

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 April, 2023.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier 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).

136/2023 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

137/2022 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.

138/2023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

139/2023 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 to remind Members that this would probably be the last but one meeting of the Parish Council which had been sitting for the last four years.

With the forthcoming Parish and District Council elections to be held on 4th May, he wished to take this opportunity to thank all of the Members present and those who were not present on this occasion, for all their hard work and dedication over the last term and to thank them for their support during his term in the Chair. This was noted by Members.

140/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

There were three Members of the public present on this occasion, two of which addressed the Parish Council.

One member of the public present in the Public Gallery was extremely concerned that her property in Walsall Road was constantly being flooded and the car parking area to the front of the houses was covered in black silt, which was creating a slip hazard. The resident advised the meeting that she had already written to the Parish Council regarding this matter, however, she had not yet received a response.

The Clerk advised the member of the public that she had indeed received her letter and had responded. The content of the Clerk's response was that she had contacted Mr. R. Taylor of South Staffordshire Council with a request that the relevant area be swept and that Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE had kindly contacted Staffordshire County Council Highways with a request that the drains in this location be inspected and cleared. This was noted.

Another member of the public present asked the Parish Council if there was any danger of any of the drains being cleared in Great Wyrley as they had not been cleared for ten years. The Chairman advised the resident that 'yes' there was and that they would be cleared in line with the rolling programme. This was noted.

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

141/2023 CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL

(a) APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – RAINBOW CLUB

The Parish Council had received an application from the person who runs a voluntary group for adults with learning difficulties from the Great Wyrley Voluntary Centre. At the present time they were organising a Charity Ball to be held at the Premiere Suite, Cannock on Saturday 29th April 2023 to fund raise towards taking their members on some fun trips in the Summer.

By way of background The Rainbow Club had been running for over 40 years from the Voluntary Centre and offered a service where members could socialise on a Wednesday evening, join in activities, and go on trips. They had a dedicated team of volunteers who had given up their evenings to help run the group. The applicant had herself been a volunteer at the group for 12 years (starting at the age of 11) and had grown up with the incredible people who attend the group.

The Rainbow Club was now asking for a donation of sponsorship for the event so that they could raise as much money as possible to keep the group running and give their members some fabulous opportunities and experiences.

Following consideration the Parish Council **resolved** to defer making a decision on this request whilst it sought additional information as to how this request would fit into the Grant Aid scheme criteria. The Clerk was to forward a copy of the rules and regulations directly to the applicant and await a response. This was noted.

(b) APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – WYRLEY PRETENDERS

The Parish Council had received an application from Wyrley Pretenders for financial assistance under the Grant Aid Scheme. Wyrley Pretenders was the village's Performing Arts Society and had been operating for over 18 years. Unfortunately, as a not for profit community group, due to COVID19 and the present economic climate they had now found themselves in need of support. They had a loyal and enthusiastic following from the village, many of whom had enjoyed their Christmas pantomimes for a considerable number of years. This was something they would really like to continue to provide for the village and its residents as their society was inclusive of all. They were wondering if there was any financial support that the Council could provide them with. Or alternatively if there was any support the Council was aware of that it could guide them towards.

Following consideration the Parish Council **resolved** to defer making a decision on this request whilst it sought additional information as to how this request would fit into the Grant Aid scheme criteria. The Clerk was to forward a copy of the rules and

regulations directly to the applicant and await a response. This was noted.

(c) UPDATE ON KING'S CORONATION EVENT

At the last meeting of the Parish Council Members had discussed the idea of holding an event on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the King's Coronation in conjunction with Churches Together and The Great Wyrley Community Band. Unfortunately, this plan has gone slightly awry in that the Great Wyrley Community Band was unavailable.

The Chairman requested Members to put forward any ideas they may have regarding this issue. The main consensus of opinion was that the Parish Council should hold an event to commemorate such an occasion.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to hold an event on the Landywood Playing Field which would take the form of an informal Picnic in the Park where residents could bring their own chairs/tables etc. and their own picnic. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of musical entertainment for the adults along with children's entertainment and a barbecue provided by the Scouts and Guides.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE kindly offered to contact a local entertainer and Cllr. A. J. Kelsey kindly offered to contact two Children's entertainers and the Scouts and Guides. Obviously there was not a great deal of time to arrange this event and urgent action was now required. This was noted by Members.

(d) CHILL OUT YOUTH CLUBS

Members recalled that the Parish Council had been approached last year to be part of a project which was alleged to be running in conjunction with South Staffordshire Council. The project involved an organisation which had been commissioned to deliver Chill Out Clubs for 8-18 year olds in 2022-2023; work had been ongoing to try to establish a number of Chill Out Clubs over the past 12 months. The approach to the Parish Council concerned a donation towards free places for youths who following having attended a free session would be sponsored by the Parish Council to attend future sessions.

The Parish Council felt that it would be beneficial to hangfire with any donation until such time as the Chill-Out Clubs had established a routine and then they would discuss the matter further. However, there appear to have been a number of challenges throughout this process and South Staffordshire Council had now provided the following update to clarify the situation going forwards.

South Staffordshire Council was currently working with SCVYS (Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services) which promoted and supported voluntary organisations providing positive activities for children, young people, and families. Existing and potential Chill Out Clubs delivered within the voluntary sector would be supported by SCVYS. Additional Chill-Out Clubs may open during the Spring and Summer but would not be funded by South Staffordshire Council.

