



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 8.00pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall** after the Annual General Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: H Roberts (Chairman)  
T Revitt  
E Thomas  
J Quin  
K Hamilton

**In attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Cllr S Bentley (TWC)  
7 Members of the public

**22/0263 WELCOME**

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Members and the public and thanked Members for their support in his re-election.

Members were asked to include planning applications TWC/2022/0447 and 0448, the details of which had arrived after the Agenda was published. Members agreed.

**22/0264 PUBLIC SESSION**

The following matters were raised:

- Speed of traffic on A442 – need for average speed cameras
- Footpath in front of 1 and 2 The Stackyard
- Landscaping maintenance – all areas including the Lime Trees
- Request for a dog waste bin, village road end of Catsbitch Lane
- Footpaths throughout the village – raised ironwork

**22/0265 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Rothwell Holiday

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

**RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillor Rothwell be accepted.**

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**22/0266 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Thomas	Planning Application TWC/2022/0447/448	Lower House Farm / Listed Building
Councillor Quin	Planning Application TWC/2022/0447/448	Lower House Farm Neighbour

**22/0267 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

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

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

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

Members confirmed the Minutes as accurate, they will signed at the next Annual Parish Meeting in 2023.

### 22/0268 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Chairman & Clerk updated the meeting on matters that had arisen since the last meeting:

**a) Parish Litter Pick**

This will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May. Litter picks and blue bags can be collected from Waters Upton Stores and left at the Village Hall, for collection.

**b) Ditch to the rear of The Lion Inn Car Park** Councillor Roberts updated the meeting regarding the issue to the rear of the Lion Inn Car Park. A drainage consultant has been instructed to resolve the matter as soon as possible. More investigations are required to ascertain the source of the sewage problem and to complete the clearance of silt in the area of the outfall and the slab placed below the outfall to allow future maintenance.

**c) Orchard Close**

A STW tanker has been on site, but confirmed that this is not a ST problem. TWC has now written to three local residents and are awaiting answers prior to a visit. There is still a requirement for cameras to be used to check out the pipework.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council shares the frustration of the affected residents and further correspondence will be sent to TWC to request completion of the outstanding work, especially with regards to the route across the field and the affects of tree roots.

### 22/0269 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

**a) Payments**

The following payments were presented:

BACCs	Balance – Jubilee picnic lunches	Jubilee Grant Funding	£160.32
BACCs	Parish Centre – Alarm Service	LGA 1972 (Misc Prov) Act 1975 s19	£78.00
BACCs	Parish Council Fridge Repair	LGA 1972 (Misc Prov) Act 1975 s19	£312.12
BACCs	Wildflower seed	Climate Change Grant Funding	£36.00
BACCs	Reimbursement of LED bulbs	Climate Change Grant Funding	£20.00

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

**RESOLVED that the payments be made.**

**b) Financial Report**

The Financial Report confirmed a Current Account balance of £63,000. This includes the Earmarked Reserves.

**c) Internal and External Audit**

Preparations are under way to provide the information for the External Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of their contract with the Audit Commission.

### 22/0270 PLANNING

**a) Planning Applications Updates**

None

**b) Planning Applications for Consideration**

**TWC/2022/0394 Hillside, Cold Hatton Heath**

Extensions, conversion of existing loft space, new roof and detached outbuilding comprising 2 car ports, 2 garages and a gym

**RESOLVED to have no objections to the development and extensions, but to request that any future change of use must require a planning application.**

**TWC/2022/0413      White Gates, Crudgington Green**

Application to vary Condition 2 of TWC/2016/0661 (change of use to holiday let) to allow internal alterations and additional windows.

**RESOLVED to have no objections provided it remains as a holiday let.**

**TWC/2022/0447 and 0448      Lower House Farm, Waters Upton**

2 Storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension

*Councillors E Thomas and J Quin declared an interest and left the meeting*

**RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposals. The development will be monitored by the Conservation Officer.**

**c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan**

The Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan was taken into consideration when Members considered the applications on this Agenda.

Members are keen to receive information from TWC which will provide information on the support available from TWC (as the Planning Authority) for the review of a NDP, and also an estimate of costs, for further work undertaken in support of the Parish Council.

