



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 7.30pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall**.

Covid Restrictions were in place in order that those attending were as safe as possible.

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

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

21/0156 WELCOME

Councillor Roberts, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Recent advice from the National Association Of Local Councils has requested that if meetings are necessary, and cannot be postponed, then they should be administered under covid restrictions and kept as short as possible.

Mrs S Finzi raised the matter of a possible Phase II of Crudgington Fields and commented on the house designs in Phase I. A planning application is anticipated and this will appear on a future agenda for consideration. Shropshire Homes has indicated that there will be a public consultation on any proposals for Phase II and Crudgington Crossroad improvements.

Mr L Finzi informed the Parish Council that work has been taking place on the A442 at Cold Hatton involving the signs and vehicle activated signs (VAS) which have not been working properly for some time.

21/0157 APOLOGIES

Cllr B Rothwell Personal Circumstances

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

RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillor Rothwell be accepted.

21/0158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Roberts Lion Inn Planning Appeal Personal and prejudicial

21/0159 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2021

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

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

MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2021

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2021 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

21/0160 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Chairman reported that he remains frustrated and disappointed that despite numerous reminders, the officers of TWC have not acknowledged the emails or responded with regards to the Orchard Close and ditch at the rear of the Lion Inn Car Park issues.

This is totally unacceptable and Councillor Roberts would be requesting a further meeting with Lucinda Lycett and Gerrol Jalving early in the New Year to follow up the agreements in the previous meetings which have not been implemented and no update received.

21/0161 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a) Payments

There were no payments for authorisation at this meeting.

b) Financial Report

The Clerk confirmed that a grant of £5300 had been deposited into the Current Account from the Police & Crime Commissioner towards the provision of a Speed Indicator Device and Posts in the Parish.

The current account has a balance of £65,854.13 which includes the agreed earmarked reserves.

c) Budget and Precept

As previously discussed, Members were keen to keep in mind the fact that all residents had had a particularly difficult year due to covid and restrictions. Members were clear in their view that any increase in precept should be kept to an absolute minimum. The Clerk had been instructed to bring forward a proposed budget for consideration.

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

RESOLVED that Waters Upton Parish Council would not increase the precept for 2022/23 in order to offer some support to the local residents throughout the Parish. It was therefore confirmed that the precept request would remain at £25,060.00. It was noted that this would result in a small reduction for most residents, due to the additional housing within the Parish.

Members thanked the Clerk for the work required to bring forward a manageable budget without increasing the precept.

21/0162 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

TWC/2021/1114 Land at the Junction of Catsbritch Lane with B5062

The Planning Officer will consider all consultation responses and publish the recommendation, early in January.

TWC/2021/0717 The Lion Inn

The Outline Planning Application for one dwelling at the rear of the Lion Inn has been refused.

TWC/2021/0538 Land adjacent to the Pumping Station, Longswood

Permission has been granted

APP/C3240/W/21/3275649 Erection of two properties to the rear of the Lion Inn

Notice of an Appeal Hearing has been received and the meeting was informed that a date in February had been agreed although the Parish Council had not yet been informed.

- a) Members agreed to confirm that all comments previously submitted on the application remain relevant.
- b) Members agreed that the Parish Council will send a representative to the Hearing to speak in support of the refusal by TWC. Depending on the date and availability, Councillor Quin will attend.

b) Planning Applications for Consideration

None

c) Waters Upton Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council remains confident that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the needs of the community. The comments made on recent applications have been in accordance with the Plan. It is important that the policies within the Plan are used when commenting on local planning applications as the WUNP was written to reflect the views of the local community.

It will be necessary to review the Plan and TWC can offer some support. TWC has assigned an officer to assist Parish & Town Councils with Neighbourhood Planning.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) The Stackyard, Waters Upton

The Chairman and Clerk had met with Days New Homes and discussed further the completion of Phase One in order to provide the car park for St Michael's Church and also the provision of the water supply to the Church.

An assurance had been received that the work required on the surface and hedges will be completed in January which will enable the transfer to the Parochial Church Council. It had been agreed that a stone surface, within the concrete-grass, would be better as this would prevent mud becoming a problem on the path and in church.

