

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 10TH January, 2024.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Jackson Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. D. Norris	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 Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue) and the Parish Administrator (Ms. D. May).

92/2023 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr. D. F. W. Norris and Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor.

93/2023 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE had 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.

94/2023 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Parish Council **resolved** to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December, 2023. It was carried.

95/2023 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked all the Members of the Parish Council for their hard work at the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch; it had been a really great day and everyone had enjoyed it very much indeed. The Chairman also thanked those Councillors who had been kind enough to donate raffle prizes for the event.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the Parish Council that she was very pleased with the way the event had gone and reminded the Chairman that, last year, the Parish Council had given small tokens of thanks to the ladies who had attended the event from Great Wyrley Academy. Their presence had assisted enormously with the lunches and Cllr. Mrs. Perry requested that the Parish Council do so again. The Clerk was to arrange for suitable gifts and thank you cards to be given to the four ladies involved.

The Chairman also thanked Cllr. A. Kelsey for yet again organising the New Year's Day Walk. The Chairman felt that massive thanks were due to Cllr. Kelsey for keeping up this tradition which had been very much enjoyed. This was noted.

96/2023 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT 2024

(a) Projected Income and Expenditure for the forthcoming Financial Year

The Clerk had circulated to all Members a copy of a summary of the budget for the Parish Council which gave details of all income and expenditure, along with the earmarked reserves for special projects. A copy of the summary is appended to the minutes for ease of reference. **Please see Appendix 1.**

The Clerk explained that the summary gave comparisons between the figures for the previous year and the figures for the period from 1st April, 2023 to 31st December, 2023.

Despite the fact that the current figures did not represent a complete year, they were able to give Members a fairly accurate reflection of the Parish Council's financial position. The figures referred to had been set by the Annual Governance and Audit Committee (based on previous years) on 26th October, 2023 and subsequently ratified by Council on 8th November, 2023. A copy of the minutes referred to above are attached at **Appendix 2.**

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that, unfortunately due to the timescales applied by South Staffordshire Council for the submission of Annual Parish Precept requests, it was impossible to have the entire year's figures to work from. However, Councillors were able to tell from the Budget Summary that there was a blank column for the next financial year's forecast of receipts and payments. The Clerk explained that for ease of reference, any increase applied on normal running costs could take the form of a percentage increase across the board, rather than individual itemisation. This was, of course, entirely up to individual Members, should there be any specific category which Members felt would warrant discussion then this would take place as a matter of course.

For clarification purposes, Members noted that the Budget Summary was split into several categories, referred to as Cost Centres. These Cost Centres were set up at the Inaugural Meeting of the Annual Audit and Governance Committee on 15th October, 2022 and ratified by Council on 2nd November, 2022.

For clarification purposes; The Cost Centres remained as follows:-

- **Administration** – this Cost Centre covered salaries for all departments and general administration functions of the Parish Council. The sub-headings below the main headings were the separate codes to which the costs were allocated. These showed what the Parish Council budgeted for last year and the actual costs as at 31st December, 2023. The third column was for the forecast of the likely spend for the forthcoming financial year (the comparisons would assist Members in the decision making process).
- **Amenities** – this Cost Centre covered grounds maintenance, utilities, play areas, bus shelters, trees etc. (the remainder of the codes were set out in sub-headings beneath the Amenities Cost Centre as with Administration above).
- **Cemetery** – this Cost Centre covered burials, memorials, transfer of deeds, utilities etc. (the remainder of the codes were set out in sub-headings beneath as with the foregoing and all pertained to Great Wyrley Cemetery).
- **Community Centre** – this Cost Centre covered all costs pertaining to the Community Centre and all the separate codes were listed beneath the heading.

- **Parish Activities** – this Cost Centre covered all costs pertaining to events or facilities such as the Christmas Lunches, the Christmas Lights, the Parish Assembly etc. (again the remainder of the Cost Codes were set out as sub-headings below the main Cost Centre.

