



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way
On Thursday 12th November 2015

PRESENT:

Cllr. Darren Blackburn, Cllr. Charles Dillon, Cllr. Jayne Greenaway, Cllr Kevin Guy, Cllr Bill Gilmour

CLERK:

Sharon George

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lucy Allan MP

Cllr John Ashford (Ward Member Ketley & Overdale)

Cllr Mark Boylan (Ward Member Ketley & Overdale)

Dominic Proud (TWC Transport Group Manager)

2015/083 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2015/084 APOLOGIES

Cllr Gary Duncombe, Cllr. Rob Parker, Cllr. Mike Phillips

Apologies RECEIVED and ACCEPTED

2015/085 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
		NONE	

2015/086 MINUTES

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on **6th October 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. Charles Dillon. The minutes from the **Extraordinary Full Council meeting** held on **5th November 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. Kevin Guy.

2015/087 SESSION WITH LUCY ALLAN MP

Chairman Cllr Jayne Greenaway welcomed Lucy to the Parish meeting and introductions made around the table. Lucy reported that she is in the process of visiting all Parishes to meet Members and hear concerns/issues as all areas have their own as well as common ones. Shae reported that the PRH and buses are hot topics across the Borough and are heavily featured in her post bag items.

She thanked both Parish & Ward Members for their assistance in the recent successful cemetery clean up and was pleased to see that Lawley Square is looking better now that remedial works are nearly complete.

Councillors were invited to put any questions to the MP:

- Traffic lights in Telford raised by Cllr Gilmour – MP responded that this item is to be debated in the House
- Junction changes on M54 causing safety issues raised by Cllr Gilmour on behalf of residents – MP to take further details and take up the issue
- Housing in Telford, especially Lawley, as a large number of new homes is having an impact on the available infrastructure. The medical and school provision in particular are under great pressure and only a third of the development is complete raised by Cllr Greenaway – MP responded that she is aware that people are buying 'their dream' and moving to Telford and that the emerging Local Plan should be commended but infrastructure concerns cannot be overlooked
- The A&E access/future is a concern raised by Cllr Ashford – MP reiterated that this a hot topic and is under constant review
- Cllr Guy asked if Telford should be exempt from the new build in the Bill – MP responded that the Bill aims to protect Local Councils when planning is refused for relevant reasons
- Variations in S106 contributions and social housing were also discussed

2015/088 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Lawley Community Centre

- **Hire Charges & Use of the Centre**

Members held an extraordinary meeting to discuss hire charges, and use of the Centre and the changes discussed were made to the hire charges and to the terms of hire regarding alcohol (specifically that if sold a licence must be in place but if consumed free of charge no licence is required). The revised booking form was accepted for immediate use with the new charges effective from January 2016. The Clerk is to check cover re accidental damage with our insurers and ask if we need to apply an insurance cover charge to any hirers.

The costs for storage are still to be determined on a fair basis – for further discussion

ACTION: The Clerk will contact the insurers to check levels of cover

ACTION: Look at formula for storage costs

- **Christmas Event**

The Clerk gave an update to Members on the plans to date:

- Christmas tree to be selected next week
- Power supply still being sorted for tree lights
- Approximately 12 stalls from local community groups will be at event
- Local community choir has been formed and will be at event
- Local school choirs will also be attendance for carol singing
- Help from Members requested for set up/take down – agreed

- **History Group**

Cllr Blackburn shared draft constitution papers with Members and discussed plans for an inaugural meeting. The clerk respectfully asked that this group be an independent group with its own committee and clerk/secretary/treasurer as she felt that it should not form part of the Parish responsibilities for administrative management. This was discussed and Members agreed that it should be an independent group. Cllr Blackburn will be contacting residents that have expressed an interest in forming the group to arrange an inaugural meeting early in the New Year.

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

2015/089 BUS SERVICES

Dominic Proud – Group Manager Transport at TWC had been invited to the meeting to discuss a number of issues/concerns raised by residents and Members regarding services in and around our Parish.

ARRIVA BRIEFING NOTE

There has been a lot of publicity about the changes. Lucy Allan said last week that it was the main thing residents were contacting her about and TWC have put out a statement calling for local councils to have a greater say on bus changes. Our Facebook posts on the subject got over 800 and 600 hits respectively.

Arriva have said that the changes are definitely coming in but they will continue to monitor customer feedback once the service has been introduced. They have also announced a series of Information Roadshows – 16th July 10am at Morrison's for Lawley.

