

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 1st MAY, 2019 AT GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Ms. H. R. Snape (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson	Cllr. A. Pearson
Cllr. J. C. Jones	Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry
Cllr. A. Kelsey	Cllr. R. J. Perry
Cllr. M. McKenzie	Cllr. A. Smith
Cllr. R. Myatt	Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington
Cllr. A. Newell	Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood

160/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Mrs. J. Smith, Cllr. R. Smith and Cllr. Mrs. K. A. Williams.

161/2019 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd April, 2019, be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman following a correction to include Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry in the list of Members present.

162 /2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements on this occasion.

163/2019 REPORT BY STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

PCSO Karen Terry gave a report on behalf of Staffordshire Police Organisation, a copy of which was provided to all Members for information.

Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington provided the Police with details of an incident which appeared to be drug related and this information was gratefully received by PCSO Karen Terry who was to ensure that this information was given full attention.

COMMUNITY RESOLUTION ORDER

PCSO Karen Terry was asked to explain to Members the definition of a Community Resolution Order. PCSO Terry explained that such an order was an alternative way of dealing with less serious crimes. It allowed officers to use their professional judgement when dealing with offenders. It can be used for offences such as low level public order, criminal damage, theft, and minor assaults. Such an Order is only applicable to over 18s. The main crux of the Order being that in some circumstances culprits would be allowed to make restitution/amends directly to victims. This was noted.

INCIDENT OF VERBAL ABUSE

Cllr. A. Pearson asked PCSO Terry if in her role as PCOS she would have any jurisdiction over an incident where abuse was being shouted over a wall at another party. PCSO Terry agreed that she may be able to be of assistance in matters such as these and agreed to take details following the meeting.

164/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**DANGEROUS STRUCTURES SECTION 77 AND 78 OF THE BUILDING ACT
GULLEYWAY – HARTWELL LANE**

Mrs. O. Brazier advised the Parish Council that she was concerned regarding a section of wall which formed part of a gulley way off Hartwell Lane, Great Wyrley which appeared to be unstable. As it was unclear which agency held responsibility for its repair, the Clerk was to report this matter to the District Council for investigation under the Dangerous Structures Section of the Building Act. This was noted.

GULLEY WAY FROM ESTRIDGE LANE

Mr. J. Matthews advised the Parish Council and the PCSO present that it was his opinion that nefarious activities were taking place between the gulley way and the car park in Estridge Lane. In addition there was a requirement for a litter bin to be placed in a location close to the lighting column in the gulley way in an attempt to resolve the serious litter problem which also existed in this area. This was noted.

Mr. J. Matthews also advised all present that, in his view, the Parish Council had not needed to replace all the notice boards in the Parish as some of them were still in good condition. Mr. Matthews was of the view that they had never been cleaned. The Chairman strongly disputed this view; the notice boards had been cleaned and repaired on a regular basis, however, unfortunately they were no longer in a usable condition. The Clerk explained that the majority of the damage was caused by local youths who had made it a regular pass time to hit the boards as hard as possible in order to release the magnets which hold the notices in place. This practice had weakened the structures over time and forced a review of the situation.

Mr. Matthews continued to quote the costs involved in the notice boards over the last eight years. The Chairman advised Mr. Matthews that the notice boards had been replaced because they were no longer fit for the purpose. Mr. Matthews chose to circulate copies of photographs of the notice boards the reason for which was unclear. This was noted.

Mr. J. Matthews went on to say that the website supported by South Staffordshire Council did not include correct information, which the Chairman explained was a problem which was constantly under scrutiny by the Clerk, however, all the information which Mr. Matthews referred to as missing was in fact freely available on the Council's Face Book page. This was noted.

Mr. Matthews took this opportunity to make derogatory personal remarks against a sitting Councillor who was not present on this occasion and was asked not to continue to do so and to return to his seat in the Public Gallery.

Mrs. O. Brazier advised the meeting that when a Volunteer Litter Pick had been carried out recently there had been a number of self seal deal bags collected from the Hilton Lane/Estridge Lane area. This was noted.

165/2019 CLERK'S REPORTS

South Staffordshire Council - Summer Holiday Provision Projects

The Parish Council had received correspondence from South Staffordshire Council regarding the Out and About provision and the School Holiday Contribution Schemes which were available for Parish Councils to join for the forthcoming summer holidays.

The Clerk had attached an explanation of both schemes in order to allow Councillors an opportunity to digest the information prior to making a decision.

Cllr. J. C Jones proposed that the Parish Council should consider Option 1. Cllr. Jones asked of the Chairman whether the Parish Council would be able to fund such a proposal and to what degree. The Chairman advised Cllr. Jones that the Parish Council could indeed support such a project on a financial basis.

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the Parish Council that she completely disagreed with the Parish Council considering either Option.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she did not feel that the explanations given regarding each option gave sufficient information to facilitate making a decision on which option to choose if any; it was unclear what the real charges were and what percentage of subsidy the Parish Council would be expected to provide. The Clerk was to investigate this matter further and report back to the June meeting of the Parish Council.

166/2019 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised the meeting that she would be compiling a full report to Council of all matters presently in the pipeline in order to provide the new Council with all the necessary background information to matters pertaining to Great Wyrley Parish Council. This was noted by Members. This document was to become a full working document going forward.