It now fell to the Parish Council to review the figures shown on the detailed budget summary and set its budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Members saw from the figures that the actual income from the hire of the Community Centre from 1st April, 2023 to the last banking date which was 30th December, 2023, stood at £9,978.40.

Members also saw from the figures that the Parish Council was still clearly not making any profit from hiring out the Community Centre. The upturn in the amount of bookings being taken had now balanced out a little but still needed to be viewed against the fact that weekend bookings required staffing, utility costs and other extras for each event including cleaning.

The change to the arrangements in place for some of the weekly bookings, whereby a member of staff was only required to open up and close the building had assisted a little. In addition most of the weekend engagements had been for children's parties when only one member of staff was required to be on duty and this had also made a slight difference. This was noted by Members.

The Clerk also pointed out at this juncture that there would be a significant increase in the National Living Wage in April, 2024, which would mean that Community Centre Hire Charges would need to be increased in order to make hiring out the premises remotely viable.

The Clerk advised the meeting that The National Living wage currently stood at £10.42 per hour for an employee over the age of 25 years. This figure was due to increase again in April to £11.44 per hour and applied to all employees over the age of 21. Accordingly, it needed to be recognised that the charges being levied for hire were presently not set at a point where the Parish Council was breaking even. It was more likely that with a charge of only £14.00 per hour (after 5.00p.m. during the week) the Parish Council would continue to actually operate at a loss. This was noted by Members.

Members agreed that any substantial increase in hiring fees would be applied only to the weekend private hires and not to the day to day clubs and societies who provide such a valued service to the community.

(b) Review of Fees and Charges – Cemetery and Community Centre Hire

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Parish Council had in the past levied a small increase in its fees and charges each year; normally, in order to keep in line with inflation. However, Members had not felt that when the rate of inflation was running at 10.5% that that figure could continue to be used as its guideline when setting the 2023 figures.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the rate of inflation was presently running at 3.9% which was far lower than forecast and Members may wish to chose to use this as a loose guideline to assist in setting the figures for 2024.

Following in depth discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to increase the charges levied for hiring of the Community Centre and Cemetery Fees by 3%. It was carried.

(c) Existing Earmarked Items for Financial Year 2023/24

Members were aware that each year the Parish Council earmarked funds to cover projects which it wished to pursue in the future.

Members recognised the fact that there were a number of projects which had been on this list for some time, however, the majority of these projects were now coming to fruition and were expected to be completed shortly. Members noted that there was an explanation of the existing position for each project laid out in the following table:-

ONGOING PROJECTS		
Memorial Wall at Great Wyrley Cemetery	This project was now virtually complete. The Parish Council had already overspent on this budget by approximately £2.9K. The remainder of the works to complete the hard landscaping treatment would incur an additional £4,250.00. This treatment would include steps, handrails and seating. The Parish Council resolved to include the sum of £4,250.00 in its earmarked funds for this purpose.	£4,250.00
Olympic Torch Commemoration	This project seemed to have been on the anvil for a very long time. However, the Clerk had been assured by the company dealing with this matter that, as the delay was entirely the fault of their organisation, that there would be no change in the original sum quoted and the project would come to fruition shortly. The Parish Council had also received a very sincere apology for the delay which was completely beyond the control of Dale Engineering. The Parish Council resolved to retain the £2000 earmarked for this project.	£2,000.00
Roof to the Community Centre	The roof to the Community Centre continued not to present a problem to date, however, Members still felt it prudent to continue to retain the £4000.00 earmarked funds to cover any eventuality bearing in mind the roof to the Community Centre was now well over its guarantee period. Accordingly, the Parish Council resolved to retain the £4000.00 already earmarked for this project.	£4,000.00
Community Centre Garage	Members were advised that this project had now been discontinued on the basis that the garage door was repairable and there was no longer any need to reconfigure the entrance to the garage. On this basis the Parish Council resolved to retain the £2000 already earmarked to cover the repairs.	£2000.00
Wyrley Brook Project	Members were aware that £5,000 of this budget item was originally included in earmarked funds as it was expected to go towards the funding of a joint contract with DEFRA, Severn Trent and Staffordshire County Council. Clarification was still required as to whether	£7000.00

