



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way  
On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Darren Blackburn, Cllr. Charles Dillon, Cllr. Gary Duncombe, Cllr. Kevin Guy, Cllr. Rob Parker, Cllr. Mike Phillips

**CLERK:**

Helen Barker

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

None

**2015/138 CHAIR'S WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2015/139 APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Bill Gilmour, Cllr. Jayne Greenaway

**APOLOGIES received & ACCEPTED**

**2015/140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
Cllr Darren Blackburn	Personal	History Group	2015/130

**2015/141 MINUTES**

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016** were **APPROVED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. This was **PROPOSED** by Cllr.Blackburn and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Dillon.

**2015/142 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

• **History Group**

Cllr Blackburn provided an update on the first meeting of the group which took place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February at Lawley Community Centre. There were 18 attendees and various projects were agreed including the publication of a History Calendar, a Walks Programme, a Reminiscence Project possibly involving BBC Radio Shropshire, researching the names on local World War 2 memorials plaques and further research into local street names. Cllr Blackburn will be completing a Grant Application for the Group shortly.

• **Dogs Concerns**

Despite the Clerk contacting the LA again no progress had been made in establishing if a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) would be made via the LA. The Asst. Clerk advised that more complaints had been received following a gathering of around 30 dogs and their owners on Sunday on the Village Green, especially as dog fouling was now being reported on the BMX track. Members felt that the LA has a responsibility to action the order as other residents were still being intimidated by the dogs off leads with owners not in control of their animals. There was also discussion about the apparent lack of powers given to local PCSOs and their inability to issue notices for dog fouling. It was agreed that all future complainants should be directed to Richard Walmsley's Enforcement Team so that TWC get first hand evidence of the problem. Any resident reporting abuse or dog fouling should also be advised to call 101 so that the local SNT are made aware of issues. Concerns about the lack of local PCSO powers should also be raised formally with the Chief Inspector.

**ACTION: The Clerks will direct complainants to TWC and the Police as appropriate. The Chair will write formally to the Chief Inspector regarding the lack of powers given to PCSOs.**

• **Community usage at Lawley Village Academy**

A formal SLA was one of the planning conditions for the Academy. Members requested that the agreement be followed up as a matter of high importance as the school was open and functioning and given that whilst they are pleased that there is a good amount of community usage that this was not the basis of a formal agreement and asked the clerk to check if all planning conditions had been met and discharged as if this was the case then no formal agreement meant a breach of planning conditions

**ACTION: Clerk to follow up formal SLA with TWC legal department/planning re Community Use.**

• **Overdale Pitches**

The Asst. Clerk reported that an update had been received via the Appendices to a recent report to TWC Members on the

Councils Playing Field strategy. The plans included 2 senior pitches, 1 junior pitch and 2 mini pitches with associated changing facilities and parking. Future management of the site is yet to be agreed and additional funding may be required to fully develop the site.

- **Spring/Summer Event**

The Clerk has contacted resident Groups and BVT to move forward plans to hold events as part of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Enough support has been promised to confirm the Lawley event on 4<sup>th</sup> June however to date no volunteers have come forward to help with the planned event in Overdale. Councillors asked that a further request for resident involvement be made but a short deadline will have to be set for responses as there isn't now much time for plans to be confirmed.

**ACTION: Clerk to provide an update at next meeting**

#### **2015/143 PET UPDATE**

The Asst. Clerk gave an update on work recently undertaken and on progress on creating flowerbeds on Lawley Drive & Rock Road and installing outdoor furniture at sites across the Parish. Members noted the work being carried out. Cllr Parker requested that photographs be added to the website pages to enhance the information already provided.

The extended PET agreement discussed at the last meeting was tabled and signed by Cllr Guy on behalf of the Council.

#### **2015/144 Local Plan Consultation**

The Asst. Clerk advised that the final stage of consultation for the Local Plan closes at 5pm on 15th March. This stage is only asking if consultees believe that The Plan "is sound and has been prepared in accordance with legal obligations." Cllr. Duncombe commented that the Parish does not have the technical & legal knowledge to respond to these comments and other Members agreed.

#### ***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***

#### **2015/145 BUS SERVICES**

The Asst. Clerk outlined the work done by Cllr Greenaway, Cllr Gilmour and herself following the last meeting and presented the results of the residents survey carried out over the previous 3 weeks. The overwhelmingly positive response was noted and Members agreed to a 3 month trial of a Community Bus, subject to the cost being in line with the presentation from TWC Officers in February.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact Nicola White to discuss the arrangements for a 3 month trial of a Community Bus.**

#### **2015/146 FINANCE**

- All invoices will be circulated for authorisation by the Clerk next week.
- Staffing proposals –This will be an agenda item in April/May.
- Lighting agreement update – The Clerk has not received a copy of any statement made by a Parish that has also withdrawn from the agreement. Members wish to ensure residents are made aware of the reasons the Parish have for withdrawing from the Agreement and agreed that a statement should be prepared for circulation.
- Accounting Systems –The Clerk will report back at the next meeting on any developments.

**ACTION: Clerk to draft a statement re lighting agreement termination and circulate to Members by email /Explore SAGE & AdvantEdge further**

#### **2015/147 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Cllr Guy suggested that no new items be added to the Agenda as the Parish Office is already busy with current issues. All Members agreed.

#### **2015/148 CORRESPONDENCE**

- TWC have written to confirm that the Parish have been awarded £1,000 from Cllr. Francis' Pride Fund for upgrades to the community centre. Members expressed their thanks.
- The Asst. Clerk circulated details of a commemorative medal to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday which is being made available to schools and councils. Members agreed to order 50 medals to be given as prizes in a competition to be organised by the Parish. Details will be confirmed at the next meeting.

**ACTION: 50 commemorative medals to be ordered.**

#### **2015/149 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **NOTED** that the next parish council meeting would take place on **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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 7.00pm

Signed..... Chair

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