



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Councillors: B Rothwell (Chairman)
E Thomas
H Roberts
J Quin

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr S Bentley (Ward Member)
3 Members of the public

20/3866 WELCOME

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

PUBLIC SESSION

None

20/3867 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Griffin	Leave of Absence	Approved
Councillor T Revitt	Work Commitments	Accepted

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

20/3868 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

20/3869 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JULY 2020

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2020 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

20/3870 MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Replacement Noticeboard, Sytch Lane

The noticeboard is to be constructed and erected on posts in the same location in Sytch Lane.

b) Parish Spring Clean

The Parish Council wish to records its thanks to everyone who took part in the September Clean Initiative. Also, thank you to the local residents who litter pick regularly around the Parish – this is very much appreciated.

20/3871 FINANCE & AUDIT

a) Payments

Under the scheme of delegation, no payments had been made since the last meeting. Members considered the invoices due for payment and arrangements would be made for Councillors to sign the cheques.

000172	Roadman, play areas, churchyard, Pinfold Croft (July and August)	£484.00
000173	Clerks Salary (July to September)	£900.00
000174	PAYE (July to September)	£225.00
000175	Website and domain	£306.89
000176	Great Bolas Churchyard Grant for maintenance	£100.00

b) Receipts

£182.50 had been received as a donation to the playground fund from the proceeds of the Scarecrow Event. Thanks were recorded to Lauren and Katie, for a very enjoyable event.

c) Current Account

The balance at the end of August is £50, 693.81. This includes the £10,000 Government Grant to the Parish Centre.

d) Memorial Bench (s)

Members had considered purchasing memorial bench (s) to commemorate VE and VJ Day. An article will be included in a future magazine to ask the community for their thoughts on a location for it to be sited and to offer an opportunity for them to contribute to the fund.

20/3872

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th August had been circulated, for information and it was proposed by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Quin that they be signed as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th August 2020 be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2020/0575

Morgans Country Butchers

Business Extensions, changes to the access and non-illuminated signs (revised plans)

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would be happy to continue to support the application, with conditions that the agreements of the applicant regarding parking and lighting be included.

TWC/2020/0741

ST works, Longwood Pumping Station

Removal of hedgerow

RESOLVED to have no objections, but to ask if a hedge can be replanted following the work and if not, then trees should be considered. It was also agreed that ST be reminded that work will be required on the highway, regarding the state of the surface and the potholes, following completion of the work.

TWC/2020/0779

Rear of Cedar Lodge

RESOLVED that there would be no objections to the proposed change of house type for Plot 6.

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) Orchard Close – the resurfacing work will be scheduled for this financial year.

b) Ditch to the rear of Upton Stones and the Lion

This requires attention and has been reported to TWC.

c) The Swan Site

Work to demolish the building had started at the August Bank Holiday. The work is being undertaken on behalf of the owner to create the community asset, with residential units above and behind with a pair of semi-detached properties to the rear of the site. There had been no further communication from the owner.

20/3873 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

Regular information and updates are shared with all members. The offer of the High Sheriff to attend a future PC meeting has been taken up by the Rural Forum in order that she can meet a number of rural parish councils at one meeting.

c) Wrekin Area Committee

The next meeting will take place via zoom on 30th September at 7pm.

d) Planning Matters 2020

All Members are invited to the event on 30th September, or 14th October to hear about the changes in Planning and Development.. An eventbrite invitation has been sent to co-ordinate the bookings.

e) Fire & Rescue Consultation

Members were reminded of the request from SFR to complete the consultation questionnaire and return it to them asap.

f) Pinfold Croft

There is a one bedroom flat available, to let, in Pinfold Croft, first refusal will go to applicants with local connections.

20/3874 WATERS UPTON PARISH CENTRE

a) Government Grant

£10,000 had been received for the support of Waters Upton Parish Centre and Library.

b) Taylors Organic Milk Machine

The farm has discontinued the provision of organic milk from the 24 hour machines and they have been removed from all the outlets in Shropshire.

c) ATM

The increased charges for the hire of the ATM inside of Waters Upton Stores has resulted in the difficult decision to have it removed. Cash is available from the Post Office.