There had been administrative issues with Severn Trent Water and once resolved the meter reading will be used as the initial reading for the new account for the Church.

ii) Planning workshops

A series of workshops will take place in the New Year, these will be arranged via Teams and will enable as many Councillors and Officers to attend. The series will cover all aspects of planning and development and will be presented by officers of TWC.

iii) The Swan site

An approach has been made to the owner to open up a discussion regarding the ACV and options available. Thanks were extended to him for his commitment to tidy the site to make it safer.

iv) Old Rectory Fields

A legal transfer will be arranged for the Cemetery Extension to transfer to the Parochial Church Council. The land will be consecrated by the Diocese and registered as an extension to the existing River Lane Cemetery. The car park will remain the responsibility of the Parish Council and be designated as car parking for visitors to the cemetery.

21/0163

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) Shropshire Homes

Shropshire Homes had informed the Parish Council of its intention to submit a planning application which will include the provision of an island at Crudgington Crossroads. The Parish Council will discuss this as part of the consultation process and Shropshire Homes have indicated that there will be a public consultation.

21/0164

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Updates

No updates on the numerous outstanding issues around the Parish had been received. This will be followed up in the New Year.

b) Speed Indicator Device

The funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner has been received. The Clerk will ask TWC why there is such a delay in the provision of the posts and camera.

c) A442 Cold Hatton

A site meeting is to take place with TWC, the manufacturer of the VAS and the Chairmen of both Waters Upton & Ercall Magna parishes.

The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Finzi for their help in identifying the issues, which have now been shared with the company.

21/0165 CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

The Chairman updated Members on the project and the options available to local residents. Registers of interest should be received by the end of December 2021.

LED bulbs have been provided to St Michael's Church and a plan is being considered for St John's Church.

Thanks were received from the PCC at St Michael's.

Eco-tools

Members had an opportunity to consider further the provision of eco-tools for use on Parish Council projects within the Parish. It was agreed that a strimmer and blower would be useful and would be environmentally friendly whilst promoting good practice within the Parish. These will be available for the Spring.

21/0166 PARISH PROJECTS

a) Noticeboards

The Chairman hopes to be able to repair the noticeboard at Waters Upton Village Hall. However, three new noticeboards will be purchased (as the one in Sytch Lane) for Cold Hatton, Great Bolas and Crudgington. Hatton Court has given permission for a noticeboard to be sited outside of the boundary, near to the crossing so that residents can stand safely to read the notices.

b) Newsletter

Members agreed that a local newsletter is important and even more so as new families are welcomed, especially to the new houses at Crudgington Fields. It is also important that this is not a Parish Council produced document. Waters Upton Stores has contributed £250 for the current edition and Councillor Bentley has provided £500 towards its continued production. The Parish Council will include £1000 in its budget for 2022/23.

It is also important that the editions be available electronically and that residents have the opportunity to sign up to receive an e-version.

There will be a meeting with the Editorial Team in the New Year.

c) Parish Room Croft

At the meeting held on 8th December, important information was made available regarding the ownership and maintenance of the Village Hall Car Park and Parish Room Croft. These must remain independent of each other. The Village Hall Car Park is for private use only, by users of the Village Hall unless 'booked' to obtain special permission. It was confirmed that the village green and play area are public green space and therefore not available to hire or reserve for private use. The area will be available for Parish Events and Activities.

Thanks had been extended to JW, as a Trustee and for the offer to support the installation of two large gates to enabled a one-way access to the car park area, for use by users of the village hall by prior arrangement.

21/0167 POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Regular Updates are available from the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, however, it is important that anyone registered identifies the headings of information they wish to receive. This prevents an overload of unwanted emails.

Members confirmed their three priorities for the Policing Charter to be

- Speeding and inappropriate use of village lanes and tracks by HGVs
- Fly tipping
- Rural theft (particularly outbuildings)

21/0168 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLERK'S REPORT

Thanks to Angela for her help at the last meeting.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT(S)

None

21/0169 INFORMATION FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley reported that the Boundary Commission has published its recommendations which will significantly affect the Edmond & Ercall Magna Ward. As Parish boundaries may be considered in 2023, this could then affect the Parish.
Steve had offered £500 to the Parish Newsletter, especially to support the implementation of digital copies.

21/0170 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Parish Room Croft – the importance of the Terms & Conditions
- b) Role of the Snow Warden
- c) Safety fencing to the North of Swan Bridge
- d) Crudgington ‘Slow Down’ sign

21/0171 NEXT MEETING

26 th January 2022	7.30pm	Full Council	Waters Upton Village Hall
			Restrictions permitting

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting which closed at 8.20pm.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 26th January 2022.