<sup>th</sup> November and the guest speaker was the Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils and Members were informed of a request for the Coronavirus Act 2020 to be continued to enable virtual meetings in the future and in particular to enable PTC meetings to welcome members of the public virtually to meetings even when held in a public building.

**c) Oak Tree, Parish Room Croft**

The tree surgeon had visited and inspected the tree and some minor works have been agreed. The residents have been informed.

**20/3905 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

**a) Community Speedwatch**

Waters Upton has finally reached the top of the waiting list and will be one of the next eight schemes to go live towards the end of 2020. The equipment is available and the three sites have been agreed.

A traffic and speed count is necessary and this will take place w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December. Volunteers have been asked to complete a Police Check form and on receipt of the completed checks, training will be provided.

**b) Highways Liaison Meeting**

Councillor Roberts reported on a successful Liaison Meeting with officers of Telford & Wrekin Council. Notes of the meeting are available and will be distributed with the Minutes.

The main points are:

A442 Cold Hatton

To include signage for Shop Lane, Cold Hatton

To consider additional 'No Overtaking' signs

Phase III will include all signage throughout the scheme

The VAS will show speed as well as indicating the side roads at the accident cluster site.

B5062 Crudgington to Shray Hill

The scheme will include the entire length of road.

A request for replacement bollards around the bends will be favourably considered as part of the scheme.

Quiet Lanes

Catsbitch Lane and Meeson Road have been assessed and TWC are happy to support the proposal for Quiet Lane Status. The scheme is being finalised and the cost will be in the region of £5000 per road, which has been set aside in the Budget.

Speed Indicator Devices

TWC has agreed to project manage the scheme to provide one camera, with six sites for the posts and Balfour Beatty will move them around the Parish, downloading the information and re-charging the battery.

Crudgington Highway Maintenance

The solar sign will be replaced as part of this scheme

**20/3906 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None

**20/3907 CLERK'S REPORT**

**a) Parish Room Croft**

The signs will be erected in the near future.

**b) RoSPA Inspections**

The 2020 inspections of Great Bolas and Field View play areas have been received and the equipment has low risk elements identified. However, both sites need additional bark. It is necessary to top up bark on an annual basis and this will need to be included in the budget.

**20/3908 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

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

- The Borough is still witnessing high numbers of Covid Cases and it is likely that Telford & Wrekin will move into Tier 2, and possibly even Tier 3, following the current lockdown.

**20/3909 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT**

The police are currently experiencing shortage of staff members, due to Covid and Isolation and therefore there are no visits to Parish Council meetings. However, they have produced a newsletter to get important messages out to the community.

- 20/3910      PARISH MATTERS**
- a) Neighbourhood Watch**
- Thanks were extended to Mrs S Finzi, for obtaining the updated information regarding the loss of the community messaging system. We are advised that a new provider is to be engaged and a similar information system will be available in the New Year.
- b) Details of the overnight road closures on A442**
- Details will be shared.

**20/3911      NEXT MEETING**

16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	7.30pm	Full Council	Via Zoom
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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 8.20pm.

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

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