20/3875 HIGHWAYS

a) A442 Resurfacing

The Schedule has been received and the road closure will take place during the night to reduce the disruption for the local residents and road users.

b) Cold Hatton Safety Scheme

The Parish Council, especially the highways liaison group, have been working with TWC and Ercall Magna Parish Council, towards an enhanced scheme to slow down the traffic on the A442.

Councillor Bentley, as Ward Member, has successfully promoted the importance of this scheme in order that it becomes a priority for the Council's Capital Works Programme. The Parish Council had previously included £2500 in its budget towards a suitable scheme.

The proposed scheme can now include permanent SIDs, at an additional cost. The Parish Council had included this

location in the rural partnership scheme. However, it was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Rothwell that £1000 be allocated to assist in the provision of the SIDs in order that this scheme can be completed. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that an additional £1000 be allocated to the Road Safety Fund for Cold Hatton to ensure that the permanent speed cameras can be provided as part of the scheme.

20/3876 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Thomas informed the meeting that she has contacted Telford & Wrekin Council to complain that the roadwork schedules have not taken into consideration the need to leave this area and travel to Shrewsbury. Mill Bridge and Allscott have been closed at the same time, meaning a very long diversion, or travel on narrow country lanes.

20/3877 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Kynnersley Moors Road, Crudgington

A large metal plate has now been placed in position to ensure road users safety. Discussions are taking place with Shropshire Council and Shropshire Wildlife Trust with a view to creating a safe route for the badgers that will not result in severe highway damage.

b) The Stackyard, Waters Upton

Following a request for information regarding the ownership and maintenance responsibility of The Stackyard, the following information should be recorded:

Phase 1 is not yet complete. Ownership and maintenance of the site is still the responsibility of the Developer / Owner.

There will be pedestrian and vehicular access to the church car park adjacent to the church wall and through the Stackyard.

The grassed area adjacent to the bin store was originally to park tractors whilst waiting to access the fields through what will be Phase II. A revised Section 106 agreement will see this land transfer to the Parish Council following the completion of Phases I and II. Maintenance is currently the responsibility of the landowner of Phase II. Access to the workshops and rear fields can be along the new route from the school, but the original route through The Stackyard site will remain available for them to use, until Phase II is sold and any new owner prevents this use.

The central grassed area is within the boundary of Phase II.

It is hoped that the bin store will be used for the storage of the waste bins and that Veolia will collect from the store so that no bins are left on the side of the road or grassed area. The bin store will be used by residents in Phase I and Phase II.

Thanks are extended to local residents who are assisting with the maintenance of these areas for the timebeing.

20/3878 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

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

- The work to repair the bridges at both Great Bolas and Ercall Mill is progressing well and the quality of the work appears very high.
Thanks are extended for people's patience, as it is understood that the diversions have caused frustration, but unfortunately, the narrow bridges meant there was no alternative.
They are on schedule to be completed at the latest in Mid October.
It is sincerely hoped that no further damage will occur and that road users will treat these historic bridges with respect.

20/3879 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT

Members were disappointed that WMP do not attend meetings or send reports. West Mercia continue to promote this as a low crime area and therefore any policing presence is more likely to be reactive than proactive, although the PCSOs have been seen recently in the villages, which is appreciated.

Waters Upton Parish currently comes under Wellington Police, although some reorganisation is likely in the New Year. Details relating to the Neighbourhood Watch App are still needed. It is important to have knowledge of local incidents – it helps local people to be prepared. We are working with PC Thomas as Newport, too.

20/3880 PARISH MATTERS

a) Road Signs

It is disappointing that road signs are not made safe, repaired or replaced as needed following road traffic collisions or incidents. This has been raised with the Police and TWC.

b) Parking in Villages

A polite request will be included in the newsletter to ask that local residents and visitors do not park in any way that causes obstruction for other road users, residents or pedestrians. Wherever possible, please do not park on footpaths or opposite access routes to drives and lanes and within 5m of a junction.

20/3881 NEXT MEETING

28th October 2020 7.30pm Full Council Via Zoom (or WUVH)

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**

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 28th October 2020.