

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL held at Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane, Great Wyrley which commenced at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 7th September, 2022.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson Cllr. A. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie Cllr. R. Myatt Cllr. A. Newell	Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. A. D. Smith Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor
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37/2022 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier, Cllr. M. Dabbs, Cllr. A. Pearson and Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood

38/2022 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th July, 2022 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

39/2022 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman advised the Parish Council that it was his understanding that Chief Inspector David Wain had now left South Staffordshire Policing Unit and had been replaced with Chief Inspector Chris Cotton. This was noted by Members.

The Chairman advised all present that Chief Inspector Chris Cotton, had over two decades of experience in policing and started in post earlier this month after spending the past two years as a Force Duty Officer.

Apparently, Chief Inspector Cotton is really excited to use the foundations he has built in his early career to solve problems and work closely with partners in South Staffordshire. Staffordshire Police's local policing model allows him to use this experience and make sure their officers are visible and attentive with the public and their needs. This was noted by Members.

ATTENDANCE BY RYAN TAYLOR OF SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

The Chairman advised the meeting that Mr. Ryan Taylor of South Staffordshire Council was to address the Parish Council on a number of matters relating to Localities +.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and Mr. Taylor took the floor.

Mr. Taylor explained to the Parish Council that his main reason for the visit this evening was to try to motivate more Parish Councillors to engage in the projects being proposed for Locality 3.

Ryan Taylor is the Locality Enabler for Locality 3, however, he was also the Street Scene Performance and Enviro-crime Manager.

Mr. Taylor explained to Members that areas of responsibility for Local Enablers were as follows:-

- Parish Liaison
- Community Safety
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- Street Scene
- Climate Change
- Benefits, employment and homelessness
- Leisure
- Open Spaces
- High Street Recovery
- Business Support

Mr. Taylor advised the Parish Council that his role as a Locality Enabler was to facilitate the three tiers of government discussions around local issues, suggestions for solutions and decisions for change.

Mr. Taylor advised the Parish Council that one of his duties was to be the single point of contact for Parishes in Locality 3.

Another aspect of Mr. Taylor's duties was to subsequently develop, implement and monitor individual action plans put forward by individual parishes and link it all into the District Action Plan.

Mr. Taylor gave Members a brief introduction in to the main thrusts of the Locality 3 Projects which hinged on the fact that this area's key issue was financial hardship. This information had been provided by Council Tax Hardship payments, housing benefit and residents requesting support from Citizen Advice.

Mr. Taylor gave Members a brief explanation of the meaning of Enviro-Crime which encompassed fly tipping, Dog Fouling and abandoned vehicles. Mr. Taylor also explained his role in relation to climate change.

One of the purposes the Parish Council had invited Mr. Taylor to the Parish Council meeting was so that he might have the opportunity to explain to Members how the proposed Public Space Protection Order would actually work. Unfortunately, Mr. Taylor had not been able to confirm how the PSPO would be operated and kindly offered to research this matter further with Mrs. M. Quinn of South Staffordshire Council.

Another reason why Mr. Taylor had visited the Parish on this occasion was the subject of dog fouling. Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson and Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE had organised his visit so that this matter in particular could be dealt with.

Mr. Taylor explained that the prosecution of dog owners was a great deal more successful than was thought by the general public. Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson requested that Mr. Taylor consider the suggestion that the Parish Council needed a great deal more in terms of "no dog fouling" signage.

In conclusion Mr. Taylor advised the Parish Council that the Community Safety Forums would be starting up again soon and that this tranche of meetings was to be a hybrid version of both face to face and virtual. There would be Community Safety Forum held for each Locality and Maggie Quinn would be presenting the Community Safety Workshops.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Taylor for his attendance on this occasion and advised Ryan that his presentation had been very informative and the fact that he had taken the time to visit us at Parish level was much appreciated.

40/2020 REPORT BY STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

PCSO M. Tromans gave the Parish Council a full report on the crime situation within the Parish a copy of which is attached at **Appendix A.**

Bearing in mind the fact that the Crime Report on this occasion included at least a 50% increase on its usual content Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry asked PCSO Tromans whether the ANPR cameras would be of any use catching the people who were stealing cars. PCSO Tromans explained that plates would be changed as soon as the car was stolen and on this basis no cars would be identified in this way.

