



**Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way
On Thursday 13th December 2018**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jayne Greenaway, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Bill Gilmour, Cllr Martyn Jobe, Cllr Mike Phillips, Cllr. Darren Blackburn

CLERK:

Sharon George

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Joy Francis (Ward Member for Ketley & Overdale)
Cllr Jacqui Seymour (Ward Councillor Wrockwardine)
Jim Weir, Benedict Croft (LVCA)
PC Sharon Major (SNT Policing Team)

2018/105 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2018/106 APOLOGIES

Cllr Kevin Guy – Work Commitments
Cllr Sheila Slaney – medical appointment
Cllr Raj Mehta (Ward Councillor Horsehay & Lightmoor) – Mayoral Duties
Cllr Mark Boylan (Ward Councillor Ketley & Overdale) – Illness
Alex Moore (Local Democracy Reporter) – other commitments

APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

It was noted that apologies should be given in advance to the Clerk where possible and that any apologies are formally agreed by a vote taken at the meeting

2018/107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
		NONE	

2018/108 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Item 8a from the agenda brought forward by the Chairman to the Public Session)

Jim Weir (Chairman) and Benedict Croft (Secretary) were invited to attend the meeting to discuss their request from the LVCA (Lawley Village Community Association) regarding Gateway Signage.

They gave Members an overview of why the group was formed:

- Lack of positivity regarding the Stewardship Scheme from residents
- Concerns over the annual Stewardship fees paid – what does it do/achieve?
- £150k in residents fund to be spent as seen fit
- There will be in excess of £1m at the end of the build period

The Gateway Signage requested will add to Civic Pride and Community Value for this new Community and clearly define the boundaries of this new development:

- Signage – BVT responsible for purchase and ongoing maintenance
- Planters - BVT responsible for purchase and ongoing maintenance
- Installation – LVDG to install signage
- Insurance - LOPC to be responsible via PL Insurance
- Planning Consent LOPC to apply to the Council for planning permission

The Clerk pointed out that:

- We were advised by TWC that **Highways will not allow signage at the side of the road unless they deem it is specifically required to direct traffic**, and Parish Gateway signage does not usually fit into this category. In a previous meeting, Jim mentioned the Overdale Local Centre signage on Colliers Way and we pointed out that this is a sign to a shopping area, like the Lawley Square Parking sign, not Gateway signage.

- He then talked about roundabouts. We had to point out that the roundabout at the top of West Centre Way is technically in Old Park and that you must travel through The Rock / Lawley Bank before you get to Lawley by the Grazing Cow. The roundabout at the top of Lawley Drive is also technically in Ketley and it belongs to Highways England who won't allow Gateway signage on a Motorway Junction.
- That leaves the roundabout at the Horsehay end of Lawley Drive. We said that TWC only carry out roundabout maintenance annually and will not mow around signs as they use tractor mowers so BVT will have to agree to maintain around the sign on the roundabout more regularly.
- We did say that we have to consider the other 5 areas of The Parish and would have to do the same if they also asked for Gateway signs and we had maintenance/budgetary challenges plus Lawley already has an existing community that would need to be consulted as it was not just the new phases that make-up Lawley.
- The only potential site that they may consider is on West Centre Way, but this would not be allowed until the completion of phase 10 as it will be barriered off during its development.

It was concluded that if the group wish to put forward a formal proposal and designs then we could liaise with the relevant TWC departments/community and see what the possibilities are.

Other possible community projects were discussed briefly, and Cllr Gilmour commented on the quality of work/leadership done by Jim and the group and they should be commended for this. All Members agreed.

NB: Cllr Francis left the meeting to attend another function.

PC Sharon Major attended the meeting to give an update on the Parish areas and criminal activities:

- Lawley – BMW/Audi/Land Rover – car parts being stolen – probably to order. Unknown persons trying door handles across the phases – Police patrols increased. Building site thefts still happening.
- Overdale – no trends
- Old Park – Trends are shop related incidents on the two retail parks
- The Rock – several domestic violence incidents reported
- Newdale – arrest of a disqualified driver/several domestic incidents and neighbourhood disputes
- Dawley Bank – no trends
- Telford Town Centre – increase in shop thefts due to time of year
- Operation Newgate is in progress regarding CSE & CCE with involvement of CATE/Education workers at TWC, beggars and drug dealers in the local area. This operation is ongoing. The Councillors said that they had not heard of this latest operation and would be raising it with TWC.

2018/109 MINUTES

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on **8th November 2018** 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. Jobe.

The minutes from the **Extraordinary Full Council meeting** held on **29th November 2018** 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. Phillips.

2018/110 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Parker

Nothing to Report

Councillor Gilmour

Nothing to Report

Councillor Phillips

Nothing to Report

Councillor Jobe

Nothing to Report

Councillor Blackburn

Reported that

- The local shop on Dawley Bank was now closed and a planning application to redevelop the space into 3 flats had been submitted – this will be circulated for comment to all members

Councillor Greenaway

Reported that:

- The success of the refusal of the car parking application was a great success for the local community – we are expecting them to appeal so will continue our objections if that materialises.
- She had been contacted by residents in Old Park relating to regular night time visitors to a particular house. This has been reported to the police and following an investigation has now stopped.

- Continued ASB on the MUGA on the Village green – it was discussed as to whether a camera could be put in place to assist in apprehending the culprits. The Clerk will request via the Police and the ASB team at TWC
- She attended the Ketley Brook Caravan site, along with the Clerk and Cllr Seymour following complaints received from its residents. Full details in Cllr Seymour’s report to Council.

