



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way
On Tuesday 6th October 2015

PRESENT:

Cllr. Darren Blackburn, Cllr. Charles Dillon, Cllr. Jayne Greenaway, Cllr. Rob Parker, Cllr. Mike Phillips

CLERK:

Helen Barker

2015/070 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2015/071 APOLOGIES

Cllr Bill Gilmour, Cllr Gary Duncombe, Cllr Kevin Guy

Apologies RECEIVED and ACCEPTED

2015/072 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
Cllr Darren Blackburn	Dawley Bank access gate	Resident of affected area	2015/078

2015/073 MINUTES

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on 1st September 2015 were **APPROVED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. This was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Mike Phillips and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Rob Parker.

2015/074 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Lawley Community Centre

Hire Charges & Use of the Centre

Members decided to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss hire charges, and use of the Centre as this would require more time than was possible at a scheduled Council Meeting.

Works Programme

The Clerk informed Members that some additional works had been required to complete the refurbishments, for example boxing off of hot water pipes in both toilets, a new flush valve in the male toilets, repairs to a leak on the roof and new wiring for the hand dryers. Members agreed that the costs of these works should be approved as they could not have been foreseen prior to the building work starting, however they wished to reaffirm the general principle that retrospective decision-making on budget costs should be avoided where possible. Members did not approve the cost of a new commercial alarm system and requested quotes be obtained for repairs to the existing domestic system.

Relaunching the facilities

Members felt that the relaunch and Macmillan Coffee Morning held on Saturday 26th September had been a success.

ACTION: The Clerk will organise an extraordinary meeting to discuss hire charges and use of the Centre.

ACTION: The Clerk will obtain quotes for repairs to the existing alarm system.

Fun Run 2015

The Clerk requested that all outstanding sponsor money be handed in as soon as possible so that a final total can be calculated and all money raised can be sent to Midlands Air Ambulance..

Christmas Events

The Clerk advised members that a meeting has been arranged for 14th October with IMS and Lee Plummer to plan the event taking place on 5th December. Despite numerous attempts to obtain details we are, however, still awaiting news of the highways works that will need to be completed before committing to any plans.

History Club

Cllr Blackburn advised Members that 5 people have so far expressed an interest in participating in the History Club. He is currently drafting a constitution and budget proposals which he will circulate to Memembers prior to further discussion at the next meeting.

2015/075 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 circulate the revised Agreement to all Members for them to have time to consider the proposals and to make a decision at the next meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk is to circulate the revised Agreement to Members

PET Works

The Clerk tabled a schedule of completed works and some “before & after” photographs of work carried out by Andrew recently. The Clerk also explained how work is allocated and some of the challenges experienced and compliments received in recent months. Cllr Parker asked that a list be prepared showing PET work requested by TWC and Cllr Greenaway expressed concerns that the major works being planned for development of the Town Centre might have an adverse impact on the PET workload. Cllr Parker stated that the good works carried out by the PET should be made more visible on the website and social media.

ACTION: The Assistant Clerk to prepare a list of works requested by TWC this year.

ACTION: The Assistant Clerk will trial a PET blog on the website and social media.

2015/076 FINANCE

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

It was noted the rearranged Finance Committee needs to take place before the next Full Council meeting as there are a number of outstanding issues to discuss.

ACTION: The Assistant Clerk will contact Finance Committee Members to arrange a meeting date.

2015/077 DOGS CONCERNS

The Clerk updated Members about further complaints received from residents regarding the large number of dog walkers using the Village Green as a ‘play area’ for their dogs off the lead. The dogs are frequently out of control on the Green, and in surrounding gardens, and numerous issues are being reported to the Police and the Parish Office. Cllr Greenaway informed Members of her discussion with Derek Owen, Parks & Open Spaces Officer and his proposal for the dog owners to become a formal group and lease land off Tom Morgan Close. He is currently preparing an action plan that he will forward to Cllr Greenaway as soon as possible. Members felt that the current situation cannot be tolerated any longer but are also unhappy with the suggestion of land being leased to the group. They felt that there is little enough Green Space in Lawley at present and no area within the Parish should be fenced off for a private group activity. They also agreed that if a Dog Owners Group is formed the Parish Council should not become part of the Management Committee as suggested by Derek Owen. It was agreed to write a formal response to TWC once the action plan is received expressing Members strong concerns. Members also felt that if the current level of complaints to both the Parish Office and the Police continues they will have no alternative other than to apply for a Public Space Protection Order to enable all residents to enjoy the use of the Village Green. This is an item for further discussion.

2015/078 DAWLEY BANK GATED ACCESS

Cllr Blackburn informed Members of the difficulties caused in this area by residents and visitors driving their vehicles over public footpaths and grassed areas. It was agreed to consider a future PIYC bid for posts and bollards and environmental enhancements to try and stop this happening in future.

2015/079 MARLBOROUGH WAY ACCESS

The Assistant Clerk reported to Members that Public Realm are exploring the use of a more secure method than the previous gates to block access for quads/scramblers whilst maintaining access for other users.

2015/080 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Lawley Community Centre – works update
- PET Team - Agreement/Works
- Budget
- Christmas event
- History Club
- Dog/horse concerns

2015/081 CORRESPONDENCE

- In & Around Magazine have asked if the Parish wish to publish their newsletter in the magazine as other Parishes already do so. As the magazine is not circulated in Overdale it was agreed to use one consistent method of distribution for the whole Parish.
- Correspondence received from Amanda Roberts, TWC, stating that work is continuing on the procurement of the street lighting contract and asking if Councillors wanted her to attend a future meeting to provide an update. Members felt that attendance at a meeting was not required at this stage but asked that she be requested to provide the information previously promised but not received. Members would like a report on the current situation, costs to date and an indication of the 2016/17 costs.
- Details and costs of Remembrance Wreaths were discussed and it was agreed to buy Wreath B at a cost of £17 to place at the memorial at St John's.
- A request has been received from a Brownies Leader for an overnight hire of the Community Centre for a sleepover. Members were not sure the Community Centre is an appropriate venue for this type of event and asked that the Clerk check insurance requirements before a decision is made.

2015/082 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next parish council meeting would take place on **THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2015 at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way commencing at 6.00pm (This will be followed by a Planning Committee Meeting at 8pm**

Please note change of date to accommodate meeting Lucy Allan MP at Full Council.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed..... Chair

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