**d) Other Planning Matters**

**i) The Stackyard, Waters Upton**

An urgent meeting has been requested, with Alan and Nick Day, the list of matters on the agenda will include

Landscaping of Phase One

Car Park Surface

Completion date for Phase One

Lime Tree Maintenance

Footpaths front of 1 & 2

Right of Way behind Cedar Lodge

Provision of a dog waste / litter bin

Fencing between the site and field

Replacement Bin Store

Path from car park to road

Drop down barriers

Maintenance of Laurels and rear of bin store

**ii) The Swan, Waters Upton**

It is disappointing that the owner does not respond to communications from the Parish Council. TWC is also trying to contact him regarding the Conditions of the Planning Approval with regards to the provision of the ACV which has to be completed and handed over before the semi detached houses or residential units can be sold or occupied.

The condition of the site has been reported to the Health & Safety Executive.

**22/0271**

**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.

**c) Communication**

A recent communication relating to the Grass Track Racing, conditions of the Planning Approval; the sale of the field at the end of Catsbitch Lane and the pelican crossing on the A442 had been circulated to all Members for information.

22/0272

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

### **a) Updates**

A reminder had been sent to the Highways Officer following his site visit, with a list of outstanding matters, requesting urgent action and updates including:

- Meeson Junction – mirrors and bus stop
- Build out outside of Lower House Farm
- A442, Cold Hatton – replacement screens for VAS
- A442 Cold Hatton – cleaning and replacing signs
- Footpaths through the village of Waters Upton
- Quiet Lanes projects
- Condition of pothole repairs
- Damaged footpaths (Orchard Close)

### **b) Speed Indicator Device**

An update has also been requested as the sockets should have been installed by now.

22/0273

## **CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

The Chairman updated the meeting on the completed and pending projects, included within the project to use the grant funding previously provided:

Household LED bulb and remote control offer

Parish churches

Village Hall lighting and heating

Sensor fans

Solar Panels, Parish Centre

A further article will be included in the next newsletter.

22/0274

## **PARISH PROJECTS**

### **a) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

#### **i) Village Fete, Waters Upton**

Councillor Thomas updated the meeting on the work of the Committee to provide a free to attend fete and fun afternoon for the Parish on the Village Green in Waters Upton. Thanks were extended to all the Sponsors, which will be included in the publicity.

The road will be closed from Catsbitch Lane to the top of River Lane from 12 noon until 5pm with a diversion in place around the B5062 to Catsbitch Lane or Meeson junctions. Emergency access will be retained.

Thanks were also extended to the sponsors of the flag pole, and for the donation of the Jubilee Flag.

#### **ii) Village Funding**

A contribution of £50 is to be provided for the Great Bolas event, which will take place on the play area grass, near the rear of The Meadows.

22/0275

## **POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Thanks would be recorded to the Rural PCSO for his valued support and regular visits around the rural areas. This is much appreciated by local residents.

Copies of the latest newsletter are available.

The Chairman had attended a meeting with the Police, TWC, NFU and Environment Agency to discuss the issue of fly tipping on private land in the rural areas. It was disappointing that there were no landowners in attendance, but all local Parish Councils were represented.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should formally inform the authorities of the need for any scheme to be pro-active rather than re-active. When discussing the disposal of tyres, Members hope that the authorities will consider supporting the use of these for recycled benches and flexible paving.

There is a new Inspector for North SNT, Matthew Sanders, it was agreed to invite him to a future Parish Council meeting.

Links to useful information relating to Rural Crime Prevention and What is Wildlife Crime? have been circulated.

22/0276

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Included in the Chairman's Report to the AGM.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**Harper Adams University**

The Clerk and Chairman had welcomed students to Waters Upton Village today as part of their project, as they study in the hope of being Conveyancers or Surveyors. It is interesting to hear their views on development and how they would identify land for future development.

**Grass Track Racing**

A number of discussions and meetings have taken place to ensure that TWC realise the effect of the STAR racing and the need to ensure that they are racing within the conditions of the Planning Consent.

22/0277

**INFORMATION FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL – Councillor Stephen Bentley**

In addition to assisting local residents with individual queries, work has continued to:

- Secure land for additional parking at Crudgington School
- Negotiate the best possible outcome to provide a roundabout at Crudgington Crossroads
- Support the retention of the Rural PCSO
- Investigate options for bespoke rural transport schemes.

22/0278

**PARISH MATTERS**

The Chairman explained that this is now an opportunity for the public to ask any questions relating to items that have been discussed throughout the meeting.

- STAR Racing heard at Cold Hatton
- Request for an update on outstanding Enforcement Matters in the Parish.

22/0279

**NEXT MEETING**

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

7.30pm

June Full Council Meeting

Waters Upton Village Hall

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting which closed at 9.35pm.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.*