



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way On Tuesday 1st September 2015

PRESENT:

Cllr. Darren Blackburn, Cllr. Charles Dillon, Cllr. Jayne Greenaway, Cllr. Rob Parker, Cllr. Gary Duncombe, Cllr. Bill Gilmour, Cllr. Kevin Guy

CLERK:

Sharon George

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Barker (TWC- Assistant Director planning)
Darren Oakleigh (TWC – Planning Policy Team)
Sarah Clifton (TWC – Planning Policy Team)
Shirley Bruneau, Sharon Thomas (Old park residents)

2015/055 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2015/056 APOLOGIES

Cllr Mike Phillips

Apologies RECEIVED and ACCEPTED

2015/057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
Cllr Darren Blackburn	Dawley Bank access gate	Resident of affected area	2015/064
	Business Cards	Works at one of the companies who had quoted	2015/066

2015/058 LOCAL PLAN 2011-2031 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PRESENTATION

Michael Barker, Assistant Director, introduced the presentation. He stated that TWC welcome all comments, positive and negative. If there are comments on why something shouldn't be included it would help if an alternative is suggested. The Local Plan will supercede all existing plans.

A presentation of the proposed Local Plan 2011- 2031 was given by Darren Oakleigh from TWC Planning Policy Team.

The 7 key themes of the plan are:

- **Economy** – 110 ha of new employment land, promote tourism
- **Housing** – 15,500 new homes
- **Natural Environment** – “green guarantee” 150 protected green spaces, 27ha additional Green Network
- **Community Facilities**
- **Connections** – fund highway infrastructure, superfast broadband project
- **Built Environment** – promote good design, protect heritage sites
- **Environmental resources** – renewable energy, encourage recycling

There will need to be the infrastructure to support the delivery of homes and jobs.

Timetable

Consultation ends 25th September 5pm

Comments reviewed September – December 2015

Revised Local Plan published January – February 2016

Independent review of the Plan

Local Plan adopted December 2016

The presentation ended with a Question & Answer session:

BG – It appears that all green spaces in the Parish have either been built on already or are due to be built on.

MB – completely disagrees. Most of the land was not green space it was purchased for the New Town and was always intended to be built on. TWC will be adding an additional 100 sites of green space as part of the Local Plan.

SB – H16 was identified as a protected green strip of land in CTAAP.

MB – CTAAP was an area based plan, this will be a Borough wide plan. Not everything will be built on. There will be open spaces and play areas on the developments. We can't give a plan for small areas of land, the detail will be in planning applications.

SB – I'm not reassured by that response. The land was identified by the Inspector to be protected.

KG – We need to know what has already been designated as green space, can you provide a map?

SC – Agreed to provide a map and asked that recommendations for additional green spaces be provided in one submission by the Parish Council.

RP – We need to remember that a lot of the areas on the map have already been committed for future development in Lawley and 27 hectares of green space is not a huge amount. Green areas in the Parish have been built on and the Parish Council had to fight hard for village Green status. The area identified as H17 is still going to be built on despite numerous objections received during the Shaping Places consultation.

MB – The Government is not going to give up on H17, TWC will not be able to say no.

RP – This is why I am cynical about consultations. The local infrastructure will not be able to support 260 additional houses on and there needs to be some amenity built into the plans.

KG – There were clearly some errors in the early stages of the development, for example on density and parking.

MB – We are reviewing the design codes and they will extend to H17.

There followed a robust discussion between BG and MB on road and rail connections, and broadband connections in Telford. Both agreed to disagree.

2015/059 MINUTES

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on **7th July 2015** were **APPROVED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. This was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Darren Blackburn and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Rob Parker.

2015/060 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Lawley Community Centre

Works Programme

The Clerks informed Members that the majority of works have been completed with just a few things to be finished off. We will present the before & after pictures once works are completed. It was decided that as additional storage has been provided within the centre for groups to use that we need to review how this is distributed and should be discussed re charging. This can form part of the annual review of hire charges to be discussed at the next available meeting.

Relaunching the facilities

Members felt that we should relaunch the centre to show off its refurbishment and it was decided that this could be done as part of the Macmillan Coffee Morning to be held there on Saturday 26th September 10am– 12pm and we should invite the groups that use the centre to be a part of the morning.

ACTION: Clerks will organise the Macmillan morning and invite groups to bake & take part along with IMS.

Fun Run 2015

The Clerk advised that the planning for this event is well underway and distributed Members T-shirts for the event as they will be taking part. The run is on Saturday and look forward to meeting everyone for a fun day whilst raising money for Air Ambulance.

Christmas Events

The Clerks advised members that we have agreement in principle for use of parts of the Square for an event. We are however awaiting news of the highways works that will need to be completed before committing to any plans.

