



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7.30pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall**.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
7 Members of the Public
Councillor S Bentley (TWC)

22/0365 WELCOME

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Members and the public and thanked everyone for attending.

22/0366 PUBLIC SESSION

The following matters were raised:

Rural Transport

Concerns remain regarding the changes recently introduced regarding the TW Integrated Transport bus which serves the rural areas. This is essential, as the only public transport available in the Parish. Local residents and visitors to the Parish rely on the service.

The route and timetable for the new rural bus should have been available by the end of the year and it is disappointing that these have not yet been made available. However, discussions continue with the service provider who won the recent tender process.

22/0367 APOLOGIES

Councillor Thomas Work Commitments

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

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

PCSO Collumbell

22/0368 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

22/0369 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2022

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 November meeting be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

22/0370 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETINGS

None. It remains disappointing that the relevant officers at TWC have not responded to the correspondence or brought forward the completion of the necessary works. Councillor Bentley, as Ward Member, will be asked to take up this lack of response.

22/0371 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a) Payments

A schedule of payments had been circulated to all Members. IT was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Hamilton that the payments be made in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

Payee	Expenditure	Statute	Amount
K Baker (reimbursement)	Thank you to LF for volunteer work at Parish Room Croft	Chairman's Fund	£100
WUPO	Postage – legal TP1 to solicitors	LGA 1972	£2.85
E Thomas (reimbursement)	Refreshments – carols on the green	LGA 1972 s145	£119.60
TWC	RoSPA Inspections	LG (Misc Pro)Act 1976 s19	£100.00
Cyclone Signs	Dog Fouling and No Dogs signs	Public Health Act 1875 s 164	£171.60
RBL	Poppy Wreaths	LGA 1972 s137	£37.00
K Baker	Salary (Sept to Dec) inc back pay	LGA 1972	£1465.74
HMRC	PAYE (Sept to Dec) inc back pay	LGA 1972	£366.40

b) Financial Report

A copy of the bank reconciliation had been circulated which showed a balance at the end of November 2022 of £57,282.06 in the Current Account. This includes earmarked reserves.

c) Carols on the Green

The funds raised, for Hope House Children's Hospice, totalled £84.00. A representative from Hope House will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting for this presentation, along with the grant previously agreed.

22/0372 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

TWC/2022/0880 2 Terrill Cottages – application withdrawn

b) Planning Applications for Consideration

TWC/2022/0959 The Hayloft
Single Storey rear extension

RESOLVED to have no objections, especially as this Listed Building will have all works overseen by the Conservation Officer.

TWC/2022/0963 5 Quarry View, Waters Upton
Two storey rear extension

RESOLVED to have no objections, but to ask that works regarding the sewage and drainage are adequate and that access to the site is from the rear of the property for deliveries so as not to cause congestion on the narrow village road.

TWC/2022/0978 Site at Wisteria House, Meeson
Erection of a self-build dwelling

Members fully understood the proposal to provide a home to enable members of the family to live in the locality, however the proposal is contrary to both the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan. Policy HO 10 only supports limited housing within named settlements and therefore this application needs to be considered within the definitions of Policy HO 11. Therefore, any proposed development will need to be an affordable rural exception and clauses will be necessary to ensure that it will meet the criteria and be available to people with a local connection in perpetuity. Ideally, any development should be as part of, and linked to, the substantive, with shared access and an agreement that it cannot, in the future, be sold off separately.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council cannot support the application, as it has been submitted, and would ask that a revised application be submitted that will ensure it meets all the requirements of Policy HO 11 for further consideration.

c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

The Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan continues to offer guidance and is used to determine the Parish Council opinion on current planning applications.

As previously reported, the Parish Council will be embarking on a review of the WUNP in the New Year.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) The Stackyard, Waters Upton

A meeting with the residents of phases one and two took place in the Village Hall. It was good to welcome them all and to have an opportunity to explain what the responsibilities of the Parish Council will be following the final transfer at the completion of the site.