Cllr. A. Smith asked PCSO Tromans whether the crime rate had increased during the summer months in general or whether the anti social behaviour had been exacerbated by the bank holidays which had occurred through this period.

PCSO Tromans advised Cllr. Smith that he had been surprised that the anti-social behaviour situation had actually decreased during this period which had not been expected.

PCSO Tromans advised the Parish Council that the new Chief Inspector was planning to visit the parishes in the near future, however, PCSO Tromans was not party to his plans at the present time.

Cllr. Jones advised PCSO Tromans that the Chief Inspector had been in touch with the Parish Council and there was an intention to visit the Parish in the near future.

41/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman invited the members of the public in the gallery to address the Parish Council. There were no questions.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

42/2022 CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL

(a) Public Space Protection Order – Landywood Lane Play Area

Members' were already aware from the last meeting of the Parish Council, that South Staffordshire Council was presently in the process of producing a Public Space Protection Order to cover the Landywood Lane Play Area. Cllr. Jones advised Cllr. Myatt that the Order did also encompass the Millennium Green.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had made a number of attempts to clarify how exactly this Order would work. Up to now the Clerk had been unable to pin down any detail. It had been hoped that Mr. R. Taylor would have been able to shed more light on the actual core of the proposal; in short how it was to be policed. However, this was not the case.

For Members' information, apparently a consultation was initially held with partner agencies, the Parish Council, Neighbouring Police Forces and Local Authorities to gauge support for the PSPO. Following this a PSPO was to be drafted and then a public consultation would be held to inform the public of a proposed order which specified behaviour that, if witnessed, would be a breach of the order.

Following the public consultation if agreed by the Chief Executive, the PSPO would be served. It would be effective for 3 years and a specified area and specified behaviour was included in a document which was available on South Staffordshire Council's website and on signage in the vicinity. The process would take approximately 3 months.

A copy of the consultation letter which has been published on South Staffordshire Council's website and that of the Parish Council itself. This was noted by Members.

(b) Permission to Operate an Online Procurement Facility

Members were already aware from the report of the first meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee, that the Parish Council had needed Natwest to provide the Parish Council with an alternative means of procurement to that of cheques. This was because cheques were no longer acceptable by many suppliers. In order to utilise this facility to its optimum degree the Parish Council needed to open an online account through which to procure goods. Following discussion Members agreed that this was a good course to follow, however, Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE felt it important that Members realised that the individual members of the Council would be personally responsible for any debt which might arise should the account be hacked. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. A. D. Smith advised the Parish Council that there were ways that the Parish Council could protect itself very well indeed against any misuse of its procurement facility and kindly offered to discuss this matter with the Clerk to ensure that the Parish Council was properly covered against such an incident. The Clerk thanked Cllr. Smith for his kind offer and also reminded the Parish Council that it was covered by insurance for any such event.

Members were advised that they need not be concerned that this facility may lead to a lack of financial control as the use of such an account would be subject to exactly the same policies as any other expenditure incurred by the Parish Council and always authorised by the Parish Council beforehand.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington that the Parish Council open an online purchasing avenue to facilitate optimum value for money. It was carried.

(C) Request from Cornwells Chemists to use Star Land as a Parking Facility for Vaccination Clinic

Members were aware that Cornwells Chemists would be opening a Vaccination Clinic at the Scouts and Guides Centre in Walsall Road in the very near future. Cornwells had now asked the Parish Council if it would be possible to use The Star Land as a Car Park to facilitate the Vaccination Centre. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Pritpal Grewal regarding this matter and asked if he could let her have an idea of how he expected to manage the traffic in this area. The Clerk had also advised Mr. Grewal that she would have concerns and would want the entrance to the Star Land to be closely monitored in order to avoid the resurgence of gypsies. The Clerk also asked how he intended to deal with the problems which would inevitably arise as the grassed surface becomes deeply churned up by constant vehicle movement. It had been confirmed to The Clerk by the Parish Council ground staff that in their view the gateway to the Star Land which is situated next to The Star Public House was too close to the junction with Hilton Lane and was only capable of one way traffic. The alternative entrance at Hazel Lane which was, not only, too far away but also becomes a quagmire during the winter months does not have the benefit of lighting.

