



**Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way
On Thursday 7th February 2019**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jayne Greenaway, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Bill Gilmour, Cllr Mike Phillips, Cllr. Darren Blackburn, Cllr Sheila Slaney

CLERK:

Sharon George

IN ATTENDANCE

Adam Brookes & Rebecca Taylor-Barnes (TWC Highways Network Management)

2018/136 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2018/137 APOLOGIES

Cllr Martyn Jobe - Illness

Cllr Joy Francis (Ward Member for Ketley & Overdale) – Borough Commitments

Cllr Raj Mehta (Ward Councillor Horsehay & Lightmoor) – Mayoral Duties

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

2018/138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Councillor | Interest | Declaration | Minute no. |
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| | | NONE | |

2018/138 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

2018/139 HIGHWAYS CONCERNS

We had raised concerns with TWC Highways and requested that officers attended the meeting to hear our concerns directly. We submitted several items for discussion prior to the meeting:

- The problems exiting Morrisons car park - pretty much all the time – The narrowness of the entrance and access from the car park is a cause for concern. *Highways stated that the junction meets the criteria for legislation, and they can possibly look at the layout of the junction with Development control*
- Number of accidents at the cross roads (Morrisons/Birchfield/Lawley Bank) – *Highways quoted Police accident data for the junctions on Birchfield Way, Bryce Way, Gresham Drive & Lawley Cross. The data available is only for accidents that result in injury so does not reflect the RTC's that result in car damage only so does not give a true picture of what happens on these junctions. This needs to be reviewed*
- Number of occasions people turning right outside our office – There is a TRO in place. – *Highways stated that this can be enforced by Police – our point is that the resources to do this aren't there. WE also asked about the TRO consultations for Caledonian Way and Dawley Road as these had been mis-advertised last year and withdrawn. We were told that they will be re-consulted upon in the next round of TRO's across the Borough.*
- Quality of road surfaces / potholes – we had submitted FOI requests regarding potholes on Damson Drive and has found the responses unacceptable regarding costs involved and poor workmanship. – *Highways reiterated their policy on pothole repairs and said that this particular road would be put forward for resurfacing as part of a highway improvement scheme in the new financial year. Councillors were still unhappy about how the criteria/policy is discharged.*
- Complaints from residents about the time taken to travel from one side of Lawley to the other. Councillors had received complaints that the flow of traffic was not managed by the lights sequencing – *Highways stated that a full review of the SCOOT system/data is to be done as it is now over 5 years old and junctions are still being made live as the development progresses. There is new design technology coming on board to improve how junctions operate – this will be within the next 12 – 18 months.*

- Traffic light proliferation - totally against free flow of traffic, leading to frustration and dangerous driving – *Highways stated as above regarding the SCOOT system review.*
- Queues at rush hour, cars turning right off Lawley Drive onto West Centre Way sticking out into Lawley Drive - *Highways stated as above regarding the SCOOT system review.*
- Traffic problems with parked cars in square – what are the plans for this once adopted – *Highways stated that at this moment in time there are no plans in place as to how the Square will be managed once adoption occurs and welcomed any ideas that Council may have to improve the chaos that is currently happening daily. We stated that the pavements are too wide, and that parking could be increased if this were to be changed. Other ideas will be forwarded.*
- Safety and speed control on Dawley Road – this is an ongoing long-standing issue and a major area of concern to the council and residents – *Highways stated that there are to be road speed data monitoring and pedestrian data collected over the coming weeks which will inform what measures need to be taken to improve the road safety in this area.*

Planning applications currently in for consultation – Highways development are consulted on these – it appears that your team is not! There will be impact on the existing infrastructure and Local plan policies of Cumulative effect/impact on existing junctions & infrastructure will come in to play. We urge you to look at these applications as a matter of urgency and give us your thoughts ASAP please prior to the meeting as the applications consultation dates end next week.

- Phase 10 (200 homes)– TWC/2018/0732
- Phase 5 + 9 (83 & 337 homes) – TWC/2018/0601
- Phase 11 (720 homes) - TWC/2018/0346

The lack of communication between the various highways departments is certainly a frustrating issue and we would request that we also discuss how this can be overcome.

The Pepper Mill consultation for road safety improvement had also come in and we requested accident data to justify the additional proposed expenditure on this road. We agree that road safety is paramount, but 2 schemes have already been implemented on this road.

2018/140 MINUTES

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on **13th January 2019** were **APPROVED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. This was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Parker and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Blackburn.

