

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE, 2019 AT GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY.

PRESENT:

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

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson (later arrival)* Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. M. McKenzie Cllr. R. Myatt Cllr. A. Pearson	Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry (Later arrival)* Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. A. Smith Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. A. Kelsey, Cllr. A. Newell and notice of late attendance had been received from Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson and Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry due to a prior engagement at South Staffordshire Council.*

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 1st and 15th May, 2019 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr. Ms. H. R. Snape advised the meeting that it was with regret that she had to inform the Parish Council that Veolia Environmental Trust had decided not to fund the new play area in Landywood Lane. This was extremely disappointing particularly in view, of their invitation to the Parish Council to reapply, however, this was by no means the end of the story and the Parish Council would be exploring other routes towards bringing this project to fruition. This was noted.

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REPORT BY STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

There were no Officers of Staffordshire Police Service able to be present on this occasion, however, a written report had been submitted to the Parish Council and circulated to all Members. A copy of the report is attached at **Appendix A**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman advised the meeting that in view of the large number of members of the public present on this occasion that some of them may wish to speak to the Parish Council about the Planning Application lodged by Taylor Wimpey regarding a site in Landywood Lane.

The Chairman advised those members of the public who had attended with the intention of airing the views on the Landywood application that the Parish Council would be considering the application later in the meeting and that if anyone wished to make their views known they would be taken into account when reaching a view. The Chairman also explained that the Parish Council was only a consultee in this process which meant that only the Parish Council's opinion was being sought. The Parish Council does not have any jurisdiction over the outcome. In conclusion the Chairman advised all present that any objections to the Planning Application needed to be based on sound planning reasons to have any real relevance to the process.

Mrs. D. Freeman addressed the Parish Council and explained that she lived in Tower View Road which she felt was being allowed to go downhill in terms of overgrowth and general maintenance, such as grass cutting. The kerbs were barely discernible and water was constantly pooling in the area, accordingly they were constantly under the threat of flooding. Mrs. Freeman wished to know how it was acceptable to allow a development to go ahead which would make the problem even worse. Drainage is a very big concern to all residents. Mrs. Freeman felt that the Company who built this development if it was approved needed to take on the responsibility of making sure the area could cope with the additional drainage which would be generated by any new development; this would prove to residents that they were committed to the Parish and not just in it for the money.

Mrs. Jennifer Williams addressed the Parish Council as a resident of Woodybank which is close to a factory which has been flooded in the past. Mrs. Williams had brought this to the attention of Gavin Williamson who had passed this matter on to the County Council two years ago but no action had been taken to resolve these issues. Mrs. Williams advised the meeting that the land in question was considerably higher than that of her own property and that this would make the flooding even worse for Landywood Green estate. Mrs. Williams also advised the meeting that the village was not able to properly support the residents it already had in terms of doctors, schools etc.

Mrs. Flanagan of Landywood Lane supported Mrs. Williams assertion that the new development would worsen the situation for existing residents on the basis that if they can't do anything to put it right now, how were they going to make it work with more strain on the infrastructure.

Mr. Westhorpe of Broadmeadow Lane advised the meeting that in his view if the amount of sewage created by the existing development can't be dealt with how will it be possible to deal with even more from a new development. Mr. Westhorpe was of the view that if the Parish Council couldn't do anything about that then we were a waste of time. The Chairman advised Mr. Westhorpe that the Parish Council did not have any jurisdiction over the Drainage Authority. The Chairman advised Mr. Westhorpe that the Parish Council had held an open meeting with the agencies which were responsible for this issue which included Severn Trent Water and Staffordshire County Council Flood Risk Team and we had 70 to 100 residents and all of the issues were fed back. A lot of residents came to that open meeting, however, Severn Trent were unable to be present. Moreover, Severn Trent then organised one to one sessions at the Community Centre to which a large number of residents attended which resulted in a programme of works being put together by Severn Trent to improve the situation. This will not happen overnight but it will happen. This includes the flooding problems in Lingfield Drive. In addition one of the County Councillors had recently pledged a considerable amount of money to be allocated to clearing of gulleys within the village which was expected to make a big improvement. The Parish Council is here to help residents to put their views forward to the agencies with the power to improve the situation.