MAIN ISSUES

SCHOOL

- Will have to catch the 7.34 which gets to Wellington at 8.27 via the Town Centre, Muxton, Donnington & Trench
- Coming back the 3.45 gets to Glendale at 4.34 or the 4.25 at 5.00

OTHERS

- Proprietor at The Stannage is concerned as she thinks the bus stop/service is a selling point for her business
- Residents who use the free swimming at the Civic Centre will have a much longer journey
- Split opinion in Station Road, some want no buses, some want more

BUS STOP

- New timetable says Lawley Doctors after Glendale but Arriva Telford Depot Manager has confirmed this is a "reference point for timings" and not a bus stop. I have asked where residents will catch the bus between Glendale and the Town Centre but he has not replied yet.
- We heard unofficially that there will not be a stop in Birchfield Way and that users will have to "hail" the bus but as yet haven't been able to confirm that either.

The above points were discussed along with the viability of routes and possibility of utilising smaller buses.

Dominic will formally respond to our concerns and this will be shared with Members

There is to be a meeting arranged with representatives from TWC, Arriva and HB along with any available Councillors at the earliest available date.

ACTION: HB to arrange a meeting to discuss issues further

2015/090 PET UPDATE

PET Agreement

An amended Agreement has been sent for signature/acceptance by Members incorporating all of the changes requested by Members previously apart from the contract length. TWC are unwilling to agree to the 12 month rolling contract requested by Members and have offered a 3 year contract instead. Following further discussion about the PET budget and cost it was agreed to accept the revised Agreement which was duly signed by Cllr Greenaway and witnessed by Cllr Guy. The Clerk will advise TWC and return the agreement.

ACTION: The Clerk is to advise YWC of the decision and return the agreement for their signature

PET Works

HB shared with Members the latest works that had been undertaken and that a weekly blog was now in place on the webpage. Members are pleased with progress made regarding publicising the works undertaken by the PET.

2015/091 FINANCE

All invoices tabled for payment were duly authorised and signed.

2015/092 DOGS CONCERNS

The Clerk updated Members about a meeting which took place with TWC officers and Ward Members to discuss the concerns around the continued use of the Village Green by the dog group and the negative impact it is having on usage of the area by other residents. It was made very clear to TWC that we are totally against any open green space been licensed to the group for dogs off leads as we do not find their actions acceptable or responsible in such an area. These open spaces are precious and should be available for ALL parishioners to enjoy. We also stated that we would pursue a PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) if we needed to protect the open spaces/village greens. This is to be pursued by Cllr Greenaway for further discussion with senior officers at TWC and an update given to Members at the next meeting.

2015/093 LAWLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY

Cllr Greenaway informed Members of the complaints received about the intake at the new Academy and that she had attended meetings with the Head teacher to discuss the process. She is to attend a meeting with TWC Education Admissions officers and will update Members of the outcome.

2015/094 GREEN GUARANTEE

The Clerk informed Members of the consultation for the Green Guarantee that is running from 2nd November 2015 to 30th January 2016 and each site is available to view on line for comment.

The consultation portal includes maps of all 116 proposed Green Guarantee sites and asks you to consider four questions:

- Do you agree with the site boundary for each site?
- If not, what changes would you like to see / suggest for the boundary?
- Do you know the site by any other name?
- Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the value of this site to your local community?

Following the three month consultation period, the TW Council will consider all the comments received to finalise the site boundaries. From December 2016 the Council will ask the community to identify an additional 50 Community Green Spaces, which are owned by Telford & Wrekin Council, to be included in the Green Guarantee.

We have identified that the area labelled The Rock Open Space consists of 3 elements – Bellpit play area, Captains Meadow and land off Acer Close – the latter which already forms part of the 5 year land supply so we are to comment on this fact.

This will be revisited at the next full council meeting for further comment/discussion.

2015/095 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Lawley Community Centre
- PET Team
- Christmas event
- History Club

- Bus Services
- PIYC Ward Funding
- Green Guarantee sites

2015/096 CORRESPONDENCE

- Christmas lights have been requested by Overdale residents to be placed on the planted Christmas tree at the Carpenter Centre. The Clerk has requested and been granted permission to do this by TWC and Cllr Boylan has kindly agreed to supply the lights for this and will contact residents to agree a date for them to be fitted/switched on
- Invitation received to attend Mayors Carol Concert in Wellington – Cllr Dillon wishes to attend and the Clerk will respond accordingly

2015/097 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next parish council meeting would take place on TUESDAY **1ST DECEMBER 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 8.15pm

Signed..... Chair

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