



Minutes of the meeting of Waters Upton Parish Council which took place on **Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at 7.30pm** in **Waters Upton Village Hall**.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
10 Members of the Public
PCSO I Collumbell

22/0348 WELCOME

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

22/0349 PUBLIC SESSION

The following matters were raised:

- TW – DMMO, The Stackyard, rear of Cedar Lodge
Telford & Wrekin Rights of Way Officers have visited the location and will be making arrangements for work to be carried out on the route including the boundaries of The Quarry and Cedar Lodge. The path, a public right of way (bridleway) will be owned and maintained by Telford & Wrekin Council. The Parish Council is aware that work is to take place to remove the self-set trees along the route.
The right of way is currently in three sections, a bridleway in the middle of two rights of way – the intention is to make the entire route from The Stackyard to Catsbitch Lane into a Bridleway

WEST MERCIA POLICE

The meeting welcomed PCSO Ivan Collumbell to the meeting. Ivan shared information regarding a local incident which included the theft of vehicles and a quad bike from a farm in Ellerdine. The vehicles have been recovered and enquiries continue.

We are fast approaching a very busy period of the year and the police are working to identify active cannabis growing, they are using a helicopter to identify heat sources. Driving conditions can be poor at this time of year, and they issue a plea for safer driving.

The Chairman thanked Ivan for his continued support of the rural area.

22/0350 APOLOGIES

Councillor S Bentley (TWC)

22/0351 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

22/0352 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th OCTOBER 2022

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

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

22/0353 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETINGS

None.

22/0354

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a) Finance & Governance Meeting

- i) The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November are available, for information.
- ii) Recommendations

- 1. It was proposed by Councillor Revitt and seconded by Councillor Hamilton that the Parish Strategy be adopted, along with the five year plan, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Strategy and Five Year Plan be adopted and will be reviewed regularly.

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

RESOLVED that £1500 be vired from reserves into Section 137 budget to enable a grant of £1500 to be available to Hope House Children's Hospice in recognition of the amazing care and support offered to children and their families at a difficult time in their lives.

b) Payments

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

RESOLVED that £40 be donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the two wreaths which were laid at services in the Parish on Remembrance Sunday.

c) Financial Report

A copy of the bank reconciliation had been circulated which showed a balance, including earmarked reserves, of £73,213.33.

22/0355

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Updates

None

b) Planning Applications for Consideration

TWC/2022/0880

2 Terrill Cottages, Waters Upton

Erection of a two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, porch, replacement windows, doors and additional render over existing brickwork

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support this application as it would be good to see the dwelling being brought into use. Members thought the proposals were in keeping with the original development and the area.

TWC/2022/0927

Shray Hill Farm

Erection of 3 polytunnels

It was noted that although the application is not noted as retrospective, the polytunnels are already in position

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not, normally, support a retrospective application. However, information was available which confirmed that there had been confusion as to where permission was necessary due to this being an agricultural development. Consequently, the Parish Council resolved to support the application.

TWC/2022/0940

Longwood Farm, Longwood

Change of roof materials (main roof) (retrospective)

RESOLVED that, once again, the Parish Council would not, normally, support a retrospective application. However, it appeared clear that the new roof materials were appropriate and in keeping and therefore the Parish Council supports the application.

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 near future.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) The Stackyard, Waters Upton

When the outstanding matters are completed, the land transfer to the Parish Council will take place. The outstanding work includes the car park, work on the lime trees and the path in front of 1 and 2 The Stackyard. Work continues and liaison with Days to bring these to a conclusion.

Residents of Phase One and Two will be invited to the Village Hall to meet with Parish Councillors on Thursday, 1st December at 7pm in the Village Hall. The Parish Council has gathered information and will share details of the responsibilities that the Parish Council is committed to, into the future. This will provide all residents an opportunity to ask questions and seek information / clarification from their solicitors or the developer on any other matters that remain outstanding for them.