At the present time, Mr. Grewal was discussing the foregoing with Cornwell's Board and would decide whether or not he wished the question to remain on the agenda when he had received instruction. Mr. Grewal was not in attendance at the meeting.

Following thorough discussion, including details of the content of a meeting which had been attended by Cllr. A. Kelsey and Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE, the Parish Council **resolved** not to give permission for the use of the Star Land.

(d) Replacement of damaged external door to Community Centre

Members were already aware that during the period when the Community Centre was without an internet signal, it was visited by a number of telecommunication engineers. Unfortunately, one such visitor accidentally reversed into one of the side doors to the Community Centre. The driver of the vehicle was completely unaware that any contact had taken place and as he was a third party Engineer and not a Vodafone Employee it had left the Parish Council with very little recourse as it was not possible to obtain the details of the driver or the vehicle and appreciated that it was a complete accident.

On this basis quotations had been sought for the replacement of the door. Unsurprisingly in the present economic climate this had not been an easy process and only two companies had responded. Both quotations had been circulated to Members for consideration. However, the Clerk had now had an opportunity to seek an independent opinion in this regard and had been assured that the quotations received appeared to be excessive. The Clerk was of the view that it may be better to wait just a little while longer until a third quotation comes in, even though there was concern that this matter should not be left very much longer as when the winter season arrived the door would undoubtedly become brittle and ill fitting which would not only let out a great deal of heat but also compromise security.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council that she was very frustrated that the Parish Council was aware that this had taken place at the time and had taken no action to address it. Cllr. Mrs. Perry was advised that because the Parish Council had not called out the engineer itself, it was impossible to redress this matter as Vodafone had no record of the engineer either so the Parish Council's hands were tied.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to hold this matter in abeyance until such time the third quotation was received.

(e) Suggested Road Names for Landywood Development

Following the approval by South Staffordshire Council of a residential development at Landywood Lane they have received a request for a naming and numbering scheme from Royal Mail.

The Developers had no preference and had asked the Parish Council and Ward Members for suggestions. Three road names were required.

Following discussion Members agreed that they would forward any suggestions to the Clerk for her to pass on to the South Staffordshire Council.

(f) Conclusion of Annual Audit and Date for Audit and Governance Committee Meeting

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the Annual Audit had now concluded without any advisory issues and it now fell to the Parish Council to set a date for the interim meeting of the Annual Audit and Governance Committee. The Parish Council **resolved** to meet on Tuesday 11th October, 2022 and noted that the Parish Council's Internal Auditor would be present on this occasion.

(g) Repairs to Concrete Skate Park and Proposal to Re-open BMX Track following Cutting back of Vegetation on Landywood Lane Playing Field

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the foundation area of one corner of the skate park which had been compromised by vandals during last few months had now been repaired and was now completely safe and fit for the purpose.

The Clerk explained to Members that whilst these works were taking place, the works to cut back the trees and hedges on the playing field area had also taken place close to the original BMX track. Consequently a large portion was uncovered and the question was asked by the Tree Surgeon whether the Parish Council would like to have the entire track uncovered. Doing so would make it available for children to play on it again, which may well become popular particularly as BMX riding is currently the subject of quite a resurgence, due to the sport being highlighted at the Commonwealth Games.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that the Chairman be given permission to approach RS Arboriculture for a quotation to clear the area and open up the BMX Track. It was carried.

(h) Annual Tree Survey

The Parish Council had received information that the company which had previously carried out its annual tree survey may no longer be offering this service, However, the Clerk was still awaiting official confirmation that this was the case; should this information prove to be correct the Clerk would be pleased if Members could give consideration to allowing her to contact alternative service providers with an invitation to tender for the works.

The Parish Council **resolved** to allow the Clerk to approach alternative providers. It was carried.

(i) Memorial Wall Project

The Clerk advised the meeting that the works to the Memorial Wall in Great Wyrley Cemetery had now commenced in that the footings had been prepared and construction works were expected to begin in the near future. However, where the footings had now been dug it had revealed an area to the rear which may be in need of clearance prior to the construction of the wall itself. The clearance would require a couple of runs with a digger/scrapper to remove the accumulated detritus. The Clerk requested Councillors to give consideration to agreeing to this course of action prior to the construction of the wall itself as the wall will block access to the area in need of clearance. The Clerk explained that as with everything there would be a cost implication involved, however, at the present time the Clerk was awaiting confirmation of the exact amount from the contractor.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE complimented the Ground Staff on the brilliant works they had carried out in the Cemetery recently and asked the Clerk to pass on the Parish Council's thanks.

