



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 27th January 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)
8 Members of the public

21/3927 WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

PUBLIC SESSION

Dog Fouling	This issue has worsened and is particularly bad in Catsbitch Lane – more warning signs will be sited.
Unauthorised fences	We still have issues with regards to unauthorised fences, however, little is likely to be done whilst in lockdown.
A442 highway	Thanks were recorded for the Parish Council's work with TWC regarding the Cold Hatton, and Crudgington improvements. Residents look forward to the completion of the schemes.
Crudgington Crossroads	Work is still continuing, with discussions between Shropshire Homes and TWC regarding an affordable and effective solution for the Crossroads in order to make it safer.

21/3928 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Griffin	Leave of Absence	Approved
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RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

21/3929 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor H Roberts	Planning Application TWC/2020/1101	Prejudicial
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21/3930 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER 2020

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 meeting held on 16th December 2020 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
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21/3931 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

20/3920	The replacement road name sign has been erected at Old Rectory Fields, however, it has been agreed that the one required for Swan Court will be done when the building work has been completed.
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21/3932 FINANCE & AUDIT
a) Payments

000190	Defibrillator Battery and replacement pads	£278.28
000191	Adobe PDF subscription	£67.78

b) Current Account

The balance in the current account at the end of December was £58,260.34 which includes the £10,000 Parish Centre Grant.

Following the decision regarding the precept for 2021/22 Members agreed that they would identify their earmarked reserves in preparation for the 2021/22 budget and end of year accounts.

c) Precept 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Thomas that there should be no increase in the precept for 2021/22. The current situation is difficult enough for families so the Parish Council agreed that the precept should, once again, be set at £25,060.

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would request TWC to collect a precept of £25,060 through the Council Tax. This will be paid to the Parish Council in equal instalments in April and September.

21/3933

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

None

b) New Applications for consideration

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

Erection of agricultural manure and machine stores

There was confusion regarding these two applications which appeared similar. The Clerk was asked to obtain clarification before the Members considered them in detail.

Councillor Roberts declared an interest and left the meeting

TWC/2020/1101

The Lion Inn, Waters Upton

Outline permission for the erection of two detached dwellings on the car park

Members had been made aware of some of the views of local residents.

Members discussed the proposal at length giving consideration to the viability of The Lion Inn, the use of the car park by the walking bus twice per day, the car parking required for the residential units within The Lion and Shanti House, the need for delivery and refuse vehicles to turn around, the boundary trees, privacy and access.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council could not support the application taking into consideration the points raised and in particular the loss of essential parking for the viability of The Lion Inn and Restaurant, the sewage and drainage, access to the open watercourse and other associated matters.

Councillor Roberts returned to the meeting

TWC/2021/0008

Bramble Cottage, Crudgington

Erection of a two storey side extension

Members were pleased to have seen that the proposals had matched the details of the windows and cills. However, the chimneys also have architectural merit and consideration should be given to these, too.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support the proposals, but would ask that consideration be given to the retention of the architectural merit of the chimney design, too.

Removal of small amount of dead wood in lower part of crown and removal of limb/branch in upper crown on North side of Oak Tree.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will fully support the work that is required on the Oak Tree which is on the land adjacent to the Village Hall.

Variation of condition 9 of TWC/2018/0472 to modify the condition terms

Members were aware from their meeting with Shropshire Homes that the timeline for the installation of the toucan crossing would need to be amended and therefore there were no objections. However, Members agreed it important to use the opportunity to reinforce the view that the crossing, in order to ensure the safety of the children and other users, should be located away from the triangle and within the 20mph zone. Councillor Roberts had produced a map of the site, showing the location and this will be forwarded with the response.

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**i) Proposed Road Names, Former Dairy Crest Site**

Following a consultation, the following have been agreed by the Chairman of the TWC Licensing Board
Crugetone Way
Church Close
Old Dairy Lane
Thanks were extended to all Members who has submitted suggestions.

ii) Register of Buildings of Interest

The Clerk explained that the attachments received from TWC confirmed the Listed Buildings in the Parish and also the existing list of the Buildings of Interest. Members are asked to consider other suggestions to be submitted to the TWC Conservation Officer for consideration.

iii) Local Plan Consultation

The Parish Council response had been submitted and acknowledged

iv) Animal Welfare Plan – Old Dairy Crest Site

A full animal welfare plan is in place and a copy of the site plan is available on request, this has been agreed by TWC.

v) The Stackyard Site, Waters Upton

Following a recent enquiry, members wished to confirm the current position regarding the status of Phase One. Phase One has not yet been completed and therefore the site cannot transfer to the Parish Council and consequently, the negotiation between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council with regards to the church car park area cannot take place.