167/2019 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry enquired of Members whether anyone had approached the Clerk with any suggestions for Great Wyrley Parish Council's proportion of the one-off funding of £20k per County Councillor. Cllr. H. R. Snape advised the meeting that it was hoped that perhaps the cleaning of existing road signs could be carried out as part of the one-off funding project along with the clearance of overgrowth of weeds etc. already discussed.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that she had been chasing up the repair of two large potholes in the Parish and that she had taken the problems being faced by everyone with regard to the traffic lights on Shanks Bridge directly to Staffordshire County Highways. The County Council was only providing the traffic lights; the work was being carried out by Network Rail.

Councillor Mrs. Perry was bringing this matter to the fore with Staffordshire County Council in an attempt to establish when the works would be completed.

Cllr. J. C. Jones asked of Cllr. Mrs. Perry to clarify the issue with regard to Shanks's Bridge. Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that this matter did not come under the jurisdiction of Staffordshire County Council. The Chairman explained that the works had been commissioned by Network Rail because the pedestrian section of the bridge was unsafe due to works related to the electrification of the railway line. Unfortunately, none of the agencies have any power over this situation but the Clerk would continue to pursue Network Rail for timescales on this matter.

Cllr. R. J. Perry advised the Parish Council that the battery usage in the traffic light mechanism was being monitored to ensure that as many problems as possible can be alleviated with regard to the operation of the traffic lights.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the Parish Council that the electrification of the line was expected to go live on 19th May, 2019.

168/2019 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no reports from South Staffordshire Council on this occasion other than those already circulated under the Council's News Roundup.

169/2019 **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

REQUEST FROM THE STAR PUBLIC HOUSE

Cllr. Ms. H. R. Snape advised the Parish Council that she had received a request from Mr. T. Humphris, the owner of The Star Public House to utilise part of the land in Parish Council ownership as an extension to its premises as an outside space.

The Clerk was requested to obtain further information on this matter and include it on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the Parish Council that the Star Land was covered by a covenant and that Mr. Humphris's request would not be allowable.

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson supported Mrs. Wood's assertion that allowing this would breach the covenant agreement. This was noted.

GRAFITTI TO REAR OF COMMUNITY CENTRE GARAGE

Cllr. J. C. Jones thanked the Parish Council for arranging for the removal of the graffiti to the rear of the garage at the Community Centre.

LARGE HOLE IN JUBILEE DRIVE

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that a very large hole had materialised in the surface of Jubilee Drive at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry had visited the site along with one of the Parish Council's ground staff and been advised that the hole had been the result of an operation to remove Japanese Knotweed. The Clerk was to write to the resident who had created the hole advising him that any further works would require permission from the Parish Council. This action was necessary to protect both the resident and the Parish Council from any possible impact relating to general danger to the public. This was noted.

170/2019 **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

GREAT WYRLEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE - ST. GEORGES DAY PARADE

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the meeting that the St. Georges Day Parade had been a spectacular event and that the people responsible for its organisation should be greatly complimented. This was noted.

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey thanked Cllr. Myatt for his comments advised the meeting that the St. Georges Day Parade had been a brilliant event and thanked Cllr. A. Newell for marshalling the event. There were eight charities set to benefit from the event which included FROG, Harrisons Sports and Social Committee and, of course, Great Wyrley Carnival Committee. The event had been very well attended and a most enjoyable event.

171/2018 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/00280/FUL – GROUND FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION TO CREATE GARAGE AT 87 NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY , MEMBERS HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00332/TREE – TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 109/1991. T5 OAK – REDUCTION OF TREE AWAY FROM HOUSE BY 2M TO REDUCE LEAF FALL AND INCREASE LIGHT AT 12 POOL MEADOW, CHESLYN HAY – MEMBERS HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00292/RAIL - PROPOSED PARAPET WORKS TO BRIDGE AT HOLLY LANE, LANDYWOOD REQUEST FOR PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER PART 18 OF THE GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT ORDER. MEMBERS HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00301/FUL – SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION OF EXISTING VETERINARY PRACTICE AND ENCLOSURE OF EXISTING FRONT EXTERNAL RAMP ENTRANCE AT THE VETERINARY SURGERY, 387 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – MEMBERS HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

19/00295/FUL – SINGLE STOREY REAR KITCHEN EXTENSION REPLACING CONSERVATORY AT 19 JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – MEMBERS HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00302/FUL – CHANGE OF USE FROM C3 DWELLINGHOUSE TO D1 NON RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION (DAY NURSERY) INCLUDING REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING GARAGE WITH GARDEN ROOM TYPE STRUCTURE AT 246 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – MEMBERS FELT THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT ONLY INCONGRUOUS IN THE STREET SCENE BUT THE SITE HELD VERY RESTRICTED PARKING FACILITIES WHICH WOULD LEAD TO ON ROAD PARKING. IN ADDITION THE CHANGE OF USE OF THIS PROPERTY WOULD REPRESENT FURTHER LOSS OF THE TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION WHICH WAS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER IN THIS AREA.

172/2019 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 Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and concluded the business before the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.



Chairman