The Parish Council **resolved** to agree to the course of action recommended in the Clerk's Report.

(j) Temporary Overnight Closures of M6 Motorway

The Parish Council had received notification from National Highways of proposed closures to the M6 Motorway in order to carry out vital resurfacing work. The Clerk had circulated a copy of the information received to all Members.

(k) Permanent Traffic Regulation Order – Landywood Lane

The Parish Council had received notification of the proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Order relating to Landywood Lane. The details were outlined below for Members’ information.

The Order is being made in the interests of road safety.

**Staffordshire County Council
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Proposed Prohibition of waiting at any time on C0049
Landywood Lane, Great Wyrley**

Schedule

Implementation of a prohibition of waiting at any time on the southern side of C0049 Landywood Lane, Great Wyrley, from a point approximately 98 metres east of the centreline of the junction with Landywood Green (D4468), in an easterly direction for a length of approximately 148 metres.

Implementation of a prohibition of waiting at any time on unnamed access into new development off the southern side of Landywood Lane located approximately 119 metres east of the centreline of the junction with Landywood Green (D4468), from its junction with C0049 Landywood Lane in a southerly direction for approximately 15 metres.

Implementation of a prohibition of waiting at any time on unnamed access into new development off the southern side of Landywood Lane located approximately 212 metres east of the centreline of the junction with Landywood Green (D4468), from its junction with C0049 Landywood Lane in a south easterly direction for approximately 7 metres.

Statement of Reasons

The prohibition of waiting at any time is required in the interests of road safety. These measures form part of the planning permission for the development at land south of Landywood Lane.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council meeting that she felt it was most important to ask the question as to what traffic calming measures would be put in place to slow down the traffic on this very fast stretch of road.

(l) Offer of Project funding from CPC Civils under Community Payback Scheme

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received the following communication from a company by the name of CPC Civils. This company was currently working on behalf of Severn Trent Water and the following email was self-explanatory.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I do hope this email finds you well. We’re a civil engineering company and we’re carrying out some improvement works on behalf of Severn Trent Water in Great Wyrley on the Churchill Estate. We’re scheduled to be in the area till January 2023. I’m contacting you as we’d like to meet you and discuss any possible areas where we could get involved with any groups or projects within the community that would benefit from our business whilst our project is in the area carrying out these improvements on behalf of our client.

Please feel free to contact me on the number below or by replying to the email. I look forward to hearing

Best wishes,
Lisa Brindley Stakeholder Engagement Manager

Should the Parish Council be minded to accept CPC Civils kind offer to carry out works in the community on the Parish Council’s behalf it may be that they would be prepared to fund and carry out the hawthorn planting to enhance the security of the fencing between the Railway Station and Landywood Lane Playing Field.

Cllr. J. C. Jones also suggested that perhaps funding could be sought from this source to cover the re-opening of the BMX track which was also in the same area.

Following discussion Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council that it may be beneficial to give Members time to consider this offer as there may be well other areas in need of attention, which may be closer to the area where the disruptive works had been focussed. Members agreed to bring any suggestions back to the Parish Council.

(m) Suggestions from Community Problem Solver and Crime Prevention Officer of Staffordshire Police re: Protection of Community Centre and Millennium Green

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that she had received the following communication from PCSO Karen Terry following a site visit she attended with one of their Crime Prevention officers taking place at The Quinton Centre and Landywood Lane skatepark. The visit was with regard to the issues the Police have been experiencing with youths in the area.

The following suggestions had been put forward by the Crime Prevention Officer:-

Community Centre

- Defenda Strips added to the areas which are being used to climb or pull up onto the buildings. The Defenda strips will deflect offenders as the plastic spikes will be uncomfortable for them. The above would require the appropriate and clear signage displayed to deflect offenders and be in line with Health and Safety and The Occupiers Liability Act 1984 requirements.
- Anti-Climb paint is applied to the areas of the rooftop and any climbing aids being used to access the rooftop, such as any drainpipes. The correct signage would need to be displayed. This would set rules, target harden, identify the offender, deny benefits and discourage imitation; ultimately deflecting the offender and be in line with The Occupiers Liability Act 1984 as clothing and skin would be marked.
- Defensive planting utilised around the buildings would target harden and not be an unwelcome sight to visitors of the area. A list of plants recommended can be provided if required.

