



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way
On Thursday 16th February 2017

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jayne Greenaway, Cllr. Darren Blackburn, Cllr Mike Phillips, Cllr Kevin Guy, Cllr Charles Dillon

CLERK:

Sharon George

IN ATTENDANCE:

Helen Barker (Deputy Clerk)

Cllr Jacqui Seymour (Ward Member for Wrockwardine)

2016/105 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2016/106 APOLOGIES

Cllr Gary Duncombe (Work Commitments)

Cllr Bill Gilmour (Family Commitments)

Cllr. Rob Parker (Family Commitments)

Cllr Joy Francis (Ward Member for Ketley & Overdale – Annual Leave)

Cllr Raj Mehta (Ward Member for Horsehay & Lightmoor – Personal commitments)

APOLOGIES RECEIVED & ACCEPTED

2016/107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
Cllr Darren Blackburn	Personal	Comm. Affairs-History Group Chairperson	2016/112a

2016/108 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None Present

2016/109 MINUTES

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on **12th January 2017** 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. Guy

*Cllr Jacqui Seymour requested that 2016/097 of the minutes of 12th January, Ward Members report be amended to reflect that in her consideration for agreeing that a disabled parking bay be provided for the resident was that there were steps from the existing parking to the property. This was agreed by all Members that the minutes should be amended to reflect this to make the position clear.

2016/110 WARD MEMBERS REPORT

- Cllr Jacqui Seymour (Ward Member for Wrockwardine) shared her concerns regarding the increased incidents of fly tipping in the local area and across the Borough generally. Members agreed that it was a problem and that in our Parish we had seen a large increase. The removal of the illegal waste poses a great financial burden on the Local Authority which is ill afforded in the current financial climate. The Clerk shared that our PET do pick up smaller fly tips on a regular basis – almost daily in recent weeks and that we report larger tips via My Telford for clearance. It is not known how many incidents are reported across the Borough or if any prosecutions have been made. The Clerk will put in a FOI request to TWC to establish this information and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to submit an FOI re fly tipping data and report back at next meeting.

- Cllr Jayne Greenaway (Ward Member for Horsehay & Lightmoor) informed members that she had attended a meeting with Cllr Seymour and Cllr Mehta with Highways Department at TWC regarding the complaints received from residents about the traffic junctions in Lawley and the recent reports in the Shropshire Star following another collision at the main crossroads. The accident data shared with the Ward Members did not appear to be

the same as our own records although it did show that there seemed to be a large number of incidents recorded. They were told that there will be CCTV monitoring cameras installed on the main crossroads that will also record the Birchfield way and Gresham Drive junctions to ascertain why the accidents keep occurring. All Members agreed that a number of the incidents are down to driver error but feel that clearer markings/signage/sequencing need to be looked at to make the increasingly busy junctions safer. This will be followed up by the Parish at their regular Highways Liaison meetings.

2016/111

POLICE REPORT

Date: 06/01/2017 – 12/02/2017	
Officer: PCSO 40033 BAILEY	
CRIME	
AREA	SUMMARY
Powis Place	Garages broken into (08.01.17)
Concorde	Fog lights taken from vehicle (08.01.17)
Nelsons Walk	Wing mirrors taken from vehicle (09.01.17)
Cedar Close	Criminal damage caused to property (12.01.17) Theft of ladders from a garden (17.01.17)
Milners Lane	Window damaged at co-op (16.01.17) Theft from co-op (22.01.17) (31.01.17) (01.02.17) Co-op broken into (04.02.17)
Grice Lane	Garage entered and bike taken (17.01.17)
Cemetery road	Battery taken from business vehicle (26.01.17) Ironbridge catering broken into (10.02.17) AB plus engineering yard broken into (10.02.17)
Lawley Drive	Trespassers on building site (29.01.17)
Harris Terrace	Suspicious vehicle reported in the area (31.01.17)
Birchfield Way	Suspicious vehicle reported in the area (31.01.17)
Woodrush Heath	Suspicious male reported in the area (04.2.17)
Morrisons	Theft in store (05.02.17)
Princes End	Phone snatched out of informants hands (07.02.17)
Rose Tree Close	Van broken into and tools taken (08.02.17)
Tuold Mews	Items found in bushes (09.2.17)
Ercall View	Scrap metal collectors taking things out of a garden (10.02.17)
Old Park	Attempt theft of ladders from The Crest (11.02.17)
Town Centre	58 incidents reported
	Foot patrols increased around Milners Lane and Cemetery Road due to the number of crimes being committed. Response officers also asked to pay extra attention to the area throughout the night when possible.

