

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER, 2019 AT GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY.

PRESENT:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Dabbs Cllr. J. Johnson Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie	Cllr. R. Myatt Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. A. Pearson Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. A. Smith
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48/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington
Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood.

49/2019 MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th September, 2019 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

50/2019 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements to be made on this occasion.

51/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. G. Smith of Great Wyrley History Society addressed the meeting regarding the base required for the Memorial Stone which will denote the corrections to the inaccurate inscriptions on the pillars to the gates of the Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Smith explained that there was a need to excavate an area of land in order to form a solid base for the Memorial Stone and that he would like the Parish Council's official permission to carry out these works. The Parish Council **resolved** that Great Wyrley History Society be granted permission to have the required works carried out.

Mr. Smith advised the meeting that all the works would be carried out by a professional company and that the Memorial Stone would be completed in time for Armistice Day. This was noted by Members.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation session of the meeting.

52/2019 CLERK'S REPORTS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION 19/00390/FUL - WALSALL ROAD

At the last meeting of the Parish Council the Clerk had been instructed to advise South Staffordshire Council that it appeared that land in the ownership of the Parish Council had been included in the curtilage of a Planning Application site plan. The Clerk had highlighted this matter with the Local Planning Authority, but as yet, had not received a response. However, the Clerk assured Members that any application which may have received planning consent would need to be built to the exact specification of the approved plans and any encroachment

onto Parish Council land would be the subject of enforcement action. This was noted by Members.

(b) NEW BUS SHELTER GORSEY LANE

Members recalled that the Parish Council had agreed to purchase a bus shelter to be positioned at Gorse Lane. This project was now coming to fruition and the Clerk was expecting the two bay cantilever structure to be in position in the near future.

Staffordshire County Council had kindly provided all the information required regarding any infrastructure such as gas, electricity, fibre optic internet, telephone lines etc. which may lie underneath the site which has been selected for the location of the new bus shelter.

In the space available at the selected location the optimum choice was that of a two bay cantilever style which would provide shelter but also allow a clear view of the approaching traffic and bus service. The seating would need to be of the "perch" variety as there was insufficient space between the back of the pavement and the highway to provide any other type of support.

Following confirmation that the Bus Operator would continue to include this area in its route the bus shelter was scheduled to be in position very shortly, but in any event before the onset of winter. This was noted by Members.

(c) ORNAMENTAL PUMP WHARWELL LANE

Members recalled that the Parish Council had entered into an agreement with the owners of 15 Wharwell Lane that it would allow the then owners to be official guardians of the pump and to carry out basic maintenance to the structure.

It had now come to the attention of the Parish Council that 15 Wharwell Lane has changed hands.

This matter was discussed at length and Cllr. J. C. Jones felt that the Pump should be brought back under the control of the Parish Council. Several ideas were put forward for consideration including relocation of the Pump to land within the Parish Council's ownership.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that this matter had come to light during early last year. At that time Cllr. Mrs. K. Williams and herself had visited the owner of 15 Wharwell Lane and an agreement had been reached that the owners would take on the maintenance of the Pump. This decision was taken on the basis that The Pump was situated on land within the ownership of the occupiers of 15 Wharwell Lane. Members noted that in previous years the Pump had come under the care of The Townswomens' Guild, however, this course of action had lapsed some time ago.

Following consideration, the suggestion to move the Pump from Wharwell Lane was discounted on the basis that the Pump should remain in Wharwell Lane and be placed as close as possible to its original position and remain under the control of the Parish Council.

Cllr. A. Smith advised the meeting that he felt it was important that the Parish Council ensure that the new owners of 15 Wharwell Lane were made aware of the situation with regard to the fact that The Pump itself was under the ownership of the Parish Council. The Clerk was to write to the new owners advising them of the situation.

(d) FUNERAL OF ROBERT LEA

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received a letter from Bob's family asking her to thank the Members of the Parish Council for their exceptional kindness and generosity during the period which led up to the passing of Bob Lea. However, those Members of the Parish Council who were able to be in attendance at the funeral on 12th September, were already aware how much it meant to the family that the wake was held at the Community Centre which gave all Bob's family an opportunity to see for themselves the work which Bob had undertaken over the years; this was felt to be a very fitting tribute to a much valued member of staff.

(e) GENERAL CONDITION OF GREAT WYRLEY

Members recalled that immediately prior to the last meeting the Parish Council had received a communication via Cllr. A. J. Kelsey from a parishioner of Great Wyrley who was extremely concerned at the general condition of Great Wyrley with regard to weed growth and lack of general maintenance works. There were a number of issues about which this parishioner had complained which the Parish Council completely agreed with. The Chairman advised the meeting that there were a number of plans afoot which may have an impact on this issue and that Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry had also put in place a number of measures which were expected to assist in this regard.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she agreed with the majority of the issues which had been raised. However, Cllr. Mrs. Perry held concerns regarding the comments about the garage blocks. It was felt that this matter should be highlighted with the organisation which held responsibility for their condition; South Staffordshire Housing Association. The Clerk was instructed to write to the person who had highlighted the issues and to also contact the Chief Executive of the South Staffordshire Housing Association ensuring that the organisation was made aware that this problem remains unresolved.