	<p>this funding was going to be required as the project had now become one of far larger scale and was expected to be financed by DEFRA. In the event that the funding was no longer required the Parish Council resolved that it should be put towards the Great Wyrley Brook Project and expended on a much more localised function. To be confirmed by DEFRA.</p>	
<p>Replacement Boiler to the Community Centre</p>	<p>The Clerk advised the Parish Council that it would appear that the problem with the central heating boiler to the Community Centre may well have been resolved due to the diligent works of a different Central Heating Engineering Company. That same company had also advised the Parish Council that it did not agree that the Boiler was defective at all and stated that it was perfectly fit for the purpose. Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to decrease the amount of earmarked funding for this project to £7,500.00.</p>	<p>£7,500.00</p>
<p>Unforeseen Expenses</p>	<p>Members were still cognisant of the fact that the percentage of the Parish Council's funds which had already been expended on unforeseen legal expenses, insurance claims and assistance from outside agencies resolved to retain £10,000 in its earmarked funds for this purpose.</p>	<p>£10,000.00</p>
<p>Emergency Tree Works</p>	<p>The Parish Council resolved that as it had now made it policy that all the trees in its ownership were subject to an inspection every three years to ensure their stability and the safety of the public; it should continue to place the amount of £7,000 in earmarked funds for this purpose. This sum was in addition to the amount budgeted for in the financial forecast.</p>	<p>£7,000.00</p>
<p>Donations received from Covid Vaccination Patients</p>	<p>This amount represented the portion of the donations which were made by people visiting the Community Centre to have their Covid vaccinations which was split between a number of charities. The £800 was included in the earmarked figures as it was yet to be donated by the Parish Council to a worthy cause of its choice.</p>	<p>£800.00</p>
<p>Annual Bonfire Event</p>	<p>The future of this event needed to be discussed, reviewed and decided upon. Accordingly, the Parish Council resolved that this matter be included as an agenda item for the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting to be held before the end of January. This amount was to be retained in earmarked funds until such time as a decision had been made.</p>	<p>£5,500.00</p>

Commemoration of the reign of King Charles III	The Parish Council presently had £2000 in earmarked funds to call upon should there be a wish to commemorate the King's Coronation. The Parish Council resolved to retain this amount in the earmarked funds for this purpose.	£2000.00
Elections	The Clerk explained that there were no Local Government Elections expected to take place during the forthcoming financial year which were expected to impact upon the Parish Council's finances. This was noted by Members. Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to retain the remaining amount of the original earmarked funds for this purpose which currently stood at £3,2991.00	£3,299.91
Commemoration of the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II	The Parish Council had already agreed to commemorate the reign of the Late Queen Elizabeth II and a design had already been agreed for a suitable tribute, however, this project had been delayed for the same reason as the Olympic Torch Tribute as described above. Accordingly, the Parish Council resolved to retain the sum of £1,600 in its earmarked funds for this purpose.	£1,600.00
Memorial Gardens Maintenance	Following the dissolution of the FROGS Voluntary Organisation the Parish Council now had a sum of £3,605.76 to be ring fenced for maintenance works at Great Wyrley Memorial Garden. The Parish Council resolved to retain this amount in its earmarked fund for works associated with the Memorial Garden.	£3,605.76
Christmas Lights	As Members were aware the Parish Council had now given its Christmas Lights contract to Turnock Ltd. The Parish Council resolved that this matter was to be referred to the Audit and Governance Committee meeting for a decision to be made whether to increase the budget figure for this purpose.	
Replacement Partition Doors	The Parish Council had already been advised that there may be a need to replace the dividing doors between The Main Hall and The Lounge area. This was because the doors were now almost completely impossible to open and close due to the weight of the doors and the strength of the supporting track. These doors were replaced by the insurance company following the flood. The amount of funds required will depend upon the type of dividing doors the Parish Council would like to see as a replacement.	£10,000.00

	Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to place £10,000 in earmarked funds for this purpose.	
Replacement Chairs for Main Hall	<p>The chairs which were presently being used for large events which took place in The Main Hall were now becoming desperate for replacement. Although they had survived the flood in the main, many of them were upholstered and were now both subject to rusting and various other defects.</p> <p>Precise costings would vary, however, it would seem that plastic/metal chairs rather than upholstered seats and back supports would be the optimum choice. Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to earmark an amount of £5,000 for this purpose.</p>	£5,000.00
Replacement Play Equipment for all Play Areas in Great Wyrley	<p>Members were aware there were quite extensive repairs required to the play areas all around the Village and at the last count this amounted to a total of £2,632.22. This figure was exclusive of VAT.</p> <p>The repairs required to the play equipment in the parks located around the Parish were all simple repairs and did not signify that the equipment was unsafe, however, as the sum required to regularise the situation was reasonably large the Parish Council resolved that this matter be referred to the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee to facilitate the decision making process.</p>	
Provision of Outdoor Gym Equipment	<p>The Parish Council had already agreed in principle to include the provision of outdoor gym equipment on the Landywood Lane Playing Field. However, there may well be a funding opportunity to procure such items and Members may wish to include an amount for this project into the earmarked fund now or await the outcome of a number of funding applications which will be in process shortly. Outdoor Gym Equipment was not as costly as was first thought and seemed very popular in adjoining Parishes. Items of equipment range from £10,000 for multi gyms to £500 for rowing machines. The Clerk was instructed to look into funding streams for this purpose prior to any inclusion in the earmarked funds.</p>	
Contingency Fund for Protection of Local Items of Special Interest	<p>Members recalled that at the end of last year Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE suggested (in her capacity as a South Staffordshire District Councillor) that the Parish Council may wish to follow the District Council's lead and</p>	£2,000.00

	<p>create a small contingency fund to be put in place to assist with the protection of important items within the Parish in terms of heritage. The following items had been put forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swan Public House • The Pump in Wharwell Lane • The Star Public House • The Institute on the corner of Norton Lane • St. Mark's Church • St. Andrew's Church • Streets Lane Chapel • The Old Vicarage behind St. Marks • The Old School <p>It should also be noted that any items which were placed on this list would also be afforded some form of protection in terms of the Planning System.</p> <p>Members need to decide an appropriate amount to be placed in the budget for such purposes.</p> <p>The Parish Council resolved to include the amount of £2,000.00 as its earmarked funding for this purpose.</p>	
BUS SHELTER STREETS LANE	<p>The Parish Council had been asked to consider the installation of a bus shelter in Streets lane. The amount of funding needed for this provision would be in the region of £3000.00 dependent upon the model required.</p> <p>The Parish Council resolved to earmark the sum of £3000 for this purpose.</p>	£3000.00
The following items represent expected expense and donations to local organisations.		
Great Wyrley Scouts and Guide Movement	Contribution towards refreshments etc. for the New Year's Day Walk	£100.00
Great Wyrley Carnival Committee	Donation towards Great Wyrley Carnival Event.	£400.00
Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	Annual donation towards to the running of the Senior Citizens Welfare organisation.	£1100.00

(d) Precept Requirement for Financial Year 2024/25

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report set out a number of factors which Members felt should be taken into account whilst setting the Parish Council's budget for 2024/2025. The Clerk took this opportunity to remind all Members that each and every Councillor had an individual responsibility for the financial soundness of the Parish Council not just as a body. This was noted by Members.

2.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Clerk advised the meeting that the purpose of this report was to ensure that all Members of the Parish Council were fully aware of the financial position of Great Wyrley Parish Council and were also abreast of any changes which may come to fruition in the future. It needed to be recognised that any changes cascading down to the Parish Council i.e. Parish Council elections or other unforeseen events which were out of its direct control would still have the potential to result in a significant increase in both expenditure and responsibility. This was noted by Members.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Clerk advised the meeting that Great Wyrley's tax base for 2024/2025 had increased from **3373.70 to 3392.78** this represented a percentage increase of 0.5642% which was minimal in real terms but nevertheless still affected the precept income of the Parish Council. This was noted by Members.

