

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 5th October, 2022.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Dabbs Cllr. A. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie Cllr. A. Pearson	Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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51/2022 ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Chairman invited all Members to join him in a one minute's silence in memory of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II. All stood for one minute in a silent tribute.

The Chairman then delivered the proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III to the throne. A copy of the proclamation is attached at **Appendix A** for ease of reference.

52/2022 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Cllr. R. Myatt, Cllr. A. Newell, Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington and Cllr. A. Smith.

53/2022 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September, 2022 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

54/2022 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised Members that he did not have any specific announcements to make on this occasion other than to advise all Members that the new Chief Inspector of Police had made arrangements to visit Great Wyrley Parish on 25th October. Chief Inspector Chris Cotton was to take Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry and himself on a tour of the trouble hotspots in the Parish so that he could familiarise himself with the situation being tolerated within the Parish at the moment. Cllr. Jones invited all Members to report to the Clerk with any issues which they wished to be brought to the Chief Inspector's attention. This was noted by Members.

55/2020 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 B**.

56/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

57/2022 CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL

(a) Tribute to the late HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Parish Council was fully aware of the want by residents for the Parish Council to provide a suitable tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II. A number of suggestions had been put forward. One of the suggestions which had been

put forward for this project was that the Parish Council should work together with all the agencies in the village, as it had when the tribute to the NHS was being developed. However, on this occasion Cllr. J. C. Jones felt that the Parish Council should take ownership of this project itself. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council that she also felt that this project should be organised and funded by the Parish Council itself. Cllr. Mrs. Perry felt that to place the memorial inside the Memorial Gardens would result in a situation where not many people would actually have a chance to see the tribute itself.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry's suggestion was that a suitable memorial would take the shape of a metal coin showing the profile of the Queen and the dates. Such a tribute could then be attached to the railings to the side of the Memorial Gates which would then leave the railings to the other side of the Memorial Gates free for a matching tribute to be erected on the Coronation of King Charles III. Both of these tributes would then be much higher profile and there for all to see.

The Parish Council **resolved** that this was an excellent idea and Cllr. Mrs. Perry was to discuss this matter with the local tradesman who was working on the Olympic Torch Tribute. Cllr. Mrs. Perry agreed that she would report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council on this subject.

(b) Request for Double Yellow Lines in Streets Lane

The Parish Council had recently been approached by a resident of Weston Drive, (Off Streets Lane) with a request that the Parish Council apply for double yellow lines to be imposed at the Landywood Halt end of Streets Lane.

The resident in question had waited for 20 minutes to access her own home when she contacted the Parish Council. This situation had arisen because there were so many cars parked along both sides of the entrance to Streets Lane that the bus was unable to get through and was also unable to reverse due to traffic built up behind it. Eventually, the Birmingham train arrived at the platform and the passengers who had left their cars parked so inconsiderately removed the vehicles and the bus continued its journey.

Members were well aware that this situation existed, however, at the present time it may be premature as an additional car park was to be provided shortly as part of the Landywood Housing Development. Cllr. Mrs. Perry offered to put this request on the list for consideration for the imposition of Double Yellow Lines, however, it would need to be thoroughly consulted upon to ensure that this would not cause an even bigger nuisance to residents.

Cllr. A. Kelsey advised the meeting that the main problem related to people collecting passengers from the trains which were coming in from Birmingham etc. and his concern was that it wasn't the people who were using the trains it was the people who were collecting commuters from the Streets Lane side of the station. On this basis he was unsure whether the new car park would have a beneficial effect.

The Parish Council **resolved** to hold this matter in abeyance until the associated car park had been constructed.

(c) South Staffordshire Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2023-2027

The Clerk advised the meeting that South Staffordshire Council was pleased to inform Members that a full draft of the new Housing and Homelessness Strategy for South Staffordshire had now been published for public consultation.

The draft strategy can be viewed via South Staffordshire Council's website. The District Council would welcome any comments or feedback you have on the strategy. **Please provide these via email to housingstrategy@sstaffs.gov.uk.**

The consultation period will close at 12pm on Friday 21 October. All comments received by this deadline will be reviewed and relevant changes made to the strategy where appropriate. The Council would then be bringing forward the strategy for formal adoption by the Council by the end of the year. This was noted by Members.

(d) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

The Parish Council had received a request from South Staffordshire Council to advise all Members to review their Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests. If any Member had any changes they wished to make to their published declaration could they please contact the Clerk so that arrangements could be made for this to take place. This was noted by Members.

58 /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. However, it may be possible that by use of some of her funding it may be that a barrier could be placed at the end of the gulley way which had recently been the scene of a serious accident. Cllr. Mrs. Perry was hopeful that this would be carried out as she felt it very important to make every effort to make sure that this never happened again.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that she had received an email from an Officer of the County Council asking whether the Parish Council would have any interest in the future of Great Wyrley Library. The Parish Council discussed this matter at length and agreed that as there were a number of questions which needed to be clarified the Officer should be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr. J. C. Jones was concerned that there may be a possibility that the Library could be lost. Cllr. Mrs. Perry was to discuss this matter with the Officer of the Library Service and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he had recently reported damage to a footpath within the village and had been surprised to be advised that it was not of sufficient scale to warrant attention. This was noted by Members

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that although it appeared that Staffordshire County Council was bringing the village to a standstill with road works, she needed to defend the County Council as in fairness, it was only acting as traffic management as it was compelled to act on the instructions of the utility services in these matters.

59/2022 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council that as a District Councillor she had recently attended a meeting relating to three tier working. Cllr. Mrs. Perry had flagged up at the meeting the fact that in her view the village organisations should be working together rather than competing against each other; more liaison between groups would be much more productive. This was noted.

The other subject which had been covered related to climate change and Cllr. Mrs. Perry was concerned that in the current economic climate this was merely adding additional pressure on already stretched financial resources.

60 /2022 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

NEGLECTED WAR GRAVE IN GREAT WYRLEY CEMETERY

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he had received a communication from

the War Graves Commission asking permission to refurbish a particular grave in Great Wyrley Cemetery. The Parish Council was aware of the grave under discussion and **resolved** to grant permission for any works the War Graves Commission felt appropriate. This was noted.

BMX TRACK REFURBISHMENT

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the Parish Council that he had now received the quotation for the works required to the BMX track to bring it back into a usable condition. Unfortunately, the quotation was a great deal more than was expected i.e. £6,000.00. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she felt that the Parish Council should hold this matter in abeyance until such time as the Parish Council had a complete picture of expenditure on play areas. This was noted.

DETERIORATING TREE ON MILLENNIUM GREEN

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that there was a tree which had deteriorated very badly on the Millennium Green and there was another tree with a large overhanging canopy which was obstructing the pathway. The Parish Council **resolved** that the condition of the failing tree should be assessed and removed if necessary. Should this be the case a new tree would be planted in its place. The removal of the overhanging branches would also be assessed and dealt with accordingly. This was noted.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Members agreed to place the matter of the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

61/2022 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that Mr. Ian Moreton who had been the Headteacher at Great Wyrley Academy had now moved to a new school. As this change had happened so incredibly quickly, Cllr. Mrs. Perry had written to Mr. Moreton and thanked him on the Parish Council's behalf for all the work he had put in with a number of projects within the Parish and wishing him every success for the future. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. Perry for her action on the Parish Council's behalf.

FOOTING FOR THE MEMORIAL WALL

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that the footings to the Memorial Wall had now been constructed and all the concrete had been donated by Treeway Fencing. This was a very generous gesture and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Company.

