

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Senior Citizens Centre, Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley which commenced at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3RD November, 2021.

Present:

**(Chairman)
Cllr. J. C. Jones**

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| Cllr. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Dabbs Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. R. Myatt | Cllr. M. Mckenzie Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. A. D. Smith Cllr. S. M. Wood |
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present on this occasion

REPORT BY STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the report by Staffordshire Police Service to each Members of the Council for their information.

67/2021 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A. Pearson, Cllr. A. Newell and Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington.

68/2021 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th October, 2021 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

69/2021 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he was extremely pleased to inform the the Parish Council that significant works had taken place to the banks of Wyrley Brook and its flow was now unimpeded and its appearance very much improved.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that it was hoped that this may be a precursor to the programme of works to be carried out by all the agencies involved in the flood protection programme.

70/2021 CLERK'S REPORTS

(a)Refurbishment of Wooden Skate Ramps

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he and Cllr. A. Newell had now met with Mr. R. Steele of Radiiramps and been apprised of the extent of the work involved to bring the structure into a condition which would be acceptable on health and safety grounds. The following works have been quoted for:

Ramp C: Driveway Ramp

This ramp requires a full replacement of the main rolling surfaces. Remove all Skatelite top surface and plywood under surface. Make any and all repairs to steel framework if required. Fit new Birch plywood under surface treated with best quality

wood preserver. Fit new Skatelite Pro top riding surface. Patch repair grind block as required.

Ramp D: Small Hip Ramp

This ramp requires partial resurfacing to one side only and full replacement of the standing platform surfaces. Remove Skatelite top riding surface and plywood under surface. Fit new Birch plywood under surface treated with best quality wood preserver. Fit new Skatelite Pro top riding surface.

Ramp E: Large Hip Ramp.

This ramp requires partial resurfacing to one side and the standing platform. Remove Skatelite top riding surface and plywood under surface. Fit new Birch plywood under surface treated with best quality wood preserver. Fit new Skatelite Pro top riding surface.

Their 'Pay It Forwards' scheme provides free brand new patch material to customers when appropriate for the works, to save on materials costs. The basic principle is that any offcut material generated is donated by clients to the stock and any offcut pieces needed come out of that stock and are donated back to other clients free of charge. As you might imagine, they have a fairly significant stock of both Birch plywood and Skatelite Pro offcuts (all brand new) at our premises ready to go. Long story short, there is no charge for any patch material used that suits the situation obviously, and more often than not any labour charge is simply absorbed into the job as a whole, we don't itemise and charge separately for patch repairs on large projects.

To carry out repair works as detailed above;

Total including labour and all materials £ 7995.00

The Parish Council **resolved** to accept the quotation and request the works by carried out by Radiiramps. It was carried.

(b) Member Security

The Clerk had already made Members aware that South Staffordshire Council had decided to remove all home addresses for their Councillors from any of their publications in the wake of the death of Sir David Amess. Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that it should support the District Council in this action and have all their own home addresses deleted from the Parish Council website in order to both maintain consistency and not provide an alternative avenue for this information to be garnered. It was carried.

(c) Report on Cemetery Working Party

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE, Cllr. A. J. Kelsey and Cllr. R. J. Perry had attended a site visit at Great Wyrley Cemetery along with the Head Groundsman. Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that they had noted all the works which had been recommended to be dealt with as a matter of urgency. One tree which had been recommended for coppicing as it was causing nuisance to a nearby neighbour was discussed at length and the Parish Council resolved that this particular tree was not leaning towards the property of the complainant and should only be reduced in height in order to curtail its root growth and overhanging branches removed. The tree was to be monitored for the future rather than being cut right back. One large Ash tree which was in the centre of the cemetery and was due to be felled as it was now unstable would leave a large crater in the cemetery and Members agreed that the tree should be cut back to a certain height and then at the suggestion of Cllr.

Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE the Parish Council would like to consider having the remaining trunk sculpted into statue representing wildlife. As custodians of the Cemetery Members agreed that any action the Parish Council could take to enhance the appearance of the Cemetery would be an appropriate route to pursue. Cllr. Kelsey mentioned that another tree in the top corner of the Cemetery by Park Close/Glenthorne Drive which needed to be felled may be a blessing as it would have impeded the construction of the new Memorial Wall.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that there were several issues which the visit had unearthed the main one being the line of trees bordering the path and explained that this line of trees had not been officially planted by the Parish Council it was actually a row of trees which had been planted by the bereaved to commemorate their loved ones. This had not been an unusual practice over last thirty years or so, however, those gestures had now become large trees. Unfortunately, the position of these trees was now having a detrimental effect on the memorials directly beneath in that the squirrels and birds that have made the trees their home are now depositing their acid laden waste onto the memorials which was causing a great deal of damage.

Unfortunately, the issue described above was not the only problem with the existence of these particular trees, as their roots were now forcing their way through the footpath which was laid some five or six years ago and breaking up its surface and causing a general trip hazard.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that the Clerk be instructed to have the trees bordering the footpath assessed by an independent assessor with a view to making a decision relating to their future. This action would allow the Parish Council to formulate a tree management plan which would best serve the future of Great Wyrley Cemetery.

