

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 1ST March, 2023.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie	Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue).

122/2023 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. M. Dabbs, Cllr. A. Pearson, Cllr. A. Smith, Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington and Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor.

123/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE has a standing interest in any items relating to planning applications on the basis that she represents Locality 3 at South Staffordshire Council's Planning Committee meetings, and would, therefore, not vote on any planning matters brought before the Parish Council.

124/2023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February, 2023 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman. It was carried.

125/2023 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and advised all present that he did not have any specific announcements to make on this occasion other than the following items:-

(i) Resignation of Cllr. Adam Pearson

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Clerk had received notification of the resignation of Cllr. Adam Pearson which was to take effect immediately. The Clerk was to write to Cllr. Pearson thanking him for his valuable contribution to the Parish Council over his term of service. This was noted.

(ii) Cars Driving Over Grassed Area in Paddock Lane

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received a response from the Housing Association with regard to the issue of cars driving over the grassed area in Paddock Lane. The Housing Association was to organise a letter drop to the properties in the area advising all residents that this behaviour was prohibited and that further action would be taken if the situation persisted. This was noted by Members.

(iii) Lighting Column for Paddock Lane

The Chairman advised the Parish Council that The Housing Association was also in the process of investigating the possibility of the installation of a street lighting column in Paddock Lane which was much needed on safety grounds. This was noted by Members.

(iv) Staffordshire Police Service

The Chairman advised the meeting that there were no Police Community Support Officers able to present at the meeting, accordingly, a copy of Crime Report for March had been circulated to all Members. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE thanked the Chairman for sharing this information with the Parish Council, however, it needed to be noted that the Crime Report for Great Wyrley appeared to be getting longer every month. Cllr. Mrs. Perry recognised the fact that there was not a great deal the Parish Council could do to improve the situation, but felt it was a time to be more vigilant than ever. This was noted by Members.

126/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the Parish Council to be addressed by Members of the public.

There was one member of the public present in the Public Gallery on this occasion. No issues were raised.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders and the business to be transacted at the meeting was recommenced.

127/2023 CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL

(a) Memorial Wall at Great Wyrley Cemetery

Members of the Parish Council were already aware that the work on the Memorial Wall at Great Wyrley Cemetery was now almost complete and was looking really impressive.

The next stage of the build was to include the hard landscaping of the setting of the structure. This was set to include low bench seating, positioned forward of the wall and to each side of the Memorial Wall allowing for easy wheelchair access.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that it would be beneficial to hold a meeting of the Cemetery Working Group in order to refine the details with a view to reporting back to the Parish Council prior to any final decisions being made. It was carried.

(b) Coronation of King Charles III

Members were, of course, aware that The Coronation of Charles III and his wife Camilla as King and Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms was scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at Westminster Abbey.

At the last meeting of the Council, Members had placed an amount of £2000 into the earmarked funds to commemorate this occasion.

It had now fallen to Members to consider what they would like to see happen to commemorate the Coronation in the Parish of Great Wyrley.

Following discussion the consensus of opinion was that it may be beneficial to focus the main celebration on an open air band event in conjunction with Churches Together to be held on the Millennium Green between 12 noon and 2.00pm. The Clerk was to research the possibilities of this proposal with Great Wyrley Community Band.

(c) Speed Indication Devices Streets Lane and Landywood Lane

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the two solar powered Speed Indication Devices which had been on the waiting list for almost three years had now been installed. There was one camera in Streets Lane and another camera on Landywood Lane.

Cllr. J. Jones reminded the Parish Council that a camera was also needed on Holly Lane. Cllr Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that she was to approach Staffordshire County Council with a request for an additional camera at Holly Lane. Cllr. Jones welcomed the installation of the cameras themselves but felt it would be much more beneficial to position a camera just before the turning into Streets Lane off Old Landywood Lane. This was noted by Members.

Unfortunately, the camera in Streets Lane had not been positioned in the most beneficial place as it was just past the Landywood Church at the narrowest part of the highway. Members felt that this could only lead to corrupted data and the Clerk was to request that this particular camera was relocated further down Streets Lane opposite the entrance to Weston Drive. Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that another camera at the widest part of Streets Lane would also be useful. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she had spoken to Mr. M. Keeling of Staffordshire County Council who had agreed to speak to the District Council with a view to having the camera relocated. This was noted by Members.