Members discussed the fact that a number of garage blocks had been left unmaintained as a precursor to redevelopment, however, not all had come to fruition. Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier asked of Councillor Perry whether she was aware of the status of the garages; as in whether they were leasehold or freehold. Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised Cllr. Brazier, that the responsibilities for the garages were widespread and varied and each garage was a separate case. This was noted.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that it was his view that the general maintenance of the villages which was no longer carried out by the principal authorities was much missed and needed to be reinstated. This was noted.

(f) MILLENNIUM GREEN FOOTPATH

Members will recall that the Parish Council included in its Budget for the forthcoming year the resurfacing of the footpath through the Millennium Green. The Clerk advised the meeting that this matter was now in progress. This was noted by Members.

(G) REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS

At the last meeting of the Parish Council Members had been given copies of the revised Standing Orders and Members had been invited to contact the Clerk prior to the meeting in order to register any objections or amendments to the

document. In the absence of any contact the Chairman advised the Parish Council that in line with the content of the General Data Protection Regulations the Clerk would no longer be including the names of the members of the general public who were in attendance at the meetings in order to address the Parish Council. Future practice would see any parishioner addressing the Parish Council referred to only as a "resident". This matter had been highlighted by the fact that the Information Commissioner's Office does not accept the guidelines in the Local Government Transparency Act as being a lawful basis to publish names. This was noted.

(h) UPDATE ON FLOODING ISSUES

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that now the Parish Council had received confirmation that South Staffordshire Council was mistaken in its claim of ownership of the land which contains the French drain on the playing field in Landywood Lane – the Parish Council needed to take immediate steps to have the French Drain returned to a more efficient operational state. Accordingly, the Clerk had requested a quotation from Mr. John Webb who had been liaising with the Flood Defence Team in an attempt to resolve this matter. This was noted by Members.

The Chairman advised the Parish Council that a number of meetings had already been held between the Flood Risk Officer and members of the Parish Council. Another meeting would be held shortly and was expected to include the affected residents of Lingfield Drive. The meeting would be of an informal nature and was merely an opportunity to update the residents on the flood protection measures being discussed. All Members would be advised of the date and time and all Members welcome to attend.

(i) HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS LANE

The Clerk had circulated to all Members a copy of Staffordshire County Council's proposals for highway improvements due to be carried out in Streets Lane. This was noted.

(j) CLOSURE OF STATION CAR PARK – 19TH OCTOBER, 2019

Members were aware that Staffordshire County Council was currently carrying out highway repairs to Landywood Lane and the bridge by the railway station in Great Wyrley/Cheslyn Hay. As part of these works, the South Staffordshire Council owned car park on Landywood Lane (adjacent to the skate park) would be closed to vehicles and the public on **Saturday 19th October for approximately 24 hours**. During this time, there would be no pedestrian access over the bridge and the car park closure was to prevent vehicles parking and members of the public attempting to walk through the works on site.

The closure itself would be managed by Staffordshire County Council. Signage was to be erected well in advance to warn the public. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that the delay in the works was completely attributable to Network Rail and not the fault of Staffordshire County Council. This was noted by Members.

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STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE

PCSO C. Timmins was in attendance at the meeting and delivered his Crime Report for September, 2019. A copy of the report is attached at **Appendix A**

54/2019 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that emergency repair works were being carried out in Jones Lane/Hazel Lane by Severn Trent Water. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry also advised the meeting that Staffordshire County Council had now effected repairs to the kerbing and surfacing of the footway alongside Landywood Lane.

55/2019 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that at the present time the District Council was monitoring the reinstatement of the land at South Cannock Farm to its condition prior to the unauthorised use of the land which had become the subject of two enforcement notices. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that there may be changes in the responsibility for closed churchyards. The meeting was advised that St. Mark's Church was not a closed churchyard and that in the event that any maintenance requirement should be cascaded down to Parishes it should be noted that there were two parishes involved with St. Marks i.e. Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay. This was noted for future reference.

56/2019 **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier advised the meeting that there had been several incidences of littering at Millennium Green which had included discarded canisters and broken glass. The Clerk advised Cllr. Mrs. Brazier that this situation was known to them and that the Parish Council Groundsmen checked the area regularly.

POTHoles ON STATION CAR PARK

Mrs. O. Brazier advised the meeting that she had received information to the effect that the potholes were to be filled on the Station Car Park but the entire area was not going to be resurfaced. This was noted.

MEETING WITH DOBSON FUNFAIRS AND PRP SECURITIES

Cllr. Ms. H. R. Snape advised the Parish Council that an informal meeting had been held immediately prior to the Parish Council meeting to discuss a suitable way forward with the Annual Bonfire Event.

