



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7.30pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall**.

PRESENT: Councillors: H Roberts (Chairman)
K Hamilton
J Quin
E Thomas
C Mchaddan
C Ensor

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
9 Members of the Public
Councillor S Bentley (TWC)
Mr A Ames, Headteacher, Crudgington Primary School
PCSO I Collumbell

23/0049 WELCOME

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to members and the public and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr Adam Ames, Headteacher, Crudgington Primary School

The meeting, once again, welcomed Mr Ames who shared the excellent results from the KS 2SATs. These results put Crudgington into the top 2% of schools and indicated that the school, staff and children had been working particularly hard to ensure that the young people had caught up following the Covid restrictions. The Parish Council extended sincere congratulations to the Mr Ames and all the Staff and asked that these also be passed to the children.

PCOS I Collumbell

PC McNally had sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, but had sent a report to be read out. There were no offences in the Parish to be reported. There had been some local issues on the A442 which have been investigated and dealt with following the recent RTC.

The police had attended a careers day at Crudgington School, which had been very successful and enjoyable. Whilst there had been no crime reported in the Parish, suspects were caught in Crudgington on the way to a potential crime. A suspect has been arrested relating to incidents in High Ercall and suspicious activity has been identified on CCTV which resulted in suspects fleeing the property.

Tractors taken in a recent theft had been tracked, but the tools also taken have not yet been recovered. However, farmers are encouraged to fit trackers to their machinery.

Local residents are encouraged to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters – to engage with the local policing team. Community Speedwatch sessions are to be encouraged, especially with the increased traffic on the A442 and B5062 for the coming weeks. The police will also attend, if they are available.

The SNT encouraged the use of OPSNAPP – send it dashcam footage of poor driving and each report will be followed up.

23/0050 PUBLIC SESSION

The following matters were raised:

- Land at the end of Catsbritch Lane – caravan, lock-up and related matters
- Siting of a caravan in Middle Lane, Cold Hatton

23/0051 APOLOGIES

None

23/0052

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Roberts Open ditch and the Pear Tree House development
Councillor Machaddan Owner of Pear Tree House / parent at Crudgington School

23/0053

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th JUNE 2023

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

23/0054

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING

Councillor Mchaddan and Councillor Roberts declared an interest

Defective Drainage, A442

TWC is investigating possible solutions. Any information when available, will be brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

Defective Drainage, Top of village and Orchard Close

TWC had informed the Parish Council that they had recently used a camera to assess any outstanding work across the field adjacent to the highway. The footage from the camera will be investigated and if tree roots are identified, work will be required and the landowner confirmed that permission would be granted for work to be undertaken as necessary 'to keep things flowing'.

23/0055

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a) Financial Report

The balance in the Current Account was £44,648.27 at the end of June and £45,000 is invested in the CCLA which receives interest into the Current Account. The latest receipt was £168.88.

A meeting of Finance & Governance will take place to determine the level of earmarked reserves and to consider how the interest from the investment will be incorporated into the budget.

The audit has not yet been received back from PKF Littlejohn.

b) Payments

A list of accounts for payment had been circulated to members for their information. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Quin, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the payments be made in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

Website Contract	LGA 1972	£321.48
Parish Roadman, Churchyards, Play Areas, Car Park, Village Green, hedges etc.	LGA 1972 s111	£459.00

23/0056

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

i) TWC/2023/0322 and 0343 The Potteries, Waters Upton Hall
Permission has been granted and Listed Building consent confirmed.

ii) TWC/2023/0457 Former Dairy Crest Site
Section 191 had been granted for the existing use

b) Planning Applications for Consideration

None

c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

An open invitation is extended to Waters Upton Village Hall at 7pm on 23rd August to consider the review.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) Enforcement Matters

- **Moorbank Farm, Crudgington**
The Enforcement Officer has visited the site and instructed that the conditions must be completed and that they should submit a new application to regularise the site and include the new development that as yet does not have permission.
- **End of Catsbritch Lane**
The Enforcement Officer has visited the site and will be contacting the owner to discuss the removal of the residential caravan and will discuss with him the lock up unit, pigeon loft and new entrance.

ii) STAR Racing

The racing at Crudgington is regulated by Planning Consent. The Parish Council has been made aware of some local concerns and a complaint that has been submitted to TWC for breaches of the permission which will be investigated by TWC.

iii) Wrekin Forest School, Kynnersley Moors

The Parish Council has been copied into correspondence from Crudgington residents to TWC regarding a current planning application which is scheduled to be determined at the end of July. This has progressed to a Stage 2 complaint.