**4.0 PRINCIPAL COUNCILS' LEVY
STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that at the present time there was no published indication of Staffordshire County Council budget proposals for 2024/25. This was noted by Members.

DISTRICT COUNCIL LEVY - SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

The Clerk advised the meeting that South Staffordshire Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy included an assumption that Council Tax would increase by £5 for a Band D equivalent property. This was the maximum allowable increase in Council Tax without triggering a referendum by principal authorities. This decision was yet to be ratified. This was noted by Members.

5.0 GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION

The Clerk advised the meeting that at the present time the financial position of Great Wyrley Parish Council could be considered as reasonably robust. However, having said that the Parish Council's finances had now stabilised which could be seen from the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December, 2023 which formed part of Appendix 1. This figure would, of course, decrease following ratification of the cheques to be drawn on the account following authorisation at this meeting.

Members were aware The Parish Council invested last year in a computerised finance package which had indeed obviated the need to employ an outside contractor to prepare the Parish Council's annual accounts. However, as explained last year to make this work accurately the Parish Council needed to go back to setting a budget for the four main components of expenditure from Parish Council funds which are The Community Centre, The Cemetery, Amenities and Administration. These were the figures already provided to Members.

The budgets referred to above would have been set under Agenda Item (1)

projected expenditure etc. These figures would now be considered along with expected expenditure and inflation to allow the Parish Council to set its precept.

The Parish Council also needed to take into account that there was no longer an embargo on Local Government salary increases and Parish Council Staff should have a salary review on an annual basis. This should be carried out for all staff to keep in line with recognised guidelines.

The Clerk explained that albeit, there were still a number of issues to be resolved, the Parish Council's financial situation was relatively healthy. However, whereas in the past, it would have probably provided a stable platform upon which the Parish Council could exercise its option to either not change its precept requirement or levy a small percentage increase; this was not a course of action being recommended by principal authorities for the forthcoming financial year.

As the Clerk understood the situation, Parish Councils were being openly encouraged to raise their precept requirements for this year on the basis of a number of factors. One of those factors related to the suggestion that if Parish Councils had the necessary funds to put toward larger highway improvement projects it would have a far better chance of those projects coming to fruition with match funding from Staffordshire County Council. This was noted by Members.

This was clearly a factor which needed to be taken into account and to assist in the decision making process the Clerk had set out a table showing the increase which would be generated by a graduating percentage increase from 1.5% up to a 5% increase on the existing precept (£206,179.00) as a guide:-

An increase of 1.95%	= £4,020.49
An increase of 2.00%	= £4123.58
An increase of 3.00%	= £6185.37
An increase of 4.00%	= £8247.16
An increase of 5.00%	= £10,308.95
Should the Parish Council be minded to go with the rate of inflation this was currently running at 3.9%	= £8040.98

6.0 **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion the Clerk advised the Parish Council that as at 8th January, 2024 the Parish Council's Balance at bank totalled £184,101.83. The Parish Council's earmarked funds stood at £58,809.12. These figures did not include any changes to the earmarked funds arising from the decisions made at the meeting itself. This was noted by Members.

Following an in depth discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to increase its precept by 5%. It was carried.

98/2023 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she did not have a great deal to report on this occasion. However, she was more than happy to take any questions from Members.

99/2023 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. M. Jackson advised the meeting that he had been requested to look in to the possibility of providing lighting at the cut through between Elliott Drive on the Churchbridge Development and Brooklands Avenue. Apparently this situation was

being looked into in terms of criminal activity which would add weight to the case as would public support. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that lighting was not a matter for the County Council and that this problem was arising in many areas. Cllr. Mrs. Perry emphasised the fact that it was the responsibility of the developer to ensure that adequate street lighting was provided and that this was something that we should all bear in mind and enforce whenever possible.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry reminded the Parish Council that none of the principal authorities had any spare budget to be able to absorb situations such as these. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Jackson advised the meeting that he would be driving this project forward. This was noted by Members.