Cllr. A. D. Smith advised the Parish Council that he felt that it would be advisable to ensure that the general public were made aware that the Parish Council was not carrying out a deforestation exercise it was merely ensuring that all the trees in the Cemetery were properly managed in terms of health and safety. The Clerk was to ensure that a notice was displayed at The Cemetery outlining the Parish Council's reasons for the tree works.

Cllr. J. C. Jones suggested that the Parish Council give consideration to the idea of employing a specific tree surgeon who the Parish Council could call upon when urgent works arose. This matter was to be discussed at a future meeting.

71/2021 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she did not have anything specific to report on this occasion other than the fact that there would be a road closure at Landywood Lane to allow for works to be carried out.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that with regard to the traffic issues in Bentons Lane that she had highlighted the need for double yellow lines and that she would be driving this forward with the County Council. This was noted.

72/2021 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the Parish Council that she did not have a great deal to say on this matter other than to advise that the Local Plan was now out for consultation and that the Boundary Commission had now released its recommendations for the Boundary Review.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the first of the Drop In sessions was held earlier in the day and was well attended. There was to be another drop-in session at Upper Landywood church during the following week. This was noted by Members.

73/2021 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

OVRHANGING TREES – SHANKS BRIDGE

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier advised the meeting that the hedges alongside the footpath towards Shanks Bridge was now badly overgrown and needed to be cut back. Cllr. K M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that this hedge was in the ownership of Network Rail. The Clerk was to contact Network Rail and request these works are carried out as a matter of urgency.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH ROOF – GREAT WYRLEY

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that St. Mark's Church was in serious need of repair works to the roof over the Lady Chapel as it was leaking badly. Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that works to the Church could only be carried out by official contractors commissioned by the Diocese, however, the Diocese was not prepared to meet the costs.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that a local roofing contractor had kindly offered to carry out the required works free of charge, however, this may not be possible due to the restrictions outlined above. However, the Parish Council was requested to consider the possibility of making a donation to St. Mark's Church under its Section 137 powers.

The Clerk explained that Section 137 is an amount of money which can be spent on anything it chooses to sponsor provided it benefits the Parish. At present this amounts to £8.41 per elector. The Parish Council voted unanimously to take this matter forward.

74/2021 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

FROG

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the meeting that the Community Memorial was progressing nicely and that it was envisaged this would be completed soon. Cllr. Myatt also advised the meeting that the concert which had recently been organised by FROG had now made the decision to donate part of the monies raised by holding the concert to go towards a Christmas celebration for the volunteers who had been operating the Covid Vaccination Clinic and the other half to Cheslyn Hay Choir for putting on the concert.

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the meeting that the defibrillator at St. Mark's was presently out of commission as it needed to be moved from the closed building at St. Mark's Church to a public area of the Academy which would be available to the public. There was a great deal more research to be carried out prior to this action being taken and the Parish Council would be advised in due course and the national database apprised of its new position. This was noted.

75/2021 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/00487/FUL – AMENDMENT – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGES AND HARD STANDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HOUSES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS - GARAGE SITE AT ALPHA WAY, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

**21/01078/FUL - AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION
20/00358/FUL - 12 STREETS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL
HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.**

**21/01128/VAR – VARIATION OF CONDITION RELATING TO A CHANGE
FROM FLAT ROOF TO PITCHED ROOF AT 37 JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT
WYRLEY- THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL
BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS SHOULD
THIS BE REQUIRED.**

**21/00631/FUL – AMENDED HOUSE TYPES TO LANDYWOOD LANE
DEVELOPMENT, GREAT WYRLEY – MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
WERE TO REGISTER THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THIS APPLICATION.**

**21/01111/FUL – PROPOSED EXTENSION AND REMODELLING OF EXISTING
DWELLING AT 9 OLDE HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL
HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION PROVIDED THE BOUNDARY
WALL WAS PRESERVED.**

**21/01134/FUL - ERECTION OF NEW FIRST FLOOR TO BUNGALOW TO
CREATE TWO STOREY DWELLING AT 19 HUT HILL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY -
THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT
RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS IF
REQUIRED.**

**21/01141/FUL - SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR OF 9 KEMPTON
DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO
THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR
OBJECTIONS IF REQUIRED.**

**21/00822/FUL – PROPOSED 2 STOREY END OF TERRACE DWELLING AT 6
ACHILLES CLOSE, GREAT WYRLEY- THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THIS
APPLICATION ON THE BASIS THAT IT IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE CADDICK FARM DEVELOPMENT WHICH INCLUDED
OPEN SPACE AREAS AS PART OF ITS OPEN PLAN CONCEPT.**

76/2021 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.

77/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted that the public and press be excluded and that they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 12.

78/2021 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Following discussion the Parish Council unanimously **resolved to** support the recommendations included in the Clerk's Confidential Report and noted its content.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman