



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 7.30pm in Waters Upton Village Hall.**

PRESENT: Councillors: B Rothwell (Chairman)
J Griffin
T Revitt
H Roberts
E Thomas

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
12 Members of the public

19/3709 WELCOME

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

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor J Griffin read and signed his Declaration, which was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

Councillor Griffin would complete a updated Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.

PUBLIC SESSION

Central Refuges, Cold Hatton

There continues to be a need for the refuges to be more visible. They are essential to slow down most of the traffic.

Right of Way, Swan Court

The Rights of Way Officer, TWC, believes that negotiation is necessary with the new tenant of number 1, to remove the fence and re-open the right of way. It may be necessary to have a fence installed around the garden to prevent the dog-walkers and pedestrians from cutting across the front lawn.

Stile, Catsbitch Lane

Recent flooding caused the access to the stile and right of way to be difficult. The adjacent ditch is the responsibility of the landowner. However, work will take place at this location in order to provide the visibility splay required for the new agricultural access.

Swan Inn, River Lane

The planning application is welcomed, however there were concerns raised that the current plans may result in over-development on the site.

1 & 2, The Poplars

Further support was given to the TWC decision on enforcement on the land adjacent to 1 & 2 The Poplars.

19/3710 APOLOGIES

Cllr J Quin Holiday

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

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

19/3711 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to declare an interest in any items on the agenda and should this be pecuniary, then Members should leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.
None.

19/3712 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN MAY 2019

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2019 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN MAY 2019

Members confirmed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, however they will not be signed until the AGM in 2020.

19/3713 MATTERS ARISING

None

19/3714 FINANCE**a) Payments**

Cheque No	Payment	Law / Statute	Amount
000097	Solicitor's Fee and land purchase	LGA 1972 ss124	22,784.00
000098	Resurfacing of Great Bolas Play Park	LGA 1988	1560.00
000099	SALC Cllr Publications	LGA 1972 sch 12	6.40
000100	Dog fouling signs	LGA 1972	132.00
000101	Salary April - June	LGA 1972 sch 12	900.00
000102	PAYE	LGA 1972 sch 12	225.00
000103	Reimbursement of Kickstart Funding from the Grant	Grant Funded	790.50
000104	Parish Council Domain	LGA 1972 sch 12	20.00
000105	Parish Council Roadman, play areas, church and centre 2 months	LGA 1972 s101	659.00

The Payment Voucher and cheques were signed by two Councillors within the terms of the Council's Financial Regulations.

b) Financial Report

The balance in the current account is £68,112.21 however the payment has been authorised for the purchase of Parish Room Croft which will significantly reduce the balance.

c) Governance Statements and End of Year Accounts

Members received copies of the End of Year Accounts and completed the Audit Governance Statement. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice Chairman, that the AGAR and associated papers be forwarded to Littlejohn LLP, the External Auditor. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the End of Year Accounts be adopted.

PLANNING**a) Planning Applications Updates****i) 4 The Paddocks, Parish Room Croft**

Members were adamant that TWC should not grant any permission until the hedge is replanted and the outcome of the drainpipe soakway onto the footpath is resolved. The Members had called-in the application for determination by the Planning Committee because of the obvious disregard shown for the Planning Process, Legal Conveyances and the Parish Council. Members confirmed that they believe the hedge (pot grown to 1.5m) should be planted on the boundary and that the pipe be redirected so that the water does not drain to the public footpath and highway, at a location where flooding occurs and in the winter can be an accident black spot. A fence will not be required, as the hedge will form the boundary as it did before being removed unlawfully. In order to support the neighbours, hedge plants need to be replanted between the properties in order that their privacy returns.

ii) Phase II, The Stackyard

It is proposed that the new scheme reduces to four properties, with garages and incorporates green space opposite the entrance. No planning application has been submitted as yet so the boundary of the site is unknown. However, Councillor Thomas requested that any future scheme should include an 'affordable element' of housing.

Councillor Revitt declared an interest as a neighbour to the property

b) New Applications for consideration**TWC/2019/0419 Coach House, Sytch Lane**

RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposals but to request that the nearby tree, if at all possible, be protected.

TWC/2019/0478 The Swan PH

The application from the current owner has been a long time coming and the Parish Council was pleased that the agreements in the meetings attended to ensure the retention of the Asset of Community Value and other elements of the scheme have been included by the owner / developer. It may be necessary to re-design the car park area for maximum use.

RESOLVED to welcome the application and to support the scheme, albeit with some negotiation regarding the car parking.