100/2023 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. D. Norris asked the Parish Council what the situation was in relation to the damaged railings at the Cemetery Drive. The Clerk advised the meeting that the railings had now been stabilised and these would be painted to match the existing railings shortly.

Cllr. Norris asked whether the invoice for these works had been sent to the owner of the property concerned. The Clerk advised Cllr. Norris that this matter was still in the hands of the Legal Department at South Staffordshire Council and until this matter was resolved the Parish Council would not be taking action to recoup the cost involved. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had no choice other than to ensure that the railings were stable to protect public safety. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. D. Norris advised the Parish Council that he had spoken to the Solicitor dealing with this case who had advised him that the District Council knew nothing about this matter. The Clerk advised Cllr. Norris that Mrs. Cooper was fully aware of the situation relating to the railings. The Clerk clarified that there were two other issues relating to encroachment onto Cemetery land neither of which could be progressed until the Land Registry details could confirm exactly what title was shown on the Register of Title Plan for the property which had recently changed hands. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had mistakenly assumed that these two separate items were one issue and had now clarified this with the Legal Department.

For clarification purposes there were three separate issues relating to the Cemetery which were as follows; there are no specific details of the properties concerned in order to avoid breaching Data Protection guidelines:-

- Long standing encroachment into the Cemetery where a shed had been sited. This property had recently changed hands and the new Register of Title needed to be obtained prior to any action being taken.
- Unauthorised extension of garden onto Cemetery Land. This matter was now in the hands of the Southern Staffordshire Shared Legal Partnership.
- The unauthorised damage to the railings to the side of the Cemetery Drive. This matter was currently being dealt with by Southern Staffordshire Shared Legal Partnership.

Cllr. Norris agreed that he understood this was the situation. This was also noted by Members.

Cllr. Norris also advised the meeting that a situation had arisen over the weekend whereby oil appeared to have been spread all over the Cemetery Drive which he felt

was coming from car tyres associated with the garage. The Chairman advised Cllr. Norris that this was unfortunate, however, this issue did not come under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE reinforced Cllr. Jones' view and advised that this was not a matter for the Parish Council. This was noted by Members. Cllr. Norris advised the Parish Council that he had also contacted Cheslyn Hay Parish Council regarding this matter. This was noted.

101/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that the New Year's Day Walk had been very well attended indeed and that there had been about 40 walkers on the day. Luckily the weather had been kind to everyone that day unlike the following day when the heaven's opened. Cllr. Jones thanked Cllr. Kelsey for his brilliant efforts in making the arrangements for the day.

102/2023 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00924/FUL – ERECTION OF A DETACHED 2 STOREY 2 BEDROOM DWELLING ON LAND OFF HARTWELL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS PROPOSAL ON THE BASIS THAT IT HAS UNSUSTAINABLE ACCESS AND REPRESENTS OVERDEVELOPMENT.

23/01075/FULHH – TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION; PART TWO STOREY, PART SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION; CONSTRUCTION OF PORCH AND BAY WINDOW TO FRONT AT 268 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

23/00804/FULHH – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SIDE GARAGE AND REAR GARDEN ROOM AND ERECTION OF NEW TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AT 15 HUTHILL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS PROPOSAL ON THE BASIS THAT IT DID NOT DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE PREVIOUS PROPOSAL WHICH THE PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDERED TO BE OVERDEVELOPMENT AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE AMENITY OF ADJOINING RESIDENTS.

23/00946/FULHH – RETENTION OF DRIVEWAY GATES, FRONT BOUNDARY WALL AND RAILINGS AND BRICK PILLARS AT 14 JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEARBY NEIGHBOURS SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY.

103/2023 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.

104/2023 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.

105/2023 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Parish Council noted the contents of the Clerk's report and agreed to await the outcome of the planning appeal.

Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to the option recommended in the report submitted by the Parish Administrator.

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

The meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

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