



**Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way
On Thursday 16th January 2020**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Jayne Greenaway, Cllr Amrik Jhawar, Cllr Raj Mehta, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Lee Vidor, Cllr John Yorke

CLERK:

Sharon George, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Parker (Asst Clerk)

2019/131 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2019/132 FINANCE

- a) Invoices were authorised for payment at the bank - completed
- b) The Bank Reconciliations were reviewed and signed - completed
- c) Capital application re Dawley Baptist Church-

A further discussion took place regarding the application received for a £20,000 capital grant to enhance the community facilities available at Dawley Baptist church. One of the conditions for the agreement of the grant proposed at the December meeting was that the Church was not covered by the Churchcare Act 1894 - this could not be met. This became apparent following further advice received by NALC legal department that the Act covers all denominations and faiths. We are not legally allowed to provide funding for bricks and mortar for a Church building regardless of its proposed usage. We can provide goods or services that are not deemed as fixtures and fittings as part of that project.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Parker that the Parish Council **purchase** the freestanding kitchen fitments and additional soft furnishings/TV to a maximum budget of £20,000. The quote seen for the items are in the name of the Church so a new quote would be required in the name of the Parish to place an order to comply with audit regulations. A timescale for commitment to purchase was given a 3-year term – by May 2023. This was **SECONDED** by Cllr John Yorke. A **VOTE** was taken and **ALL IN FAVOUR**.

ACTION: The Clerk will contact Rev. Ian Oliver to advise him of the Councils decision and to contact the companies for new quotes in the name of the Parish.

2019/133 APOLOGIES

Cllr Mike Tyler - Family commitment- apologies received but not accepted. The Chairman will write to Cllr Tyler regarding his recent and future attendance.

Cllr Shaun Davies – LGA Conference

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

2019/134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Councillor | Interest | Declaration | Minute no. |
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| Cllr R Parker | Personal | Family member lives in proximity of proposed site of Newdale NEAP | 2019/140 |
| Cllr A Jhawar | Borough | Member of TWC planning committee | 2019/137 |

2019/135 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

2019/136 MINUTES

The minutes from the **Full Council meeting** held on **17th December 2019** were **APPROVED**. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. This was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Mehta and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Parker. **All in Favour.**

2019/137 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Parker – reported that:

- A local mother & toddler group has been forced to close after having their hire agreement at LVPA cancelled. This is further evidence of how community usage at the Academy is managed. This is very disappointing for all involved and at the current time there is no local provision that can accommodate the group. A breast-feeding group of Moms has also been given notice to finish but it is unclear if they met at LVPA or the Farmstead.

Cllr John Yorke – reported that:

- He was still in contact with residents regarding the ongoing phase 11 development following the withdrawal of the engineering application. The reserved matters application is now with TWC to be registered prior to public consultation. There are over 130 documents to be verified prior to this happening so it will be a couple of weeks before we see the changes made. There is currently no timeline for it to be heard at Planning Committee.

Cllr Raj Mehta – reported that:

- Raised concerns regarding the traffic light sequences in Lawley and the dangerous driving habits of people using the roads. Discussions are being held re the sequencing and external consultants are looking into the scheme in place.

Cllr Amrik Jhavar – reported that:

- There is to be a meeting with TWC and Ward Members regarding community use at The Carpenter Centre on 28th January at 3.30pm. The Clerk had not been notified of this but will be attending.
- A resident has advised him that a protest is being organised regarding the recent planning decision to allow changes to the conditions of planning at the Recycling Centre to be managed by Johnson's. There is a permanent planning order decided by the Secretary of State that this site remains a recycling facility and there is nothing that the Council or residents can do to change that.

Cllr Jayne Greenaway – reported that:

- She has been in contact with TWC highways regarding the lights on Birchfield Way as a fault is causing a backlog of traffic onto the main carriageway/junctions. It appears that a spring-loaded button on the pedestrian lights is at fault and a part has been ordered. Cllr Yorke pointed out that it is a failure of duty of care and lack of maintenance across the borough as too many faults are evident in several cases.
- Reported that a bin survey is to be carried across the Borough by Street champions, but Councillors are also invited to take part if they wish. The concern is that it is a condition survey on the bins, and any taken out may not be replaced despite there being a shortage in some areas.

Cllr Lee Vidor – nothing to report

2019/138 WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

No Members present

2019/139 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

a) Community Use Agreement

A meeting was held on 6th January 2020 and there is nothing further to report at this time as an answer regarding options put forward to LVPA and Reach2 Board members has not been forthcoming. A letter is to be written by TWC in this regard and answers chased. A further meeting will be held towards end of February.

2019/140 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received:

- **Councillors Pride Funding**

Cllr Seymour has proposed £500 to be match funded by the parish for path works on the Village Green.

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Notifications of payment of the funding has been received for the above by the Parish and the Clerk will obtain 3 quotes for the works.

Cllr Boylan has proposed £800 for additional ground works/planting at the War Memorial site to be match funded by the parish.

Cllr Jhavar and Cllr Callear will both be supporting Newdale School for £500 each for Outdoor classroom resources and sports equipment.

We thank all Ward Members for their generous donations within the Parish

ACTION: Clerk will obtain 3 quotes for the works on the Village Green.

- Thank you received from Helen regarding her leaving gift from Council
- Asst Clerk reported that she had met with Dennis Briggs from the Prostate Charity regarding the public screening event to be held in June at LCC. The premises will be more than acceptable for the event and all marketing materials etc will be funded by the charity.
- Date required for Councillors/Clerk to meet with DO re the Newdale NEAP proposal. Clerk will send dates to council for availability and send to TWC when advised.
- Information re Fun Run 2020 is to be held on Saturday 19th September – dates in diaries!
- The Community Speed watch scheme is to be started on Dawley Road, led by Cllr Vidor. Six volunteers have submitted their personal data for a police check prior to training taking place. The Clerk will meet with police liaison mid-February to consider other areas/groups for inclusion in the scheme.

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

2019/141 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- Personnel Items- Interview process and questions discussed. Core questions across all 3 posts plus specific questions/tasks to be set. Interviews over 3 days (One day/vacant post)
- Budget Ratification – the recommendations put forward for the Precept 2020/2021 were discussed and agreed that a figure of £280,645.00 be requested. The was **PROPOSED** by Cllr John Yorke and **SECONDED** by Cllr Parker. **A VOTE** was taken and **ALL IN FAVOUR**

2019/142 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT
- BIN LOCATIONS/SOLUTIONS
- STAFFING MATTERS

2019/143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the **FULL COUNCIL** parish meeting would take place on **THURSDAY 13th February at Leonard Smith House, West Centre Way commencing at 6pm**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed..... Chair

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