22/0356

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) TW Polling Places

Although the Boundary Commission will be introducing new Ward Boundaries, and Ercall Magna Ward will revert back to being a one-member Ward, there will be no change in the polling station venue for this Parish. Members of the community will be invited to vote at Waters Upton Village Hall in the 2023 election.

d) Constituency Boundary Review

This is now in its final stages of consultation. Whilst there will be a change to the boundary of this parliamentary constituency, it has been confirmed that it will retain The Wrekin as its name.

22/0357

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 requested with senior officers, in Waters Upton, and all the outstanding matters will be included on the Agenda.

b) Rural Transport Working Group

The meeting had taken place at Longdon Upon Tern – the minutes will be circulated when received.

22/0358

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.

22/0359

PARISH PROJECTS

a) Rights of Way

The Parish Council will introduce a policy regarding Rights of Way across the Parish in order to ensure that there are fully accessible routes available, taking into consideration the mobility needs of residents. A meeting will be arranged in the New Year.

b) Carols on the Green

The Parish Council invites all residents and friends to join them to sing Carols on Friday, 16th December at 6pm around the Christmas Tree on the Village Green. Mulled Wine and mince pies (with soft drinks) will be available and there will be a raffle to raise additional funds for Hope House Children's Hospice.

**22/0360 POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
PCSO**

Please see 'Public Session'

Newsletter

Copies have been distributed and are available on request.

**22/0361 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS
Helicopter Liaison Group**

The Chairman has represented the Parish Council at a meeting at RAF Shawbury where details were available of night flying and helicopter training in the area. So far in 2022, there have been 138 complaints from 15046 flying hours and 26611 movements. The training school was established in 1974 and offers essential facilities for trainees from across the country. All complaints are fully investigated and actions taken if necessary. Details of flying hours and dates are available on their website. There is also a video 'Be Seen, Be Safe' which is worth watching. It was noted that there are drones in the area, and those that are unlicensed can cause a problem.

Remembrance Services

The Chairman had represented the Parish Council at local services in Waters Upton and Great Bolas and had attended the Festival of Remembrance at Oakengates.

CLERK'S REPORT

Crudgington Bus Shelter

Awaiting repair. Councillor Bentley has provided funding for its refurbishment.

STW - bulbs

STW has provided replacement daffodil bulbs for the verge opposite Bharat, thanks were extended to Mr & Mrs H Roberts for planting them.

Carbon Literacy Training

The Clerk had completed the training and received the Certificate.

Fly Tipping

There have been more local issues recently. Anyone seeing a fly-tip is asked to report it, using My Telford, or the Parish Council, especially if evidence of identity is included in it.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillors Quin and Hamilton have completed their Community Speedwatch Training and more sessions will be arranged in the near future. Anyone else interested in attending a future training session, please contact the Clerk.

22/0362 INFORMATION FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL – Councillor Stephen Bentley

Councillor Bentley was not able to attend the meeting, due to health issues, however a report was available.

Rural Bus Contract

The contract has been awarded and discussions are taking place on how the timetable can be enhanced to cover more of the rural areas.

Government Settlement

This is due in December, but it is already clear that TWC will have difficult decisions to make.

Crisis Support

Confidential advice is available with information regarding grants, foodbanks and access to information and some funding from Government.

22/0363 PARISH MATTERS

Waters Upton Footpath

Initial repairs have taken place, this is prior to the resurfacing.

Pop Up Pub

Volunteers are running a pop up pub on Friday, 2nd December from 7.30pm – everyone welcome. There will be a Christmas Quiz and a Raffle.

Orchard Close

Residents remain frustrated that this project has not been completed and has been ongoing for nearly four years. A further request will be sent, but residents are encouraged to contact TWC and remind them of the legal document that is in place for when the work is completed.

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NEXT MEETING

21st December 2022

7.30pm

Full Council Meeting

Waters Upton Village Hall

Local residents are invited to attend and to share in light refreshments at the end of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Members for their important contributions to this meeting which closed at 8.25pm

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 21st December 2022.