ASB	
<u>AREA</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
Hobbins Lane	Domestic reported in the street (06.01.17) (08.01.17) (09.01.17)
Rock Road	Quad bikes being used in the area (07.01.17)
Overdale	Off road bike reported (07.01.17)
Milners Lane	Argument in the street (09.01.17)
Newdale School	Argument reported outside the school (09.01.17)
Princes End	Vehicle left on bricks in a dangerous position (09.01.17)
Birchfield Way	Vehicle abandoned in the street (10.01.17) Argument reported at Chicken Cottage (15.01.17)
Valley Road	Neighbours arguing in the street (21.01.17) (23.01.17)
Carpenter Centre	Suspicious vehicles reported (22.01.17)
Stoney Fold	Argument reported in the street (26.01.17)
Gresham Drive	Vehicles driving erratically (27.01.17)
Ercall View	Argument reported in the street (04.02.17)
Morrisons	Argument reported in the store (07.02.17)
Town Centre	44 incidents reported
	Patrols increased in areas mentioned
UPDATE	
SNT dates: Friday 3 rd March @10.30 – 11.30 at Parish Offices	

2016/112 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

a) History Group

Cllr Blackburn updated Members:

- The Group now has 38 members regularly attending
- The group will be taking part in a Community History Day on 4th March 2017 in Wellington as part of a wider Charter Day.
- The group has now obtained PL Insurance as advised to cover their activities. A copy has been obtained to add to their letting agreement.

b) Community usage at Lawley Village Academy

The Clerk reported that following a complaint made that we had not seen sight of a draft CUA despite chasing it for many months, that we have now received a draft copy. Members were disappointed to see that none of the items that we were led to believe would be considered to form part of the agreement have been included. In view of this, the Clerk was asked to contact legal department at TWC and request a meeting to further discuss this. The Clerk will report back with any updates at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to contact PM at legal department and request a meeting to discuss the CUA.

c) War Memorial

The Clerk reported that despite contacting the Covenants officer at TWC that no response was received to date. Two residents are interested in joining a working group along with two members of the local History Group. Cllr Guy made

contact with the TWC officer during the meeting and has organised an initial meeting with her on 2nd March to set up a formal plan to move the project forward. Cllr Guy will report back at the next meeting.

d) SIDS

The Clerk informed Members that a meeting had taken place with Highways and the sites we had earmarked for the placement of the SIDS was discussed: Dawley Road, Milners Lane, Station Road, Overdale/Garfield Road, Lawley Drive & west Centre Way. TWC Highways will confirm the areas and inform us of the agreed placement of up to 12 poles to mount the SIDS at the required locations. This will be confirmed with the highways officers and then an official order for the two devices can be placed. An update will be given at the next meeting

e) Polling station Complaint

In response to the letter received explaining what actions had been taken to address the issues we raised following the by-election in December, the Councillors are satisfied with the response and are pleased to be able to offer the use of the office for any future requirements for a polling station. An invoice for a chair replacement will be sent in the near future. We are pleased that we are able to continue to work in partnership in the interest of the Council and our residents.

f) Community Transport

Following the termination of the trail community bus, the Clerks were asked to investigate any alternatives. Enquiries have been made but no factual information is available for the meeting. An update will be given at the next meeting if information is available.

2016/113 PET UPDATE

The Assistant Clerk reported that the PET are now wearing their new Parish work gear. They have already had a resident approach them and ask about the environmental work being done by the Parish.

HB carried out an assessment of likely post-adoption work on phases 3,4 & 8 with Adrian Corney of Public Realm earlier in the week and has also discussed concerns with Adrian about the impact on the PET of the land transfer of HCA land to TWC. Discussions are ongoing but there will be a big increase in land in the Parish to be maintained by TWC going forward at the same time as the TWS contract is facing large cuts.

HB outlined her proposals for a major campaign to highlight the issue of dog fouling across the Parish to be carried out around Easter time.

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

2016/114 FINANCE

1. All invoices tabled were authorised for payment
2. Bank Reconciliation agreed
3. The Clerk informed Members that after attending the Regional conference for Clerks we were informed that the potential 2% cap for increase to Precept in 2017/18 is on hold but it is likely that it will be brought in for 2018/19. Any council that increases its precept this year by more than 6.1% that cannot be justified in the form of providing services and community expenditure MAY be investigated.

2016/115 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT
- DEFINITIVE MAP PROW
- WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE
- SIDS
- PLUS STANDING AGENDA ITEMS (PET, OTHER COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, POLICE REPORT)

2016/116 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

A separate addendum is added to the minutes **FOR MEMBERS EYES ONLY**

2016/117 CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email was received from OPRA regarding a Crime Prevention talk given to the group by the local Police following a burglary in their area. It was suggested that the wider community of the Parish would benefit from this given the spate of incidents in the Parish in recent months. Members agreed and asked the Clerk to arrange

an information session for the wider community.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Police regarding organising a Crime Prevention session.

2016/118 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next parish council meeting would take place on **THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2017** at **Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way commencing at 6pm**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed..... Chair

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