We have been approached already for 5th December & 19th December for Christmas activities. The Clerk will report back at the next meeting of any progress on this.

History Club

Following on from the success of the History Trail, Cllr Blackburn asked Members to consider starting a History Club to further enhance the Trail and to assist with the dedicated website that is underway. It was felt to be a good idea and a promotional poster will be drawn up and posted on the website/FB/Twitter to see what general interest is received from local residents. Feedback will be given at the next meeting

ACTION: Cllr Blackburn will design a poster and the clerks will ensure it is advertised.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is requested that the public and press should not be present

2015/0461 PET UPDATE

PET Agreement

An amendment to the original PET agreement has been sent for signature/acceptance by Members which states that any equipment purchased out of the material budget for use by the PET team is the responsibility of the Parish for insurance/repair & maintenance purposes. Members were not happy with this amendment and the Clerk informed them that the previous Council had never been sent a formal agreement for signature so felt that we could not accept the amendment. Cllr Parker also questioned the original agreement and the costings it contained and the Clerk will send him the documentation originally received.

The Clerk is to request an original agreement for perusal by the new council for signature and then to look at signing the amendment if they agree with both documents. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk is to request an original agreement for perusal by the new council for signature

The Clerk informed Members of works completed since last meeting. RP requested that a schedule of all completed work be prepared and presented at the next meeting.

ACTION: The Assistant Clerk to prepare a schedule of completed works

2015/062 FINANCE

Payments for authorisation were presented to members to be agreed and subsequently authorised online.

2015/063 DOGS/HORSES CONCERNS

The Clerks informed Members about complaints received from residents regarding a large number of dog walkers using the Village Green as a 'play area' for their dogs off the lead. They were meeting by the children's play area and although this is a fenced area access to it was compromised by the dogs running about and people had complained that their children were frightened to go there. Complaints from other dog walkers, not part of the group, had also complained that the dogs were running around unsupervised and that they now avoided the area when the group were in attendance. This has been brought to the attention of the dog warden and officers from Parks & Open Spaces at TWC who had suggested that a 'dog play area' could be put on the Village Green – this was dismissed by Members as no segregation for this activity or any other is allowed on the Village Green. Members felt that no specific area within the Parish should be fenced off for such an activity and any projects to do so should be undertaken by the Principal Council only after discussion with us if any area to be considered falls within Parish boundaries. The Clerks are to attend further meetings on this subject and report back to Members.

Concerns about horse riders using pavements in the local area was also raised as the horse owners are allowing their animals to foul the pavements and are not clearing this up. Horse riding is not allowed on footpaths although it is allowed on the highway and on there owners do not have to clean up the mess. We have been in touch with the bridleways association who concur that horse riding on pavements is unlawful and will endeavour to put a message out to all local groups/clubs that this activity should not be undertaken. This will be monitored by the clerks and reported upon at the next meeting.

2015/064 DAWLEY BANK GATED ACCESS

Due to the lateness of the hour this item was deferred to the next full council meeting in October

2015/065 MARLBOROUGH WAY ACCESS

The Clerks reported to Members that gate that had previously been sawn off with an angle grinder that had been replaced has been vandalised again in the same manner. We are liaising with Public Realm to find a better solution to block access for quads/scramblers whilst maintaining access for other users. We will report back at the next meeting

2015/066 COUNCILLOR BUSINESS CARDS/BADGES

These were duly distributed to Members

2015/067 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Lawley Community Centre – works/Costings
- PET Team - Agreement/Works
- Fun Run /Macmillan coffee morning/Christmas events/lights
- Marlborough Way gate
- History Club
- Dawley Bank gated access
- Dog/horse concerns

2015/068 CORRESPONDENCE

- A request has been received from Lucy Allan to meet with Members but the dates given cannot be met by all Members. We therefore invited Lucy to attend one of our Full Council meetings but these dates are not feasible

for her diary. We agreed to move our November meeting to Thursday 12th November to enable Lucy to attend. The schedule of Meetings will be updates to reflect this change

- There is to a Community Clean-up on 19th & 26th September at Dawley Baptist Cemetery. This has been highlighted by Lucy Allan who was contacted by residents of deceased relatives buried in the cemetery regarding overgrown access etc.. We do contribute £500 per year to the church towards maintenance which has been acknowledged. Some members will be going to assist with the clean-up.
- Letters of thanks from T&W Arthritis support group and St Johns for grants received.
- Notification received from residents of Old Park regarding vandalism/theft in the refurbished pool area. This has been reported to police and TWC public realm
- Damage reported to a tree on Pepper Mill which has also been reported to the appropriate authorities.

2015/069 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next parish council meeting would take place on **TUESDAY ^{6th} OCTOBER 2015** at **Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way commencing at 6.00pm (This will be followed by a Planning Committee Meeting at 8pm)**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed..... Chair

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