Millennium Green

Groups of young people are gathering and causing ASB at this location. It is therefore recommended:

- The use of the benches by the local community is reviewed. Should they not be utilised other than for the groups who are causing the ASB it is recommended that they are removed.
- The hedging and shrubbery around the concreted fenced area, circled below in red, are fully removed. This would increase the natural surveillance of this area and limit the area that litter, including glass alcohol bottles, is thrown into. It is currently a secluded area with no surveillance opportunities.
- Removal of graffiti as seen in below picture as this is likely to encourage further crime and anti-social behaviour in line with "The Broken Window Theory".

- It was highlighted that there are plans to arrange activities for legitimate use of this area which is encouraged. This will disperse any anti-social behaviour from this area if activities are in line with key times of current anti-social behaviour 15:30 – 21:00 hours.”

The Clerk explained that DefendaStrip was a brand name for an innovative, new product designed to simplify access deterrent measures minimising injury risk and thus saving companies thousands of pounds. At the present time the company was completely closed and would not reopen until 12th September. This was noted.

Following discussion, Members **resolved** that they agreed with some of the recommendations, however, not all the suggestions relating to the removal of shrubbery etc. from the Millennium Green.

The Parish Council was, however, very interested in the possibility of procuring Warning Signs, Anti Vandal Paint and Defenda Strips. The Clerk was instructed to research the possibility of funding under the Community Safety Fund which had been mentioned by Ryan Taylor earlier in the meeting.

(n) Renewal of Scramble Netting in Jones Lane Play Area

The Parish Council Ground Staff had recently reported that the plastic covering over the metal ropes which form the scramble netting on Jones Lane Play Area was presently in the process of disintegrating. This was due to good old fashioned wear and tear. The Clerk requested Members to give consideration to including its replacement in the budget for the next financial year as this problem once the protective covering had worn off completely would lead to metal splintering and possible injury to users.

Following discussion Members agreed that the Clerk should research the costs involved with replacing the scramble Nets with a view to its purchase. The Clerk was to report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council as to the cost implication.

(o) Energy Price Capping

Cllr. J. C. Jones has requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the meeting as clearly this matter was something which would need to be factored in to the budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to ensure that the hike in utilities would be included in the consideration of the precept requirement for the forthcoming financial year.

43/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council that she did not have a great deal to report on this occasion other than the fact that there were a number of funding pots to become available in the near future to support diverse communities. There was also chance that the funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's pot may go towards the anti-vandal measures which had been discussed earlier.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry then advised the Parish Council that Catherine Care would no longer be operating Great Wyrley Library.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry gave Members a brief report on the explanation she had received from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture which basically advised that there would be forthcoming changes to the management of Great Wyrley Library.

The Cabinet Member advised that Great Wyrley was one of 27 Community Managed Libraries in Staffordshire, in which the management and day-to-day running was taken on by a Community Group, while the County Council remained responsible for providing stock and IT and for paying agreed utility and maintenance costs.

The authority regarded this scheme as a great success and was committed to it continuing. For the last five years Great Wyrley library had been successfully managed by Catherine Care, a local provider of services to adults with learning difficulties. However, as the end of the contract approached, Catherine Care had indicated it wished to focus on its core operations and did not want to renew the arrangement. The Council, therefore, would begin work to put a new management group in place. The Cabinet Member stressed that the day-to-day running of the library would not be affected in the short term and a change in community management did not threaten its future.

Catherine Care would continue to manage the library until January, 2023, after which, if needed, the County Council would directly manage the volunteers for a period until a transition process was completed. Catherine Care had announced its intentions to volunteers, supported by the County Council's Library Community Support Officer, and they would explain what was happening and answer any questions they may have.

This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also explained that for the future, free home to school transport would continue in September for those entitled to it with additional temporary hygiene and safety measures on dedicated school services. Those entitled to free travel on public transport would also be able to get to school without a problem, with the County Council willing to provide temporary increased capacity on busy routes if necessary. This was noted by Members.