TWC/2019/0484 Builders Yard, Cold Hatton

RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposals especially to provide the wider drives to avoid the need to reverse on to the highway.

c) Other Planning Matters**i) Parish Room Croft**

The final payment has been made and the Land Registry has confirmed the ownership.

ii) 1 and 2 The Poplars, Cold Hatton

The Inspector's hearing, scheduled for 2nd July, has been postponed and we had been informed that he will now call a public inquiry.

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) Kickstart

Regular planning meetings had continued, working with Ercall Magna Parish Council, Tibberton & Cherrington

Parish Council and Edgmond Parish Council, with representatives of High Ercall, Ellerdine and Edgmond Village Halls. A full programme of events will be provided at each venue between 10am and 4pm. The forth venue will be at Crudgington School, with thanks to Mr Ames.

Local groups and organisations, including art, upholstery, quilting etc. from the Village Hall will be able to have a stall to promote their group and to raise funds, should they wish. Anyone, from any Parish is welcome to attend any of the events. There is no charge and free activities will be available for all age groups.

c) **Parish Forum**

Councillor Revitt and Roberts will attend the special event to discuss the process of Pre-Application Consultations on 10th July at 5.30pm.

19/3717 RIGHTS OF WAY (WET3P)

Councillor Griffin has been working with The Ramblers and progress has been made on a number of local issues within the Parish. The replacement of a stile with a kissing gate needs the landowners permission – ‘dogs must be kept on a lead’ signs will be required.

Information is available on a series of round routes, established by the Parish Paths Partnership. Details are available and Councillor Griffin agreed to walk the routes and edit the details so that they can be reproduced in the newsletter or to produce a Waters Upton Parish Rights of Way leaflet.

19/3718 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

A copy of the Chairman’s Report is available on request. It included a meeting with Harper Adams students on 14th May, a Highways Liaison Meeting regarding the A442 and B5062 on 20th May followed by another one on 22nd June – at this meeting a TRO for Cold Hatton was discussed along with the use of SIDs and VAS to assist in slowing down the traffic. On 18th June, Councillor Rothwell represented the PC at the Rural Forum and on 19th June, the CPRE meeting at Edgmond.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Roberts had also attended the Highways Liaison Meeting which had discussed propels and set tasks for the officers, the next meeting is on 22nd July at 2pm.

Councillor Thomas asked that the road outside Lower House Farm be included in future discussions.

19/3719 PLAY AREAS AND GREEN SPACES

Great Bolas

The work to refurbish the equipment and redefine the safety surface is now complete.

Field View

TWC has agreed to bring this area back to standard, both grass cutting and hedges, after which the Parish Council will take over the management and landscape maintenance.

Parish Room Croft

Most of the stones, bricks and rubble have been removed, the areas will need rolling before further work can take place. The fund-raising continues for the new fencing, play equipment and track.

Telford Green Spaces Partnership

Mark Latham, an Ecologist from TWC, will attend the Rural Forum to discuss how the TGSP can work with the community and Idverde to enhance rural green spaces and to protect and encourage wildlife corridors.

19/3720 CLERK’S REPORT

a) **Defib Training**

This will take place in the Village Hall from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Sunday, 30th June – thanks to Di, Sarah and Paul, local residents, for their offer to assist.

b) **Dog Fouling Signs**

The Parish Council has purchased new signs which are available to display around the Parish area.

c) **Site Visits with the Contractors**

The Clerk had taken representatives of Balfour Beatty and Idverde around the entire Parish to show areas of concern.

d) Sewerage Issue, Swan Court, River Lane

Thanks were extended to the residents of Swan Court for their determination to resolve the drainage issue which affected their homes since first built. It was disappointing that TWC had not used their powers to act sooner. However, STW are now the lead agency to rectify the issue.

e) Speed Indicator Devices

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Thomas that the Parish Council should offer a commitment to the rural partnership to provide SIDs around the Parishes on a rotational basis. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council will contribute to a suitable scheme to provide SIDs around the rural areas, in partnership with other local councils in order to make it affordable.

19/3721 REPORT FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

None

19/3722 PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Watch and SmartWater

Less than 30 Smartwater kits are remaining, these are available at the reduce price of £8.90 when purchased through the Parish Council, from the shop. Residents are asked to clean the nearby We Don't Buy Crime signs if they are unclear.

b) Food Waste Bins

This project will be welcomed.

c) Noticeboard for Sytch Lane

Suggestions for a replacement will be considered at the next meeting.

19/3238 NEXT MEETINGS

24th July 2019

7.30pm

Full Council

Waters Upton Village Hall

The Chairman thanked Members and the public for their important contributions to the meeting. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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 24th July 2019.