ACTION: The Clerk will request a camera via the Police and the ASB team at TWC to be placed on the VG to overlook the MUGA

2018/111 WARD MEMBERS REPORT

Cllr Jacqui Seymour (Ward member at Wrockwardine) reported that:

She had contacted the Asst/Director at TWC as follows:

As I am sure you are aware, there are 2 permanent Travellers’ Site within the Borough; one at Donnington and the other at Lawley Furnaces/Ketley Brook which is my ward and also within the Lawley and Overdale Parish Council area. Very recently I was contacted by the Clerk to Lawley and Overdale, Sharon George, to say she had been approached by a resident of the site with numerous complaints about conditions on the site. As a result, last Wednesday, I, together with the Clerk and Cllr Jayne Greenaway, as Chairman of the Parish Council, visited the site and met a number of the residents.

Their complaints fell broadly into a number of areas as follows:

Wash Blocks:

- Lack of heating in all blocks
- Poor and inadequate repairs to kitchen areas when previous site occupants have left and new occupants taken-over
- Poor quality decorating – does not prevent damp
- Blocked drains
- No fan extractors in kitchen or bathroom areas

Grounds Maintenance:

- Trees and hedges not cut back
- Kerbs extremely overgrown
- Potholes
- No road sweeping round main entrance to site
- Grit bins not filled
- Fire gate to the wooded area – access allowed to be blocked
- Requirement for some extra vehicle parking space

Play Area:

- Used to be maintained by Sure Start. Now greatly overgrown and neglected including a cabin/van on the site which is full of rubbish. They had been told the Council did not own the site but initial enquiries with have established that, although not a Public play area, it is a Council site and it has now been authorised to do a bit of a clean-up. This needs to be formalised on a regular basis.
- They have been raising all the above issues for a very long time with TWQC officers but without success or satisfaction. They are aware that not only is the Donnington site set up and maintained to a much higher standard but that a further transit Travellers Site is now also being developed. Money is clearly being spent – but not on them. Many of the residents are quite elderly and some are suffering from chronic conditions such as arthritis. This all adds to their feelings of neglect.

I would, therefore, like to arrange a meeting with you as soon as possible, together with whichever officers you feel appropriate, to further discuss and hopefully resolve the above issues. We have several photographs we can share. We are awaiting a date for a meeting at this point and an update will be given once this has happened.

She is also still very concerned regarding the lack of response from TWC Highways following a meeting to discuss concerns about the safety of this road. Again, an update has been requested and will be reported on at a future meeting.

2018/112 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

a) Community usage at Lawley Village Academy

No further updates available

b) War Memorial Project Working Group

The clerk reported that we have received no further contact from the British Ironworks at Oswestry and that an email has been sent asking if they are able to fulfil the project – no response has been received to date. It is very disappointing that

we find ourselves in this situation again after wasting months of our time trying to work to get this project fulfilled. Following a long discussion, the Clerk was asked to investigate other companies that may be able to assist and report back at the next meeting.

c) Land Transfer Update

The Clerk reported that we are waiting to hear back from Developers/HE on the land transfer no further news at the time of the meeting.

2018/113 PLANNING UPDATE

- Morrisons application

A full refusal was granted by planning committee:

The application by Morrisons Supermarket to restrict parking on the Lawley Square car park was REFUSED by Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning Committee. The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents, local retailers, Lawley Running Club and the Ward Councillors who supported Cllr. Jayne Greenaway at the meeting and helped with the Parish Council's campaign against these restrictions.

Morrisons have the right to appeal against the decision but the Parish Council will continue with our efforts to persuade them that these restrictions are not in the interests of the wider local community.

- Phase 5 & 9

This has been called in for Planning Committee to review if permission will be granted – It was heard at Planning Committee on 5th December and it was deferred to enable more information and investigations to be undertaken and re-presented at Committee in the New Year.

- Phase 10

More information is to be given by developers before any decision is made to call it in. We have been contacted by residents raising concerns from the initial plans on the portal

- Phase 11

This has been called in for Planning Committee to review if permission will be granted – it will be heard on 30th January 2019

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

2018/114 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE/GROUNDS & CLEANSING UPDATE

A discussion took place on the preferred options and comments were noted.

2018/115 FINANCE

- Invoices were authorised for payment at the bank
- The Bank Reconciliations were reviewed and signed
- A grant application had been received outside of our twice-yearly considerations, but Councillors requested that the applicant was contacted and advised that, as per our policy, the application would be considered in April 2019

2018/116 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Items were noted

2018//117 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT - UPDATE
- WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT GROUP – UPDATE
- LAND TRANSFER - UPDATE
- ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE – INC. TWC GROUNDS AND CLEANSING CONTRACT
- PLANNING UPDATE
- BUDGET RATIFICATION – INC. CLLRS ALLOWANCES/NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS/GDPR PROVISION/OFFICE EXPENSES BREAKDOWN
- PENSION RE-ENROLMENT
- ELECTION LEAFLETS

2018/118 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk shared the following:

- Thank you letter received from T&W Arthritis Support group for grant received.
- Seasons greetings received from the local History Group

2018/119 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the **FULL COUNCIL** parish meeting would take place on **THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019 at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way commencing at 6pm**

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Signed..... Chair

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