44/2022 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that she did not have a great deal to report on this occasion as they had only just returned to the District Council following the August recess.

Cllr. Mrs. Johnson did, however, have one item which she felt would be of great benefit to the area in that Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre was to be refurbished.

The refurbishment works would commence at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre on Monday, September 19th 2022 and would include improvements to the swimming pool, changing rooms, reception area and gym facility. During the refurbishment period the swimming pool and swimming pool changing rooms would be closed. Customers would need to book in at the temporary reception which would be located in front of the leisure centre.

Cllr. Mrs. Johnson also advised the Parish Council that 95% of residents of South Staffordshire had now received their Council Tax Energy Rebate of £150.00. This was noted by Members.

45/2022 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

THEFT FROM BUSHBURY CREMATORIUM

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the Parish Council that it needed to be vigilant in the coming weeks as he was sadly aware that brass plaques were being stolen from Bushbury Crematorium. Members agreed that this was a disgraceful situation, but reassured Cllr. Myatt that there were no brass plaques in Great Wyrley Cemetery. This was noted by Members.

OLYMPIC TORCH

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that the Olympic Torch for Churchbridge would shortly be coming to fruition. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also requested that the Parish Council officially thank Bruce Johnson and Mrs. Johnson for all the work he had done to the A34 Planters this year, they had looked absolutely magnificent. Cllr. Jones was to meet with Mr. Johnson in the near future and would happily pass on the Parish Council wishes.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry also advised the Parish Council that she was presently attempting to make suitable arrangements to bring the Friday Lunches back into operation. This was not proving to be particularly easy and there was a definite need for volunteers to assist with these events. This was noted by Members.

46/2022 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Cllr. A. Kelsey thanked the Parish Council for their very kind words with regard to the Carnival and agreed that he had been very pleased indeed that it had been such a successful; event. Cllr. J. C. Jones again took this opportunity to thank Cllr. Kelsey for making the 42nd Great Wyrley Carnival such a great event. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE also thanked Cllr. Kelsey along with the Carnival Committee Members for their tremendous effort on behalf of the village.

HISTORY SOCIETY – OPEN DAY

Cllr. A. Newell advised the Parish Council meeting that the History Society would be holding its Open Day shortly and for Members information they would be exhibiting the burial records which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

47/2022 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00711/FUL - ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION PROJECTING 2.58M FROM EXISTING DWELLING, 3.0M WIDE AT 6 TELFORD AVENUE, GREAT WYRLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE, WS6 6BS. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

CLLR. MRS. K. M. PERRY MBE AND CLLR. R. J. PERRY DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS PROPOSAL AND DID NOT SPEAK OR VOTE ON THE MATTER.

22/00776/FUL - 1 NO. PROPOSED DWELLING TO THE SIDE (SOUTH) OF 15 HUT HILL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE BASIS THAT IT HAS AN INSUFFICIENT PLOT SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE A PROPOSAL OF THIS SCALE.

FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT OVER THE AUGUST RECESS.

22/00679/FUL - SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 21 BENTONS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

22/00712/FUL – FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION OVER EXISTING GARAGE, SINGLE STOREY SIDE KITCHEN EXTENSION WITH BALCONY ABOVE, SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSIONS COMPRISING GARAGE, UTILITY AND PORCH. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

22/00621/FUL – A PORCH ON THE FRONT OF THE BUNGALOW WITH A FLOOR AREA OF 6 SQUARE METRES. RE-USING THE ORIGINAL FRONT WINDOW AND DOOR TO

MATCH THE OTHER WINDOW. A PITCH TILED ROOF MIMICKING THE EXISTING ROOF LINE. THE PORCH BLOCK WORK AND THE FRONT WALL WILL BE RENDERED CREAM TO MATCH. GREY DRY VERGING WILL BE FITTED TO BOTH ROOFS - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

22/00753/FUL – SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION REPLACING EXISTING OUTBUILDING PLUS MASONRY POTTING SHED TO SIDE ELEVATION OF 35 JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

48/2022 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.

49/2022 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.

50/2022 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Following discussion the Parish Council unanimously **resolved to** support the recommendations made under this item.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Chairman