



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7.00pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall**.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
John Williams (WUVH and Trustee)

21/0146 WELCOME

Councillor Roberts, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. This meeting had been called especially to enable Mr Williams to attend to explain the legal position regarding the Village Hall and Land. Mr Williams is the Chairman of the Management Committee and also a Trustee of the Charitable Trust.

21/0147 APOLOGIES

None received.

ABSENT

Cllr Revitt

21/0148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Roberts	Member of the VH Management Committee	Non prejudicial
Katrina Baker	Members of the VHMC and PCC	Non prejudicial

21/0149 PARISH ROOM CROFT AND WATERS UPTON VILLAGE HALL

Mr John Williams gave a short presentation on the history of the Village Hall which was built around 1870 as a school by Rev J B Davies (who also owned Parish Room Croft until the sale / development). The room remained as a School until Crudginton School was building in the 1890s and then it became a well used reading and parish room. It was often used for events and parties and in the 1960s was a popular venue for wedding receptions and had a number of regular user groups such as whist and youth club.

The Church controlled the building as a Church Hall and in the late 1970s it was in need of refurbishment. In order to apply for Grants a Charity needed to be formed to remove the church control, this took around 8 years and eventually the John Davies Charity was formed and is registered with the Charity Commission. The Parochial Church Council Members are the Trustees of the building which was described as being for the religious education of your people. The Trustees had to lease the building to four individuals and they delegate the running of the Village Hall to a Management Committee. In 2005 a supplementary lease was needed which removed two and added two Trustees and enabled more grant applications and is valid until 2033.

Members discussed at length the use of Parish Room Croft as a overflow car park for anyone using / hiring the Village Hall, it cannot be available to the public for general use.

The Village Green and Play Area will be Public Open Space and will welcome local residents to use the facilities. There will be no parking for the play area / village green as the Village Hall Car Park is only available for use by users of the Village Hall, or by special one-off consent.

The Village Green will be available for village events and there will be no onsite car parking so as to reduce the risk of public and vehicles sharing the same site. Although, it is still intended to include a natural bund in the design for safety reasons.

The Terms and Conditions for the use of the Village Hall need to be clear in that the boundary is between the two sites and that there will be no access to Parish Room Croft from the Village Hall – pedestrian access will be via the Paddocks.

Anyone hiring the Village Hall can request the use of the additional parking from the Parish Council at a nominal fee, this will be used towards the maintenance of the car park area. Consideration is being given to installing two large gates from the VH Car Park for access, with parking under the hedge and to leave via the Paddocks exit. These will only be open with the area is booked and it will be the responsibility of the hirer to ensure that there is no litter, no unauthorised use and that the gates are locked at the end of the event.

Members agreed that the public green space cannot be used for private hire events or at a time of the VH booking. Bouncy Castles or similar can only be sited on Parish Room Croft by agreement of the Parish Council for Parish events.

21/0150 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

a) Noticeboards

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

RECOMMENDED to purchase three new noticeboards, as per the recent one installed at Sytch Lane. One will be sited at Great Bolas and one at Cold Hatton. The Waters Upton noticeboard will be checked to see if it can be repaired, if not, the third will be installed at this location. A further board will be purchased for Crudgington Fields, when the land is available.

b) Eco-Tools

In accordance with our Climate Change Plan, Members had considered the purchase of rechargeable power tools for use around the Parish. It was agreed that this should be considered as part of the Climate Change Working Group and therefore funding can be available from the Grant received. It was proposed by Councillor Rothwell and seconded by Councillor Quin, all were in favour and thus it was

RECOMMENDED that a Strimmer and Blower be purchased in the first instance, with rechargeable batteries. This equipment will only be for use on Parish Maintenance and will send out a positive message to local residents.

c) Newsletter

Members are keen that a newsletter be available to all residents in the Parish, but there is no wish for this to be a Parish Council initiative. However, the Parish Council has a duty to keep in touch with residents, with a minimum of one publication per year.

A number of local residents have requested an electronic copy, and these could also be available on the website. It was agreed that the new homes at Crudgington Fields should be offered an electronic copy, with email addresses being provided in accordance with a Privacy Policy.

A meeting will take place with the Editorial Team in January where costs, advertisement fees and other matters will be discussed. In the meantime, it was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Rothwell that £1000 be included in the Parish Council budget for communication and publicity, to enable any request for financial support to be considered at the time. All were in favour and thus it is

RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council includes £1000 into its budget for Communication and Publicity. The Parish Council will also promote e-newsletters.

21/0151 CRUDGINGTON FIELDS AND PROPOSAL FOR TRAFFIC ISLAND FOR b5062 / A442 AT CRUDGINGTON

An indicative layout of the land between the current building site and the A442 to the side of the B5062 had been received which would enable a Traffic Island to be created at the dangerous Crudgington Crossroads.

Shropshire Homes intend to submit the application soon and will hold a public consultation event following submission to enable residents and road users to have their say.

The application will be included on the next Full Council Agenda for consideration during the consultation period. Whilst the community has been working towards an island at this location for many years, it has been more recently supported and included in more strategic plans due to the high levels of traffic using this strategic route of North to South and East to West. It will also enable a safer route for pedestrians from the development to Crudginton, the School and safer walking routes. However, some Members believe that the Unitary Authority should be providing a safe route around the County and such a development should not be as a result of a contrary to policy planning application.

21/0152 OLD RECTORY FIELDS

It was proposed by Councillor Quin and seconded by Councillor Thomas that the Parochial Church Council will enter into a transfer agreement with the Parish Council for the provision of land as an additional consecrated cemetery. This land will be managed and maintained by the PCC and will be registered with the Diocese. All were in favour and thus it is

RECOMMENDED that the Cemetery Extension Land in River Lane will transfer to St Michael's PCC and the car park area will remain the responsibility of the Parish Council.

THE STACKYARD

The car park area will be for the sole use of visitors to St Michael's Church and will mean that the verge opposite the Church entrance will no longer be required for church parking. However, we have been waiting for the completion of the construction and top surface to the car park which has been delayed by the Developer. It is important that this area is available before Winter. The PCC also require the provision of the water supply with a stock cock together with a meter available for accurate billing. The Chairman and Clerk will be meeting with Days New Homes week commencing 13th December, it is hoped to have a completion date soon.

21/0153 PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

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

The Planning Officer has visited the site and is now awaiting two final consultation responses, one from highways. Our Call-In request has been accepted and the application, in recommended for approval, will be on an agenda in January. This allows more time for the Parish Council objection to be completed, if required.

The Parish Council will require a representative to attend the meeting and speak on behalf of the Parish Council against this application.

21/0154 PARISH MATTERS

None

21/0155 NEXT MEETING

15th December 2021

7.30pm

Full Council

Waters Upton Village Hall

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting. All matters discussed will be included on a future Full Council Agenda. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

SignedDate

These Minutes are produced in draft form. E & OE until confirmed as a true record by Full Council at the next meeting on 15th December 2021.