128/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she did not have a Great deal to report on this occasion due to the fact that she had been in recovery from her recent surgery. Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that she had a list of issues which she was to raise with Staffordshire County Council Highways the following week these issues included the following:-

- Bentons Lane Junction
- Double yellow lines in Streets Lane
- Repainting of the white lines and the raised area at the crossing in Wardles Lane

129/2023 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the Parish Council that she did not have a great deal to report on this occasion as the elections would be taking place in the next few months. Cllr. Mrs. Johnson advised the meeting that everyone would need Photo ID to be able to vote. The Council Tax bills would be sent out shortly and Cllr. Mrs. Johnson was pleased to say that the District Council Council Tax was still amongst the lowest in the country.

Cllr. Mrs. Johnson also advised the meeting that Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre was currently undergoing a refurbishment and hopefully this would be completed in the near future.

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that in her opinion the Parish Council

should make sure that everyone was made aware that they would have to have their photographic ID with them to be able to vote. There was a list of documents which would be accepted but a lot of people did not know what they were.

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier asked whether there was a website available which give this information. Cllr. Jones advised Cllr. Mrs. Brazier that the District Council's website was giving this information.

The Clerk was instructed to spread the message as much as possible along with uploading onto the website and placing on all the village notice boards .

130/2023 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that the X51 and the No. 1. Bus Services were being badly impacted by the road works taking place in Holly Lane. Cllr. Mrs. Wood was also concerned that neither the setting up of the traffic lights nor the timings had been given enough thought. This had created exactly the same chaos as the last time. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that there was a bridge down at The Orbital which had been closed for some time because work had been taking place by both Severn Trent Water and Network Rail. Cllr. Jones asked of Members whether anyone was aware when the bridge, which led to Bridgtown, would be reopened. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that these works did not come under the jurisdiction of Staffordshire County Council and unfortunately, she was unable to throw any light on when the works would be completed. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Jones also asked of Members whether they were aware of when the Footpath would be reopened close to the Love Tunnel. The Clerk was to attempt to obtain this information from CPC Civils. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised Cllr. Jones that all of these works were being carried out as part of the project with Severn Trent Water.

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that the Notice Board on the Millennium Green was now looking a great deal better and had now been varnished. Cllr. Mrs. Wood was still working on how best to protect the Noticeboard. Cllr. Jones advised Cllr. Mrs. Wood that it would be nice if the Board could be completed by the King's Coronation Event to hopefully be held on the Millennium Green. Cllr. Mrs. Wood advised the meeting that it may not be finished by that time. This was noted by Members.

131/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from outside bodies.

132/2023 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00073/FUL – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO THE EASTERN ELEVATION OF FLINDERS, 29 OLDE HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS IF NECESSARY.

23/00082/FULHH - PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ROOF EXTENSIONS ALTERATIONS TO FENESTRATION AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FRONT EXTENSION AND REAR EXTENSION AT THE BIRCHES, HAZEL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY - THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY.

22/01174/FUL – SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO COMPLY WITH BUILDING REGULATIONS FOR PROPOSED NEW KITCHEN AND DINING AREA AT 30 LEACROFT LANE, CHURCHBRIDGE. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION.

APPEAL UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1980 – LANDYWOOD FARM HOUSE, LANDYWOOD FARM LANE, CHESLYN HAY – RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR RETENTION OF AGRICULTURAL BARN. THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE DISTRICT COUNCIL’S REFUSAL OF THIS APPLICATION AND HAD NOT CHANGED ITS OPINION.

APPEAL UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1980 –HOLLYHURST, HOLLY LANE, CHESLYN HAY – ERECTION OF PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED TWO STOREY DWELLINGS. THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE DISTRICT COUNCIL’S REFUSAL OF THIS APPLICATION AND HAD NOT CHANGED ITS OPINION.

133/2023 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.

134/2023 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.

135/2023 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Parish Council noted the issues which had been raised by the Chairman of the Council.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman.....Date.....