



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 24th March 2021 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)
9 Members of the public

21/3957 WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION

Shray Hill Farm

Concern over additional traffic, access and egress, future conference facility, amenities and associated noise.

'Test' pesticides on fields adjacent to residential properties

Rural area being taken over by large establishments – no longer a farming community but an industrial facility.

21/3958 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Griffin

Leave of Absence

Approved

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

The period of leave of absence ends on 6th May 2021.

21/3959 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

21/3960 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY 2021

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2021 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

21/3961 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

No further information has been made available by TWC regarding the Green Grants.

21/3962 FINANCE & AUDIT

a) Payments

The following payments had been made, proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Revitt

000198/9/20	Reimbursements for Parish Centre expenditure April 2020 to March 2021	£2332.14
000201	Additional Dog Fouling Signs	£132.00

000202	Parish Roadman, Play Areas, Churchyard, Parish Centre	£590.00
000203	Clerk's Salary Jan – March	£900.00
000204	PAYE Jan – March	£225.00
000205	Parish Centre Management 20/21	£40.00

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Quin that the invoice for the two VE /VJ Memorial benches be paid. All were in favour.

000206	2 VE /VJ Benches	£2400.00
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b) Current Account

The balance in the current account on 10th March was £55,799 which includes the £10,000 Parish Centre Grant. There are unrepresented cheques to be deducted before the end of the financial year when the new budget can be finalised.

c) Waters Upton Parish Centre Grant

A meeting of the Management Committee will take place early in the new year.

d) Risk Assessments

The Council's Risk Assessment has been updated and will be circulated to all members. The Chairman will undertake the internal checks prior to the internal audit as soon as possible after the year end.

21/3963

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

a) TWC/2020/1097 and 1098 Moor Bank Farm, Crudgington

The Planning Case Officer had taken on board the concerns made by neighbours regarding the lighting and noise from the site. The lighting concern has been registered for an enforcement enquiry. With regards to the noise, if this continues, residents are advised to report this direct to TWC Environmental Health Officers.

The Officer has forwarded questions to the applicant with regards to the number, size and scale of the applications coming forward and is awaiting answers prior to determination of these applications. The Parish Council remained concerned regarding the proposal for a 9 bedroom farmhouse on the old site and the possibility of student accommodation, especially in relation to the access on the bend on B5062, with potential associated lighting and noise issues.

b) The Poplars, Cold Hatton

The inquiry has now been re-scheduled for 6th – 8th July 201.

b) New Applications for consideration

**TWC/2021/0220 Rabak, Sytch Lane
Residential single and two-storey extensions**

No comments had been received from neighbours, who are advised to submit their own comments direct to TWC.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objections to the extension of this property. However, there was concern at the size and scale of the proposals, especially regarding the closeness to the boundary making the site look over-crowded. The design and materials are also important so that the property remains in keeping with the neighbouring properties and area.

TWC/2021/0237 Shray Hill Farm

Members shared the concerns raised by local residents, particularly regarding the access. Whilst there is no objections to change of use, concerns remain regarding the extent of the overall plans for the site. It was agreed to invite Mark Willis, a representative of UPL to a meeting, with the community, to discuss the long term plans for the site which it is understood is linked to HAU and will involve students, crop experimentation and conference facilities in the future.

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. However, it is recognised that a meeting with TWC should take place in the coming weeks. TWC has a new Development Plan Officer who has been in contact and will arrange a meeting in the new year.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) Land to the rear of The Lion Inn

An email had been received from TWC today to inform the Parish Council that amended plans had been received, which concern the site boundary. This will result in a further period of consultation and a letter is expected tomorrow. However, the officer has advised that it is likely the application will be refused. The Parish Council will await the amended plans before making further comment.

21/3964 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 updated information from NALC is awaited, especially with regards to the end of virtual meetings in favour of a return to face-to-face meetings. It was hoped that the agreements of the Coronavirus Act 2020 would continue, but if not these can no longer continue after 6th May 2021.

c) Donation

Thanks were extended to Dairy Crest @ HAU for £500 towards a further VE/VJ Day bench, for Crudgington. The Parish Council holds earmarked reserves for a Crudgington Project, with money previously provided by Dairy Crest and it was therefore proposed by Councillor Quin and seconded by Councillor Roberts that a third bench be purchased and a suitable site be identified. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that a VE / VJ Day memorial bench be purchased for Crudgington.

d) Oak Tree, Parish Room Croft

Permission has been granted and an order placed for the essential maintenance of the tree to take place as soon as possible.

21/3965 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Outstanding Matters

The Highways Officers are aware of all the outstanding matters and updates are regularly requested. It has been agreed to re-start the Highways Liaison Meetings.

b) Missing / damaged signs

Following a recent incident along the A442, a number of signs need repositioning, repairing and replacing. These will be ordered from the relevant authorities.

21/3966 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Helicopter Liaison Group

Councillor Roberts continues to represent the Parish Council on this outside body which is very proactive to act as a liaison point between the communities and RAF Shawbury. The last meeting (16th March) informed members of a new Station Commander in December 2020. RAF Shawbury is a Low Flying Area and works on 82 undisclosed fields and clearings. The training involves essential flying hours – over 13000 during 2020 and 1500 already in 2021. They also have use of simulator training, incorporating combat conditions.

RAF Shawbury take on board all comments received and these are welcomed through their website, this helps them to identify flying areas. They accept that some complaints are inevitable and they work to ensure

that they do not receive a complaint from the same place twice. Night Flying is an essential element of their training and a further four week period is currently underway.
The new Shawbury Gliding Club commences on 12th April and will involve one weekend day per week.

21/3967 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Spring Clean

Due to covid restrictions, no gatherings are permitted. The parish council has purchased litter picks which are available from Waters Upton Stores, with blue bags. No more than 6 people can be in a group. Anyone available to help during the Easter Holiday period, please can you leave the litter at the side of the Village Hall for collection.

b) VE/VJ Benches

The benches, for Sytch Lane and Parish Room Croft, have arrived and will be installed asap.

c) Crudgington School Noticeboard

The school is to install a new noticeboard outside of the school, for parish and school notices.

d) Orchard Close

The condition of the road surface has been reported and a request for this to be raised as a priority has been sent.

21/3968 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley reported that he was disappointed that TWC had agreed a 4.99% Council Tax rise. He would continue to discuss average speed cameras for the A442 with Ch Supt Baker, West Mercia and the Police & Crime Commissioner.

21/3969 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT

A copy of the recent newsletter had been circulated.
It is hoped that a representative will attend a future PC meeting.

21/3970 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch

The new CMS system is now available and Waters Upton and Cold Hatton schemes are both registered.
A current Royal Mail Scam is very sophisticated and everyone is asked to be aware and not to give out personal details.

b) Severn Trent Entrance, Sytch Lane

A new sign 'No Parking' will be requested from STW.

c) Flooding

The flooding on the Howle Road out of Great Bolas has resulted in additional mud on the road and blocked road drains. Discussions with local landowners will take place before TWC can clear out the manhole and use the road sweeper effectively.

21/3971 NEXT MEETING

28th April 2021

7.00pm

Annual Parish Meeting

Via Zoom

Followed by Full Council

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 8.25pm.

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 28th April 2021.