

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER, 2019 AT GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

PRESENT:

Cllr. A. Newell (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Dabbs Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie Cllr. A. Pearson	Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. A. D. Smith Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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74/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Ms. H. Snape, Cllr. R. Myatt, Cllr. J. C. Jones

75/2019 MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November, 2019 be accepted, approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

76/2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of the Chairman the Clerk made the following announcements:-

(a) NEW BUS SHELTER IN GORSEY LANE

The Clerk advised the meeting that the new bus shelter had now been installed in Gorse Lane, however, unfortunately, it had not been in place more than four hours before it was badly vandalised. The Clerk was to contact Commutaports Limited in order to effect the necessary repairs. This was noted by Members.

(b) HIT AND RUN INCIDENT – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VEHICLE

The Clerk advised the meeting that on 26th November the driver of a light metallic blue Honda had accidentally collided with the Peugeot Expert Van which was leased by the Parish Council for use by the Groundsmen. The vehicle was still drivable as the damage was to the side door of the van, however, despite the fact that there were two witnesses to the event the driver of the vehicle left the scene at speed and it was impossible to record the registration plate. This leaves the Parish Council in an unfortunate position in that the Police are powerless to process the accident through the legal channels. It was the Clerk's intention to have the damage to the van professionally assessed following which a decision could be made whether it would be less expensive to fund the repairs itself than to lose the Parish Council's No Claims Bonus and pay the excess on the policy. The Clerk was to research this matter and take appropriate action.

(c) ACCIDENT IN MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Clerk advised the meeting that one of the Parish Council's Groundsmen had suffered a fall whilst installing the Christmas decorations at The Memorial Gardens. The member of staff was recovering well and no lasting damage was envisaged. Cllr. A. Kelsey, Cllr. A. Newell and Cllr. A. Smith very kindly offered to assist with the remainder of the task and Cllr. Kelsey was to liaise with the Parish Council Office.

(d) SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch was to take place on Friday 13th December, and that as much assistance as possible from Parish Councillors would be very much appreciated. This was noted by Members.

77/2019 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE REPORT

There were no PCSOs available to attend the meeting on this occasion, however, PCSO K. Terry had kindly provided the Parish Council with a report for Members information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

78/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present in the public gallery on this occasion.

79/2019 CLERK'S REPORTS

(a) THREE TIER WORKING

Members recalled that a meeting had been held with Members of Staffordshire County Council, South Staffordshire Council and the Parish Council on 20th November, 2019. At the meeting the attendees were addressed by the Chief Executive and The Leader of South Staffordshire Council. The meeting had also been attended by representatives of Cheslyn Hay Parish Council and Essington Parish Council.

The main aim of the meeting was to interest as many Parish Councils as possible in a project which would appear to be the relaunch of the original Locality Working Forums which originally came to being in 2010, which for various reasons had fallen by the wayside over the intervening period.

The purpose of the project was to attempt to give Parish Councils a more clearly defined influence over how funds which may have been cascaded down to Parish Councils from either the County or the District was actually utilised.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that it would agree to be part of the Three Tier Working Project and the Clerk was to advise the Chief Executive of the Parish Council's decision.

(b) FLOODING IN LANDYWOOD LANE

The Parish Council had received a request from a retired Councillor of both Great Wyrley Parish Council and Cheslyn Hay Parish Council to

add its support to a campaign to resolve the ever present flooding issue in Old Landywood Lane.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the Parish Council that Old Landywood Lane was, in fact, in Essington Parish and accordingly did not actually come under the jurisdiction of either Great Wyrley Parish Council or Cheslyn Hay Parish Council.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that as the resident had contacted the Cabinet Member for Highways he was in fact following the best possible route to obtain a resolution to this situation.

In view of the fact that Great Wyrley Parish Council had already reported this matter on a number of occasions and that the condition of Old Landywood Lane had a definite impact on the residents of Great Wyrley it was **resolved** that the Parish Council would be prepared to support the present campaign to have the drainage in Old Landywood Lane improved. It was carried.

(c) SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that in order to allow Members an opportunity to make an informed decision on the content of the Local Plan Review the document had been analysed, summarised and circulated to all Members to facilitate the decision making process by highlighting the impact that the different options on offer might have on Great Wyrley as a Parish.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to support Option G which was the preferred option.

However, the Parish Council also agreed to take into account the fact that as the Local Plan Review was described as being led by infrastructure in the main; then now was the time to ensure that the District Council was made aware that the existing infrastructure in Great Wyrley barely, if at all, coped with its existing development. In terms of drainage, parking, highway networks etc. the Local Plans Team was to be made aware that any future planning applications relating to the sites included in the Site Allocation Plan and the safeguarded land due to be brought forward for the future plan included provision for major improvement of infrastructure in these specific areas. Clearly, these factors come into play when the Local Planning Authority states that it wishes to form an appropriate strategy which also recognises the infrastructure aspirations of communities. The Clerk was submit the Parish Council's views to the Local Planning Authority by the prescribed deadline of 12th December, 2019.

(d) LANDYWOOD PLANNING APPLICATION

Members recalled that in May, 2019 Taylor Wimpey lodged the following planning application with South Staffordshire Council.