62/2022 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00831/FUL – PROPOSED LOFT CONVERSION INCLUDING REAR DORMER ROOF EXTENSION AND ROOF BALCONY AT 4 MARTIN GROVE, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION PROVIDED THERE WERE NO NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS AT WHICH POINT IT WOULD OFFER ITS SUPPORT.

22/00763/FUL – RETENTION OF 5 NO. LIGHTING COLUMNS AND ASSOCIATED LUMINAIRES FOR EXISTING STABLES AT JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS OF LIGHT POLLUTION.

22/00799/TTREE – TPO NO. 161/1997 QUERCUS SPP (OAK) CROWN REDUCTION BY UP 20% AT 6 OAKEN GRANGE, CHESLYN HAY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THESE TREE WORKS.

63/2022

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.

The meeting closed at 8.21 p.m.

Chairman

Ladies and Gentlemen, The Proclamation of the Accession.

Whereas it has pleased almighty God to call to his Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other member of Her Late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Alderman and Citizens of London and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our Late Sovereign of Happy Memory become out only lawful and rightful liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith to who we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over us.

5th October, 2022



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CRIME REPORT. 06/09/2022 to 05/10/2022

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.

- Anti-social behaviour
ASB personal... 1
 - **Neighbour dispute.**

ASB community...3

- **Landywood Enterprise Park** – Male refusing to leave business premises. Male had left on officer arrival.
 - **St Marks Church** – Report of youths hanging around the church yard, smoking cannabis.
 - **Walsall Rd**– Report of youths gaining access to abandoned community support centre. Officers have attended but no persons present. Owners of property and South Staffs council contacted.
- Vehicle Crime...10
 - **Gorseley Ln** – Report of attempt theft of Range Rover Sport. Offenders have made off in a car on cloned plates.
 - **Landywood Ln** – Report of victims work vehicle broken into. Personal items stolen from with.
 - **Jacobs Hall Ln** – Report of van stolen from street by unknown offender. Keyless theft.
 - **Gorseley Ln** - Unknown offenders have stolen Black Range Rover from driveway. Keyless theft.
 - **Colinwood Cl** – Unknown offenders have attempted to steal Suzuki motorcycle from driveway. Offenders have been unsuccessful and made off.
 - **Fairoaks Dr** – Unknown offenders have stolen motor home from driveway.
 - **Holly Ln** – Unknown offenders have stolen courier van whilst driver has been making a delivery.
 - **Norton Ln** – Unknown offenders have damaged van parked on car park.
 - **Hilton Ln** – Report of Range Rover Evoque stolen from driveway. Keyless theft.
 - **Elliot Dr** – Report of theft of caravan from driveway.
 - Burglary...4
 - **Ramillies Cr** – Unknown offenders have stolen post package from within porch of property. Offenders have gained access to porch via insecure front door, taken package and made off from location.
 - **Wardles Ln** – Report of break in at property. Small amount of cash stolen. Believed to be family related. Victim does not want any further action taking.
 - **Brook Ln** – Unknown offenders have removed an insecure window panel at the rear of the property being renovated, gaining entry but have not stolen anything as there are nothing of value at the location.

- **Wardles Ln (Reclassified as Robbery)**– Report of attempt theft of bike from property by group of males. Large disturbance outside of property. Offenders have made off from location empty handed. Officers have attended and recovered offenders' vehicles for forensic examination. Enquiries ongoing.
- Criminal damage...
 - **Weston Dr** – Report of damage to plants. Dispute between neighbours. No cctv or witnesses.
 - **Estridge Ln** – Report of rear property window being smashed by unknown offender.

Your local neighbourhood teams have been conducting regular patrols in the Great Wyrley area. We currently have two ongoing neighbourhood operations that are ongoing in the South Staffs area-

- Op Cable – neighbourhood officers targeting ASB hotspots around South Staffs, including Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley.
- Op Lightening – neighbourhood officers targeting road crime within the South staffs area.
- Please recommend Smart Alert to any residents interested
<https://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/>



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