2018/141 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Parker

Nothing to Report

Councillor Gilmour

- Reported that he was disappointed with the FOI response given by TWC in relation to the Potholes work on Damson Drive. This was raised with the highway's officers in attendance

Councillor Phillips

Nothing to Report

Councillor Blackburn

Nothing to Report

Councillor Greenaway

Reported that she had been contacted by a resident on Glendale in relation to a broken street light that she had reported in June 2018 and despite numerous visits to adjacent lights this particular light remains broken. TWC were contacted and it was reported again, and action has now been taken – after all this time it was only a broken bulb which has now been changed.

Councillor Slaney

- Reported that she had been contacted by a resident regarding inappropriate behaviour by an adult individual which she advised to be reported to the police on 101

2018/142 WARD MEMBERS REPORT

Cllr Jacqui Seymour (Ward member at Wrockwardine)

- Gave an update on the travellers site as received from TWC:

1. The work around the play area for strimming, spraying and vegetation trimming has been agreed. TWS have been instructed to carry out the work. We are still waiting for the quote for the removal of the green fence sections as soon as we have this, I will let you know.
2. Work to open up the entrance has been carried out, but we have requested TWS to come back to open the entrance for the cameras.
3. TWS have done some litter picking around the entrance and we have asked a litter pick the whole of Dawley Road including the entrance to the Caravan site.
4. We have a meeting planned to look at some external funding to support ongoing improvements to the site.
5. A meeting is planned with Officers in early March to continue the discussions as to what improvements have been implemented and what can be done moving forward

Cllr Jayne Greenaway (Ward Member Horsehay & Lightmoor)

- Reported that a well-attended public drop in session had been held for residents to discuss their concerns regarding the engineering works on phase 11 (The consultation closed on 5th February). There are still concerns over drainage measures in the area being sufficient.
- Various amendments had been made to the indicative layout which showed housing to be developed across a restricted byway - this is private land and she will be meeting with the affected residents to gain evidence that the developers/HE have no jurisdiction to build on this land and this will then be shared with the planning department and developers. Further amendments will have to be made to an already 'troublesome' proposed development

2018/143 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

a) Community usage at Lawley Village Academy

No further updates received from TWC although Clerk has requested any details from the proposed meeting with LVPA.

b) War Memorial Project Working Group

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with the fabricator and that the project and costings agreed via email correspondence with members.

We have been asked about the roll of honour format and it was decided that a working group meeting will be held on 27th February at 5.30pm to discuss this.

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. The Clerk has requested that the land areas be brought to standard prior to transfer or a monetary sum offered for the area to be landscaped.

2018/144 PLANNING UPDATE

- 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 presented at Committee on 20th February for determination

- Phase 10

Our concerns relating to the bus stop have been looked at Highways development are confident that the new placement will not have any adverse impact on the WCW junction or the Station Road junction. We have requested that this be monitored if planning permission is granted

- Phase 11

This has been called in for Planning Committee to review if permission will be granted – a date for Committee is to be determined

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

2018/146 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE/GROUNDS & CLEANSING UPDATE

The PET work continues as normal and a new agreement has been reached following email correspondence with Members to secure a best value price with the new providers.

2018/147 FINANCE

- Invoices were authorised for payment at the bank
- The Bank Reconciliations were reviewed and signed
- Budget Precept Request 2019/2020 – reviewed and signed and posted
- Pension Re-enrolment – Under the NEST scheme, employers must check that all employees are still eligible to be a part of the scheme now that three years have elapsed. These staff members must then be re-enrolled. Councillors requested Cllr Parker to oversee this and act as administrator for the re-enrolment. Forms duly completed.

2018/148 ELECTIONS 2019

The Clerk reminded Members that there are to be local elections on May 2nd 2019 and that they need to consider if they are planning to stand for election. A discussion took place and those members interested in standing will be looking to prepare their canvassing materials by mid-March latest.

The Clerk said that TWC had now sent a timetable for the election process and this will be shared with Members via email for their information. The Clerks will be attending an election briefing on 6th March and any further information will be shared at the next meeting.

2018//149 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
- ELECTIONS
- BIG SPRING CLEAN

2018/150 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Items were noted

2018/151 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk shared the following:

- New TPO received re phases 5 & 9
- Invitation to attend Georgia Williams presentation – Clerk will liaise with Members individually to see who can attend
- Costings received regarding elections in May – there is no general election this time around so costs to parishes will be in full. Inflated expected costs if seats are contested – an offer to pay over 2, 3 or 4 years offered due to lateness of the notice after budgets have been set.

2018/152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the **FULL COUNCIL** parish meeting would take place on **THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2019 at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way commencing at 6pm**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed..... Chair

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