HYBRID PLANNING APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AT LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY COMPRISING: PHASE 1 - FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 50 DWELLINGS (CLASS C3) SERVED VIA A NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM LANDYWOOD LANE; CAR PARK TO SERVE LANDYWOOD STATION; OPEN SPACE; HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPE DETAILS; AND ALL OTHER ANCILLARY AND ENABLING WORKS ALONG WITH OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR UP TO 200 DWELLINGS (CLASS C3) (ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL)

SERVED VIA NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS CREATED BY PHASE 1; OPEN SPACE; ALLOTMENTS; AND ALL OTHER ANCILLARY AND ENABLING WORKS.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that this application had now been withdrawn by the applicant.

(e) PARISH REMUNERATION PANELS

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that she had received a communication from the Monitoring Officer of South Staffordshire Council regarding the subject of Parish Councillor Remuneration. Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that it had no wish to convene a Remuneration Panel as it wished to retain the existing arrangements. This was noted.

80/2019 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she did not have a great deal to report on behalf of Staffordshire County Council as at the present time there were restrictions placed on all authorities due to the period of Purdah during the run up to the General Election. However, Cllr. Mrs. Perry did share with the Parish Council the fact that she had attended an Infrastructure Meeting at the County Council which had revealed that in terms of planning consultation responses full reasons would have to be provided explaining the background to decisions as to why an application was refused or approved on highway grounds. This was noted by Members.

81/2019 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that Purdah was in fact slowing a number of things down at the District Council, however, the annual Home Alone Christmas Event was still to take place at the Council Offices on 20th December, 2019 between 12.00 noon and 4.00p.m. Cllr. Mrs. Johnson advised the meeting that a number of residents of Great Wyrley attended the event each year and that transport was available for anyone wishing to attend. This was noted by Members.

82/2019 **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the Parish Council that the New Year's Day Walk would again be taking place next year and that it would leave from the rear of Scouts' Building at 2.00p.m. Cllr. Mrs. Wood encouraged the Members of the Parish Council to consider supporting the event and in particular Cllr. Kelsey with its organisation. Cllr. Mrs. Wood reminded Councillors that there would be refreshments served at the Scout Hut and that the New Year's Day Walk was a Parish Council event. This was noted.

83/2019 **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports from outside bodies on this occasion.

84/2019 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/00782/FUL – TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS TOGETHER WITH CONSERVATORY TO REAR OF 44 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY –

MEMBERS FELT THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE INCONGRUOUS IN THE STREET SCENE.

19/00790/OUT – ERECTION OF 2 NO. 2 BED BUNGALOWS AT 70 WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT ITS ACCESS LEAD DIRECTLY ONTO A BUSY 'A' CLASS ROAD AND WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE BEND AND THAT ANY ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL. AN APPLICATION VERY SIMILAR TO THIS ONE WAS REFUSED IN 2005 AND THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD WARRANT ITS APPROVAL CURRENTLY.

19/00816/FUL - SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, RENDERING OF EXISTING DWELLING, NEW PORCH TO FRONT ELEVATION, NEW BUILD GARAGE FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGES AND OUTBUILDINGS, RE-BUILD BOUNDARY WALL AND NEW BOUNDARY FENCE – 30 SHAWS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION.

85/2019 **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 meeting closed at 8.12p.m.

Chairman





PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CRIME REPORT.

Public bodies can only disclose information if they have the power to do so. Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act provides a power to exchange information where disclosure is necessary to support the local Crime Reduction Strategy and Partnership in achieving the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and objectives outlined within it.

The degree of disclosure that takes place must be proportionate and relevant to the level of social ill or criminality it is intended to counter or prevent.

The information is only to be processed in relation to crime and disorder purposes. Information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and any other relevant legislation governing disclosures and will ultimately be disposed of in a secure manner.

- Main headlines since the last month:
- Increase in burglaries from sheds in the area. Tower view Road, 2 motorbikes stolen from a shed. Shaws lane, motocross pit bike taken from garden shed. Tools stolen from sheds in Forge Close, Walsall Road, Brook Lane. Attempt shed break in Jacobs Hall Lane. Vogue hairdressers in Towerview Road had an attempt break.
- Theft of motor vehicles... Vehicles taken from car parks in Anson Close and Broad meadow Lane (1 from each location)
- Theft from motor vehicles. Number plates taken from a vehicles in Streets Lane. Van broken into and tools taken from a van in Dunston Close. Vehicle broken into but nothing taken on train station carpark.
- ASB... Noise nuisance in Well Lane from a teenage party. Family argument at a primary school. Resident reporting persons congregating in an alleyway in Foxlands Avenue. Ambulance crew attending a 999 call abused by a member of the public after parking in Old Moat Lane.
- Violence... males have assaulted another male in Gorse Lane. Family fight in the street in Broadmeadow Lane. Bus driver had a drink thrown over him by passenger refusing to pay fare on Walsall Road. 2 teenage girls fighting on the Quinton.
- Criminal damage to 3 doors in Shaws Lane by a drunken male, ongoing investigation.
- Smart alerts/social media inc Twitter are been used to inform residents of incidents and any good news stories as well as letting people know what we are doing i.e. school inputs, junior cadets and any surgeries I am holding.



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