There remain outstanding matters, which it is hoped will be completed early in the New Year. These include the car park (for use by the Parochial Church Council), the Lime Trees and landscaping at the front of the site, the central sandstone wall and green area and the footpath at the front of numbers one and two.

Clarification had been sought regarding other outstanding matters that residents may have and it had been confirmed that those in Phase One should raise questions and concerns via their solicitors and those in Phase Two can raise their questions with Nock Deighton.

It had been established that the roadways are the responsibility of residents who are advised to check their documents for clarification.

22/0373

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.

22/0374

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Updates

It is both disappointing and frustrating that the delays continue in getting outstanding projects completed in the Parish. A highways liaison meeting has been agreed with senior officers, in Waters Upton, and all the outstanding matters will be included on the Agenda.

22/0375

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

The Group has been successful in rolling out a number of initiatives to support the community as well as The Village Hall, St Michael's Church and St John's Church. TWC has been pleased with the outcome and the innovative use of the grant which they provided. The outstanding project is to provide solar panels on Waters Upton Parish Centre. Advice has been received that it may be an advantage to put the provision of battery storage on hold for the time being, but to install panels for immediate use with an option to add batteries later.

22/0376

PARISH PROJECTS

a) Carols on the Green

The event was very successful and well attended and members agreed that this should become an annual event, with an invitation to Crudgington School for the children to join in. Thanks were extended to everyone who helped to make this event possible.

b) Christmas 2023

Members considered other options and agreed that funding should be included in the budget for 2023/24 for Christmas across the Parish.

c) King's Coronation May 2023

TWC has confirmed that funding will be available and the Parish Council agreed that an application should be submitted to enable activities to take place across the Parish on Bank Holiday Monday.

22/0377

POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Update

Rural Crime continues to be a concern, although the incidents are few in our Parish.

Newsletter

Copies have been distributed and are available on request.

Priorities

It was agreed that the three priorities for the New Year will be

- Dangerous Driving
- Provision of Smartwater
- Rural Crime

22/0378

CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting with Highways and Transport Officers

Councillor Bentley, as Ward Member, has arranged a meeting with senior officers early in January and the Chairman has accepted an invitation to attend to represent the Parish Council. Included on the agenda will be dangerous driving, the need for average speed cameras on the A442 and the progress with the rural transport initiative..

CLERK'S REPORT

Crudgington Bus Shelter

This is still awaiting repair. Councillor Bentley has provided funding for its refurbishment. It has now been confirmed at there may be a need for this to be re-positioned following the installation of the traffic roundabout.

STW – verge repair

STW has completed the work opposite Waters Upton Parish Centre.

RoSPA Reports

TWC has forwarded the RoSPA reports for Great Bolas and Waters Upton – an action plan will be created for consideration at a future meeting.

SID

The equipment will be made available and the Parish Council will be making its own arrangements to set up the SID, the first location will be on the A442 at Waters Upton. The collection of data will be essential in providing much needed evidence for TWC and the Police.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

22/0379

INFORMATION FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL – Councillor Stephen Bentley

Councillor Bentley was pleased to report that the Government Grant settlement for Telford & Wrekin has been announced and is 'better than was expected' although some difficult decisions will still be necessary.

In order to better represent members of the Parish, a meeting has been arranged with senior highways and transport officers to enabled an open discussion regarding important local issues such as speed, dangerous driving, rural transport and the lack of commitment by TWC to bring forward planned and promised projects in the Parish, even when being funded by the Parish Council. An invitation has been extended to Councillor Roberts to represent the Parish Council.

It is anticipated that an update on the Dairy Crest developments will be available soon, especially relating to the provision of the roundabout and the small industrial units.

22/0380

PARISH MATTERS

None

22/0381

NEXT MEETING

25th January 2023

7.30pm

Full Council Meeting

Waters Upton Village Hall

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting which closed at 8.45pm

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 25th January 2023.