

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 2020 AT GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

PRESENT:

**(Chairman)
Cllr. A. Newell**

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Dabbs Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson	Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie Cllr. A. Pearson Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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162/2020 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE, Cllr. R. J. Perry, Cllr. R. Myatt and Cllr. S. Toddington.

163/2020 MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September, 2020 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

164/2020 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

OVERHANGING TREE ON THE RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman advised the Parish Council that the tree on the Recreation Ground which was overhanging 22 Saxon Close, had now been the subject of the necessary works to ensure the safety of nearby properties. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson asked the Chairman to record the fact that the Parish Council Grounds Staff had again gone the extra mile by cutting trees back in Belmont Close and various other matters despite the fact they were actually on annual leave. This was noted.

165/2020 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE REPORT

There were no representatives of Staffordshire Police Service present on this occasion.

166/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no representations from the members of the public gallery on this occasion.

REQUEST FROM CONIFERS NURSING HOME

The Clerk reported that she had received a request from The Conifers Nursing Home to name The Community Centre as its "safe Haven" in terms of its Emergency Plan.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to defer this matter until the next meeting of the Parish Council whereupon this item would form a separate agenda item.

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT DURING COVID FROM HM LORD LIEUTENANT

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received a card from Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire asking for the Parish Council's assistance in publicising his letter of thanks to all those who had volunteered during the Covid19 crisis. The Clerk was instructed to ensure that a copy of the Lord-Lieutenant's card be placed in each Parish Council notice board and on the new website in order to reach all concerned. It was carried.

167/2020

CLERK'S REPORTS

(a) Government White Paper – Planning

Members were aware that South Staffordshire Council had given Parish Councils a briefing on the implications of the Government White Paper which was set to change the face of planning. The meeting had taken place on Thursday 1st October.

The aim of the briefing had been to give all Parish Councillors an idea of what these changes meant in order to ensure that everyone fully understood the implications. Members were aware that a comprehensive representation needed to be made to the Government consultation process which was due to close on 29th October, 2020. Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that the Clerk be instructed to formulate a response to the Secretary of State based on the information gleaned from various sources and any additional observations received from Parish Councillors. It was carried.

(b) Update on Flood Defences

The Clerk advised the meeting that the new roller shutter door to the front entrance of the Community Centre was to be installed shortly. The programme of works commenced on Monday 5th October relating to the boundary wall and the works to the garage area. This was noted by Members.

(c) Senior Citizens Christmas Lunches

The Clerk had advised the meeting that regretfully it now fell to the Parish Council to make the resolution that it would not be able to host its Senior Citizens Christmas Party this year.

Following receipt of the latest guidance from South Staffordshire Council it was now clear that this event could not be held either comfortably or safely and unfortunately, the Parish Council needed to advise the booked entertainment in good time. Even in the event that the Parish Council had been able to accommodate the diners, Plyvine would not have been able to provide the meal cost effectively and accordingly, they would have withdrawn in any event. Following discussion it was **resolved** by the Parish Council that it would not be possible to hold any Christmas events this year due to Covid 19 Restrictions. It was carried.

(d) Removal of BT Telephone Kiosk

The Parish Council had recently taken part in a consultation regarding the removal of BT Telephone Kiosks. To date the BT Telephone Kiosks in Wardles Lane and in Walsall Road were under threat of removal, however, Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson had lodged an objection to the removal of the kiosk in Wardles Lane on the basis that it was used. Cllr. J. C. Jones disagreed with Cllr. Mrs. Johnson's assertion and requested that the Clerk obtain the monthly usage figures for the

kiosk and if it was used above 12 times the Parish Council would support the objection to its removal. The Clerk was to carry out the necessary research and respond accordingly by 16th October, 2020.

(e) Memorial Garden Future Plan

Members recalled that this item was agreed to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council following on from the meeting with FROG immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting last month. However, Members agreed to defer full discussion until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

In the meantime, the Parish Council **resolved** to leave the gate opening times at 8.00a.m. – 4.00p.m. This item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council for clarification.