For information, Wrekin Forest School has three elements, the Wrekin Forest School, a campsite and an events area and is situated to the side of Kynnersley Moor Road. The campsite and events provide funding to support the Wrekin Forest School which is available for children to visit from TW and across Shropshire including from schools and often welcomes SEND families.

If planning permission is granted, there are likely to be conditions attached which will work to address the concerns of local residents.

If late night noise is a problem, TWC has stated that sound recording equipment can be installed in local properties to assess the levels and if necessary, action will be taken. Currently, there is no music allowed after 11pm.

23/0057

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.
The AGM will take place on 3rd November 2023 at The Wroxeter Hotel.

c) Police & Crime Commissioner – Parish & Town Council survey

The Clerk will complete the survey and submit on behalf of the Parish Council and will include that the Parish very much values the role of the Rural PCSO, the visibility around the Parish and the regular contact.

d) TW Boundary Review Committee

A copy of the presentation has been circulated for Members' information. This includes the guidance and timetable and the process will commence in September. Any agreed changes will be implemented from the elections in 2027.

23/0058

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Updates

The Sign Audit

A further visit from a Highways Engineer has taken place and details of the proposals would be available. It is to be confirmed if TWC will be funding this project.

Shray Hill Mirrors

The mirrors, promised for Shray Hill, are on order and this project is being supported by UPL.

A442 40mph zone

The proposed extension to the 40mph zone to Rowton junction has been included as a capital project.

b) SID Project

A new contractor has been appointed to move the SID and post in accordance with our Parish Project. Two new NAL sockets are to be installed at Cold Hatton and the one remaining original site has been identified in Waters Upton.

A new site in Waters Upton is being investigated.

c) Community Speedwatch

Dates and times are being arranged for the volunteers to undertake more local sessions, weather permitting. Other sites will be passed to the West Mercia Police, for consideration.

23/0059

PARISH PROJECTS

a) Christmas 2023

A meeting will be arranged to make the arrangements for the Christmas Float and Carols around the Tree on the Village Green.

b) Play Areas

Crudgington Slide is awaiting repairs – this is the responsibility of TWC.

Bark and equipment bases are being completed at Great Bolas – some repainting is necessary.

Loose balancing logs have been identified at Waters Upton and repairs will be necessary.

23/0060

WATERS UPTON PARISH CENTRE

A Management Meeting took place on 19th July to update members on the local drainage matters, which may, in the future, affect the treatment works within Upton Stones.

23/0061

CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Roberts had attended the Helicopter Liaison Group on 20th July which is now administered by RAF Shawbury. An article will be included in the next Parish Newsletter including important information about the role that RAF Shawbury plays in the training and defence of our Country.

CLERK'S REPORT

a) Grass Cutting and Hedge Maintenance

There have been a number of requests for action around the Parish and an article will be included in the next newsletter.

b) Rural Transport & Secondary School Transport

Communications have been received which have raised concerns regarding the combination of the new rural transport project and the secondary school transport.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Members have been invited to attend the series of planning and development training and information sessions. Copies of the slides will be available to use as a reference document.

23/0062

INFORMATION FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL – Councillor Stephen Bentley

Councillor Stephen Bentley has been representing the community on the following topics:

- Secondary School Transport
- Crudgington School Car Park
- New roundabout at Crudgington
- Speed enforcement on the A442 – contact with PCC regarding a need for Average Speed Cameras

Councillor Bentley wished to place on record, his thanks to all the Upton Stones residents who were amazing at the scene of the RTC on the A442. Thoughts are with the families of all concerned.

23/0063

PARISH MATTERS

a) Replies regarding the queries relating to Council Tax bills will be chased

b) STW have been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the sewer routes within the village of Waters Upton – large scales plans will be available from Dig Dat.

c) It was suggested that Smiley and Sad faces can be used on the SIDs instead of speed for better effect.

- d) RAF Shawbury can provide dates for night flying and these can be promoted on the Waters Upton Chat.
- e) The data from the SIDs can be used by the police and TWC when requesting more speed enforcement.
- f) Some residents are disappointed that the planning consent at Waters Upton Hall has been granted without first ensuring that the instructions from the Planning Inspectorate have been completed.
- g) £742,000 has been paid by Shropshire Homes as set out in the Section 106 agreements. The Parish Council will write to TWC to enquire about the funding allocated to Charlton School and Secondary Transport – as it is generally felt that as this is not required, the funding should be available locally.

23/0064 NEXT MEETING

23 rd August 2023	7.00pm	Waters Upton Village Hall	Neighbourhood Plan
27 th September 2023	7.30pm	Waters Upton Village Hall	Full Council

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting and the local residents for their thoughts and views on local matters.

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 27th September 2023.