Mr. Westhorpe then made a number of derogatory remarks to the Parish Council.

Mrs. Freeman advised the meeting that she was at a loss to know why there was such a lack of weeding done and clearance of kerbs and that the dog poo problems were worsening all the time dog bins need emptying far more often. There was a lot of broken glass noticed on the field and we need more benches in the area.

The Chairman advised the meeting that weeding was a County Highways

responsibility. However the Parish Council has put money in its budget to try to resolve some of the grounds maintenance issues if required.

One of the Community Groups will be carrying out weeding works in the future too.

The Chairman advised Mrs. Freeman that there were actually a number of benches in the village at least one at each play area. Mrs. Freeman felt that these needed to be provided for the older population and not just at play areas.

The Chairman advised Mrs. Freeman that she was unaware that there was such a need for benches, however, if she could elaborate on where she would like these benches to be placed perhaps the Parish Could look at the issue.

Cllr. Mrs. S. Wood advised the meeting that historically benches had needed to be removed from various places in the village because of the nuisance caused by youngsters crowding around the benches and causing issues for residents.

The Chairman extended the Public Participation Session by a further 15 minutes.

Mrs. Freeman asked an additional question of the Parish Council regarding an old factory in Gorse Lane which was now harbouring a number of very overgrown trees which were affecting the safety of pedestrians. The Clerk was to look into this matter with a view to having the trees trimmed back.

Mr. J. Matthews was invited to put his question to the Parish Council at which point he chose to hold a conversation with a member of the public who had made derogatory remarks earlier. The Chairman again invited Mr. Mathews to put his question to the Parish Council but he continued to speak to the other member of the public. At this point the other member of the public made more derogatory remarks regarding the effectiveness of the Parish Council which Mr. Matthews supported. Following a free and frank exchange of views between the three parties speaking at that time, the member of the public who had already on several occasions referred to the Parish Council as a dictatorship was asked to leave the meeting. The member of the public left the meeting and gave Members a suggestion as to where to place the Parish Council.

The Chairman concluded the Public Participation session of the meeting.

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CLERK'S REPORTS

The Chairman advised the meeting that it had been the intention of the Parish Council to go through the Clerk's report on all activities pertaining to the Parish Council, however, it was agreed to defer this matter until such time as a full complement of Members were able to be present.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that there were a number of items which were not in the document i.e. the Solar Panels for the roof and the footpath in the Millennium Green. The Clerk advised Councillor Jones that she had made arrangements to have a survey carried out by the Good Life Organisation to see whether it would be suitable for the Solar Panels. This was expected to be free of charge.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry may be able to address the Parish Council when she arrives later due to the meeting at the District Council.

13/2019 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no reports from South Staffordshire Council on this occasion.

14/2019 **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that she was extremely concerned regarding the condition of Wyrley Brook and the fact that no one seems to be prepared to take responsibility for it. The Brook was now in a very overgrown condition and another flood would be catastrophic.

Cllr. Mrs. Wood also advised the meeting that she was annoyed with herself that she had not taken into account the need to make the access from the Quinton Centre to the Community Centre Car Park usable by people of all abilities and suggested that action was taken on this matter as soon as possible.

Cllr. Mrs. Wood also advised the meeting that the hedges in Bentons Lane were becoming very overgrown and needed to cut back as a matter of urgency.

In conclusion Cllr. Mrs. Wood advised the Parish Council that the area to the rear of the Fish and Chip Shop in Bentons Lane appeared to be a matter for concern in relation to public health and the Clerk was to report this matter to the Environmental Health Department.

Cllr. A. Smith kindly offered to provide the Clerk with photographs of Wyrley Brook in order to assist with her quest to have action taken to resolve the issue as he felt that there was a suspicious substance seeping into the brook.