The main upshot of the meeting was that there was a want to reinstate the Fair at the Event but a much scaled down version of it. The event needed to be advertised as far more family orientated and the Parish Council reserved the right to decide the nature of the rides which would be available at the Event. Dobson Funfairs had agreed to provide its own security to ensure that there was adequate control on the night itself.

Cllr. A. Smith advised the meeting that in his view it was most important that the Parish Council's Security and Mr. Dobson's security worked properly together as a cohesive approach was paramount.

Cllr. A. Newell advised the meeting that he had reservations regarding allowing

the Funfair to be reinstated to the event but understood that there was a need to try again and that it should be possible to maintain far better control with the new security arrangements.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she felt sure that as it was clearly important to Dobson Funfairs to continue with the tradition of being part of the Annual Bonfire Event that he would do his utmost to ensure that the event was not fraught with issues of anti-social behaviour. This was noted by Members.

WITHDRAWAL OF WEBSITE SERVICES

Cllr. Ms. H. R. Snape advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received a letter from the Leader of South Staffordshire Council to the effect that it would be withdrawing its IT services from Great Wyrley Parish Council by 31st December, 2019.

Cllr. Snape explained that this may be a blessing in disguise as it had not been an entirely successful venture. The Clerk was instructed to research the options relating to the provision of a new website.

REDUNDANT SIGN BASE – LANDYWOOD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr. J. C. Jones requested the Clerk to make enquiries as to who had discarded the base of a sign on the Landywood Playing Field which was now merely left on the field with no purpose whatsoever. Cllr. O. Brazier advised the meeting that this sign had been given to the Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay Community Group. The Clerk was to look into this matter.

HEDGEHOG SIGNS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she had been asked by a Parishioner if the Parish Council would be prepared to provide two Hedgehog signs for the village. Members agreed that the Clerk should research this matter with a view to the provision of the signs.

INCREASE IN FRIDAY LUNCH TICKET PRICE

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that the attendees of the Friday Lunches had been consulted regarding the price increase for tickets and that the news had not been received badly. Accordingly, there would be a price increase of £1.00 per ticket applicable from November, 2019. This was noted.

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REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the meeting that the Clerk had circulated the draft Picture Boards for erection at the Memorial Gardens. The Picture Boards formed part of a campaign to ensure that people were aware of the meaning of the various areas of the Memorial Garden which had been either newly created or enhanced by the FROG Team.

The Parish Council agreed to the content of the Picture Boards. The Clerk also requested Cllr. R. Myatt to provide clarification of the type of bin which was required at the Memorial Garden. The Clerk was to advise South Staffordshire Council that a litter bin was required at the Memorial Garden.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/00643/FUL – CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING GARAGE AT 46 LINGFIELD DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY - MEMBERS HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL BUT

RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS.

19/00694/FUL – ERECTION OF A STABLE BLOCK ON LAND SOUTH WEST OF SOUTH CANNOCK FARM, JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION AND THE CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO RESPOND TO THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY.

59/2019 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 8.25p.m.


Chairman

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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 meeting:

- Burglary residential ...2 reports this month, Streets Lane, garage broken into and off road bike taken. Weston Drive, attempt shed break, offenders have tried to force shed door.
- Vehicle crime... 6 reports... Station Road, 2 vehicles were broken into on separate nights whilst parked on the car park with tools stolen from both. Anson Road, car broken into with tools taken, Hazel Lane, items stolen from vehicle, Lockside and Oxford Close, both attempt thefts.
- Criminal damage...7... There has been a spate of vehicles damaged on Walsall Road this month with 3 vehicles damaged by unknown persons scratching them and 1 had windscreen smashed. Quinton Drive, sunroof smashed, Walsall Road, Hairdressers window smashed by known offender, enquiries in hand, Walsall Road, unknown offenders have smashed the glass counter in the butchers
- Violence...male hit by female after an argument outside pub.
- ASB... 11 reports this month mainly neighbour issues. Collinwood Close x 4. This is an ongoing issue between neighbours with enquires in hand with police officers. Walsall Road, dispute regarding children, Broadmeadow Lane dispute over a tree, Quinton Ave, 2 males urinating in the street. Youth ASB... Towerview Road, Children playing football near no ball games sign, Lingfield Drive, youths throwing stones at properties. Vehicle ASB... Oak Road, male strongly advised by officers regarding his

driving, Quinton Ave, report of 2 godheads riding down the brook. 1 ASB personal mal comms

Incidents are been put out on smart alert and surgeries are advertised on Twitter and on 28th of this month, South staffs LPT will be holding an on line surgery for residents to make contact.

PCSO Chris Timmins is now out of training and independent so coverage of the area by PCSO's has been increased.



PCSO 8852 Terry
PCSO 26358 Timmins