A resident has requested the installation of a gate near to the road to prevent access to the car and cycle park down the alley which has been created adjacent to the church wall.

It has been suggested that a meeting of all stakeholders takes place when the transfer has been completed.

Members wished to express their thanks to the residents within The Stackyard for their support in helping to maintain the two green spaces on the site. These remain the responsibility of the developer, however they now look very tidy. Members agreed it is important to protect these two green spaces.

A request for a litter / dog waste bin, to be sited near to the stile, adjacent to Cedar Lodge, will be added to a future agenda, when the land transfer has taken place.

21/3934 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**
All information has been shared with Members. Members wished it to be recorded that the information received on current matters, such as Covid, has been much appreciated.
- c) **Rights of Way – TWC Consultation**
Members had the opportunity to attend an information evening relating to this consultation and included access to the electronic definitive map which is now accessible on the Telford.gov.uk website. A draft response was agreed and this will include that TWC should ensure that adequate funding and resources are available – rights of way, particularly in rural areas are very important.
- d) **Promotion and surveys of parish rights of way**
It is important that people are confident of the routes taken when walking on private land and it was therefore agreed that Councillor Thomas would continue the work started by Councillor Griffin to ensure that all routes are identified and accessible.
The information previously collected and collated for the Parish Paths Partnership and used for the Parish Map Project is available and will be passed to Councillor Thomas as a useful place to start. The Parish Council may consider, in the future printing a useful handbook.
- e) **Garden Party Nomination**
Katie Baker had been nominated to attend to represent Waters Upton, however, due to Covid the event has been cancelled.
- f) **Night Flying – RAF Shawbury**
RAF Shawbury had notified the Parish Council of its intention to fly at night for four weeks from 11th January.

21/3935 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) A442 Cold Hatton Scheme

Phase two of the traffic regulation order is nearing completion and the contractor will visit on 2nd February to complete the work to correlate the camera with the sensors. There remains a concern regarding the number of times the central bollards have been knocked down.

Crudgington

Work has continued, however, this has been hampered by the weather conditions.

b) Catsbitch Lane

The flooding between Melverly House and The Lodge continues to cause a concern and the road has been closed. A discussion took place to confirm that a lot of work is required on the Lane and Verges before the installation of the Quiet Lane Infrastructure.

c) Rural Transport Initiatives

Councillor Roberts gave a short report on the outcome of the meeting, at which we were informed of the TWC plans to bring about an alternative community transport scheme to link the villages to each other as well as to the Towns. This is in the early stages of discussion and a full consultation will take place before any proposals are finalised.

d) Swan Bridge, A442 speed limit

At the time of the fatal road accident, the Parish Council had suggested that the 40mph zone should commence before the Sytch Lane junction to slow the traffic before Swan Bridge. No work has taken place to repair the damage and it is therefore the most appropriate time to put forward the formal request. It was agreed that Waters Upton Parish Council should request that the 40mph zone commences before the junction.

21/3936 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy of the report will be circulated and will appear on the website.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillors Rothwell, Roberts, Thomas and Quin had all attended the Recent The Role of the Councillor training with details of the updated Code of Conduct for Members.

21/3937 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Bulbs and Planting

Thanks were recorded to Roden Nurseries for their assistance in providing the bulbs and to all the volunteers who have assisted in planting around the Parish – this should ensure a colourful display.

b) Lest We Forget Benches

Two benches have been ordered.

c) Laptops for Learners

We have been able to provide one laptop to Crudginton School to be provided to a family without such a facility and a request has been published for more to be donated if at all possible.

21/3938 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

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

- The last Full Council meeting discussed the concerns relating to the conflict that is perceived between the role of the planning officer and the company APT when acting in respect of applications within Telford & Wrekin
- Councillor Bentley supported the Parish Council in its decision not to increase the precept for 2021/22. However, it was with concern that he reported that TWC is likely to agree a 5.1% increase on Council Tax from April 2021.
- Further concern was expressed that TWC are about to resurface the A442 (again).

21/3939 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT

None

21/3940 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch

The new CMS system has still not arrived and will make a difference when local information can be received.

b) Neighbourhood Watch App

Parish residents are asked to sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch App for the Parish. This is a perfect way of getting important information out and circulated around our residents at times of emergency. It is, however, important that this is not confused with the Waters Upton Chat App which is used for information sharing and discussion, when not part of an emergency situation. Neither of these should be a substitute for contacting the police, please use 999 in an emergency and 101 for non emergency information.

c) Road repairs

Concerns were expressed that there are different guidelines with regards to acceptable standards of repair, depending on which highways officer and which company are involved. There are examples and these have been shared with TWC for their opinions.

21/3941 NEXT MEETING

24th February 2021

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 8.30pm.

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 24th February 2021.