The Chairman advised the meeting that this matter would be fully discussed at the next meeting with a view to calling a meeting with all the agencies involved in an attempt to improve the situation. This was noted.

15/2019 **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that she was heartened that there had been so much effort put in by the local community groups who were carrying out litter picking activities in the Parish.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council was liaising with both the groups involved and we would have an update at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

16/2019 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/00300/OUT - 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.
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. ON LAND AT LANDYWOOD LANE, CHESLYN HAY -**

THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTED THE CLERK TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE OUTLINING THE PARISH COUNCILS OBJECTIONS. THE REPRESENTATION WAS TO INCLUDE THE FACT THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL NOW HAD A FIVE YEAR SUPPLY OF HOUSING LAND AND THAT THE SAFEGURDED LAND SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED PREMATURELY.

THE CLERK WAS ALSO TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS REGARDING DRAINAGE. CLLR. J. C. JONES ADVISED THE MEETING THAT THIS PROPOSAL KEPT COMING BACK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL IN DIFFERENT DISGUISES BUT THE PARISH COULD STILL NOT SUPPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT AS THE PARISH HAS INSUFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE.

CLLR. MRS. J. A. JOHNSON ADVISED THE PARISH COUNCIL THAT THEIR VIEWS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY.

THE CLERK GAVE THE PARISH COUNCIL A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE GROUNDS SHE FELT WOULD ADD VALUE TO THE CAMPAIGN TO RESIST THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00380/FUL - SUMMER HOUSE TO BE ERECTED IN THE BACK GARDEN OF 36 NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY. MEMBERS HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00390/FUL - SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS, FRONT PORCH AND BREAKFAST ROOM, REAR BEDROOM AND GARDEN ROOM AT 234 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY. MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED THAT THIS APPLICATION APPEARED TO INCLUDE LAND IN THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PARISH COUNCIL. THE CLERK WAS TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY.

17/2019 **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.

18/2019 **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.

19/2019 **APPLICATIONS FOR CASUAL VACANCIES**

The Parish Council resolved to interview the three applicants who had applied to the Clerk to be considered for the role of Councillor prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council appointed an Interview Panel which was to comprise the following:-

Cllr. J. C. Jones
Cllr. M. McKenzie
Cllr. R. Myatt
Cllr. H. Snape
Cllr. A. Newell

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and concluded the business before the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.


Chairman



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CRIME REPORT (01/05/19 – 04/06/19)

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 meeting:

- ASB 11 reports of ASB this month: 4 personal ASB issues – Tower View Rd, Colinwood Cl, Wardles Ln & Field Ln. 7 ASB community, Anson Rd – scam caller threatening and abusive behaviour over the phone. Anson Cl – youths playing football and being loud at midnight. Harrison Sports Club and Tower View Rd – youths noise nuisance and in drink. Dunston Cl – motorbike riding around on fields causing danger to others. Ongoing. Quinton Shopping centre – 1 youth related and dealt with. 1 abusive customer to takeaway worker.
- 3 Burglary related – 1 attempted break in on Ramilles Cres. 2 burglaries Upper Landywood lane and Quinton Ave. Enquiries ongoing.
- Criminal Damage 1 Pendrell Cl & 1 Lea Lane – unrelated matters but seem targeted damages. Fair Oaks Drive – attempted theft of number plates, Brook Ln – Benches were damaged – alleged offenders seen and spoken too. Other offender seem to have caused damage before younger youths being seen on the equipment. Notice board smashed no leads of enquiry.
- Karen and I have targeted our patrols, we are sometimes in a marked or unmarked car in the area as well as foot patrol. We are aware of the upcoming release of Year 11 student from school so will patrol the parks more regularly.

Incidents are been put out on smart alert and surgeries are advertised on Twitter. As ever we are on foot patrol or vehicle patrol, please share information with ourselves to help the community. Apologies for not being able to attend. Next Police Surgery @ Great Wyrley Post Office in Spar 19/06/19 1100-1200hrs