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that she was concerned at the fact that last year's wreaths and crosses were still present both within the Memorial Gardens and all over the gates. Cllr. Mrs. Johnson was concerned that it made the Gardens look very shabby and needed to be removed. This was noted by Members. The Clerk was to look into this matter and liaise with the Parish Council Grounds Staff.

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that wreaths were available and anyone wishing to have a poppy contribution box needed to apply to the British Legion.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that the Memorial Gardens should be closed for the winter period two weeks after Remembrance Sunday.

Members agreed to discuss plans for the decorating of the Memorial Gardens with Christmas Lights at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

168/2020 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no County Councillors able to be present on this occasion.

169/2020 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that she had recently attended a Health and Wellbeing Committee where she had been advised that the annual flu vaccine programme was being administered on a priority case basis and was expected to be completed in the near future. It was also Cllr. Mrs. Johnson's understanding that there was concern within the Parish regarding the availability of flu vaccines. Cllr. Mrs. Johnson reassured all present that there were enough flu vaccines available to ensure everyone who needed one was catered for.

Cllr. Mrs. Johnson also explained that the closure of the medical practice in High Street, Cheslyn Hay had taken place because it was of more benefit to all members of staff working from one premises which was currently the Great Wyrley Practice. This was noted by Members.

South Staffordshire Council's Senior Management team have received an Award from the Municipal Journal Awards Organisation.

Cllr. Mrs. Johnson also gave the Parish Council a brief report on the Covid19 figures prevailing across the District.

A Drive Through Testing Centre was to be set up on the Council Offices Car Park which would be bookable through the National portal. A leaflet was also being sent to all households urging everyone to observe the rules on distancing and sanitisation.

170/2020 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

FALLEN TREE ON THE CO-OPERATIVE CAR PARK – WARDLES LANE

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that the remains of the fallen tree on the Co-op car park looks precarious and should be removed for safety reasons. The Clerk was to pursue this matter with West Midlands Co-operative Society. The Parish Council discussed this matter at length including the dispute relating to ownership of the land and Cllr. A. Newell kindly agreed to take this matter forward with the Co-op the following day. This was noted by Members.

171/2020 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from outside bodies on this occasion.

172/2020 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/00486/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGES AND ACCESS HARD STANDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT GARAGE SITE FOXLAND AVENUE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

20/00488/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE BLOCK AND HARD STANDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE BUNGALOW WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS AT ACORN CLOSE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

20/00489/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE BLOCK AND HARD STANDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO AFFORDABLE WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS AT GARAGE SITE CHILLINGTON CLOSE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL

20/00492/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE BLOCK AND HARD STANDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE AFFORDABLE BUNGALOW WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS AT GARAGE SITE BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL

20/00712/FUL SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 83 HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

20/00369/FUL – PROPOSED 2 STOREY DETACHED ANNEXE AT 5 HUT HILL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS OF OVERDEVELOPMENT.

20/00393/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGALOW AND ERECTION OF 3 NO. DETACHED BUNGALOWS, ASSOCIATED GARAGING AND PRIVE ACCESS DRIVE - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL

20/00716/FUL – TWO STOREY FRONT EXTENSION AT 593 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL

20/00726/TTREE – REMOVAL OF EPICORMIC GROWTH ON PROTECTED TREES AT 4 OAKEN GRANGE, CHESLYN HAY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL

20/00490/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGES AND ACCESS HARD STANDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE OPEN MARKET HOUSE WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

20/00041/FUL – PROPOSED BUNGALOW GARAGE AND ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING ON LAND TO THE REAR OF 63 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – MEMBERS AGREED TO BE GUIDED BY THE OFFICERS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION.

20/00225/FUL – DIVISION OF DETACHED BUNGALOW FROM ONE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING INTO TWO ONE BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT 351A WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

20/00709/COU – CHANGE OF USE FROM A1 RETAIL TO SUI GENERIS USE FOR AS PER GROOMING PARLOUR – AT 68 WARDLES LANE, GREAT WYRLEY THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

20/00780/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AND PROVISION OF A DOUBLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE ALONG WITH A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR AT 44 ANSON ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

173/2020 REPORT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

A report on the outstanding accounts for authorisation for payment was presented to Council and it was **resolved** that the report be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.00p.m.

Chairman