Should these be delivered on a private basis they would not meet the membership criteria for SCVYS. There had been a lot of confusing feedback regarding this case and it would now seem that the District Council had withdrawn its support for the project. This was noted by Members.

(e) SURVEY OF TREES IN PARISH COUNCIL OWNERSHIP

As Members were already aware the Parish Council had for a number of years had the trees in its ownership assessed for safety and general condition on an annual basis. This practise had continued up until 2021. Morfe Valley Tree Surgeons who had carried out this task in the past no longer offer this service and the Clerk had

now approached a number of alternative organisations but had only received one expression of interest.

Rob Keyzor Tree Surgeons & Arboricultural Consultants Ltd of Woodseaves in Stafford had come highly recommended by the District Council and the quotation received had been circulated to all Members for their consideration.

Members noted that this organisation recommended that the assessment should be only carried out every three years and not on annual basis as was recommended to us by the previous contractor.

The recommendations being made by Rob Keyzor Arboriculture would result in a considerable saving for the Parish Council and following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to accept the quotation and the Clerk was instructed to advise the contractor that this was the case.

(f) REPRESENTATIVES ON SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Parish Council had received an invitation from South Staffordshire Council to nominate a Parish Council representative to sit on its Standards and Resources Committee.

Bearing in mind the fact that the Local government Elections were to be held in the very near future Members **resolved** to defer this matter until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(g) DATE FOR THE MEETING OF THE CEMETERY WORKING PARTY

Members recalled the decision was made at the last meeting of the Council that a meeting of the Cemetery Working Party should be called to discuss the finer detail on the Memorial Wall. Accordingly, the Parish Council agreed to meet at 12 noon on Wednesday 12th April at Great Wyrley Cemetery. This was noted by Members.

142/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that funding was currently being put forward by Skivies toward the improvement of lives of young people, the criteria being poverty inclusion and well being. The funding was coming from the ASDA U18 Better Start Grants which provided foundation grants for local groups aimed at supporting a broad range of activities for children under the age of 18 which contributed towards transforming communities and improving children's lives.

The funding ranges from £400 to £1600 and the deadline was 2nd June, 2023. Should any member know of a charity which could benefit from funding of this nature they will also need to be aware that the funding was only available for new projects and not towards running costs. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the County Council was also trialling a Pilot Scheme under the banner of Kill your Speed Not a Child. This pilot scheme was being trialled in a specific area and would not be County wide at the present time. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the remedial works and white lining to the crossing in Hilton Lane would be carried out within the next three weeks and that additional funding had been made available to look at Category 3 potholes. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry invited all Members to let the Clerk know of the existence of any potholes in the Great Wyrley and Landywood areas which could be raised with the

County Council at a forthcoming meeting. This was noted by Members.

143/2023 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council that two Speed Indication Devices had been installed within the village, one of which was positioned in the wrong place.

The two SIDS were put in locations where the police data had dictated and that they would have to stay there for six months to monitor the speeds and usage and then if the Parish council wanted them to be moved it would have to pay for the pole. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that the SID cameras were effective, however, the Streets Lane camera definitely needed to be relocated to a more suitable position. This was noted by Members.

144/2023 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

BENTONS LANE PARKING

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood asked Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry if she had made any progress with the Bentons Lane parking situation. Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised Cllr. Mrs. Wood that this issue was being looked into at the present time with a view to action being taken. This was noted by Members.

ANNUAL BONFIRE EVENT

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier reminded the meeting that it had intended to discuss the Annual Bonfire event at a future meeting. The Chairman advised Cllr. Mrs. Brazier that this matter would be a decision for the new Parish Council and would be discussed after 9th May. This was noted.

FORMER GREAT WYRLEY SUPPORT UNIT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she was extremely concerned at the state of the property on Walsall Road which was in the process of being redeveloped. This site was an absolute disgrace and presently representing a danger to the public. The Clerk was instructed to contact the owners of the building and request that immediate action was taken to tidy the site. This was noted by Members.

145/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that there would be a St. George's Day Parade held on 22nd April, 2023 and Great Wyrley Carnival would be held on 24th June, 2023.

146/2023 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00120/FULHH-PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AT 35 NORFOLK GROVE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS IF NECESSARY.

23/00094/FUL - ALTERATIONS TO 3 NO. WINDOW OPENINGS TO ALLOW FOR INTERNAL REORDERING OF THE HEALTH CENTRE, INSTALLATION OF BULL NOSE ANTI -CRIME, FASCIA SYSTEM EXTERNALLY; INSTALLATION OF AHU PLANT ON ROOF;UPGRADE AND EXTENSION OF UPVC CLADDING ON SINGLE STOREY BLOCKS. AMENDED DESCRIPTION AND AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED FOR GREAT WYRLEY HEALTH CENTRE, WARDLES 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.

22/01134/FUL – CONSTRUCTION OF TWO 3 BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES AT THE GARAGE SITE, CHILLINGTON CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION.

22/00905/FUL - DETACHED GARAGE/WORKSHOP TO REAR GARDEN AND NEW PITCHED ROOF TO SIDE OF MAIN HOUSE TO REPLACE FLAT ROOF AT 58 SHAWS 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.

23/000254/FUL – SINGLE STOREY COURTYARD INFILL EXTENSION WITH ROOF TOP TERRACE AND FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION OVER EXISTING SINGLE STOREY PROJECTION AT 387 WALSALL ROAD, 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.

147/2023 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.

148/2023 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.

149/2023 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Parish Council noted the issues which had been outlined in the Clerk’s confidential Report and duly authorised the recommendations within it.

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

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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