

## **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 7<sup>TH</sup> February, 2024.**

### **Present:**

**(Chairman)**  
**Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE**

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE Cllr. R. J. Perry	Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor. Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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Also in attendance was Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue)

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

In the absence of both the Chairman, Cllr. J. C. Jones and the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. M. Jackson, it was proposed by Cllr. A. Kelsey and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor that Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE take the Chair. It was carried.

### **106/2023 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier, Cllr. J. C. Jones, Cllr. M. Jackson, Cllr. A. Newell, Cllr. D. F. W. Norris and Cllr. D. Norris.

### **107/2023 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.

### **108/2023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Parish Council **resolved** to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. It was carried.

The Parish Council **resolved** to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Audit and Governance meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood suggested that the minutes included a paragraph which she felt was silly and out of context and should be removed regarding parking at the Community Centre. The Clerk agreed to amend the minutes to satisfy this query. It was carried.

### **109/2023 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council there were no announcements to be made on this occasion.

### **110/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were several members of the public present in the gallery on this occasion, however, there was no desire expressed to address the Parish Council as the main reason for their attendance was with regard to the Pool View Planning application. This was noted.

The Chairman explained that the public participation session of the meeting would be their only opportunity to speak on any subject and that once Standing Orders

were reinstated members of the public would not be able to join the discussion. This was noted.

## **111/2023 CLERK'S REPORTS**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED BY AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FOR RATIFICATION BY FULL COUNCIL**

The purpose of referring the recommendations made by the Audit and Governance Committee was to ensure that each and every Member of the Parish Council was party to the decision making process.

Unfortunately, on this occasion full ratification would not be possible as so many Members of the Parish Council had been unable to attend the meeting. Accordingly, this matter was deferred and placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was carried.

However, Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE took the opportunity to explain to the residents in the Public Gallery that each year the Parish Council earmarked funds for specific projects which it had programmed for the future. This was noted.

The majority of the individual projects are itemised below for information:-

#### **Existing Earmarked Items for Financial Year 2023/24**

##### **Memorial Wall at Great Wyrley Cemetery**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE advised the residents in the public gallery that the Parish Council was presently in the process of providing a Memorial Wall in Great Wyrley Cemetery. This project had been quite a lengthy process, however, the Parish Council was confident that it was nearing its completion and would prolong the life of the Cemetery, in that ashes may also be scattered in the wild flower meadow which was to be situated to the rear of the Wall and plaques could be attached to the front of the Memorial Wall as a permanent commemoration. This was noted.

##### **Olympic Torch Commemoration**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that the Parish Council had also earmarked funds to commemorate the fact that the Olympic Torch had been carried through Great Wyrley. Even though it had taken such a long time to attain all the permissions which were required for such a structure this project was now very close to fruition. This was noted.

##### **Flat Roof to the Community Centre, Community Centre Garage and Replacement Boiler**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that the Parish Council had ensured that should any expenditure be necessary to repair the flat roof to the Community Centre that sufficient funds were available. Cllr. Mrs. Perry also explained that all of these items needed to be maintained and the Parish Council always needed to keep in mind a situation whereby repairs were needed to the Community Centre Garage or whether there would be a need to replace the Central Heating Boiler.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE explained that these were just some of the things which needed to be budgeted for the future. This was noted.

##### **Wyrley Brook**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE explained to the members of the public present in the Public Gallery that the Parish Council had for some years been earmarking funds to be put

towards a project to enhance the appearance of Great Wyrley Brook.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that no one body had the responsibility for Wyrley Brook. The responsibility for the Brook was split between Severn Trent Water, Staffordshire County Council, Staffordshire District Council and the Housing Association.

By way of clarification Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE explained that following all the incidences of flooding in the area, Wyrley Brook was now part of a far bigger programme which included the involvement of DEFRA and that it was hoped that certain planned works would alleviate much of the problems with flooding.

However, until the works which form the bigger picture were completed the Parish Council was retaining funding in earmarked resources to be utilised following the completion of the programmed works. This was noted.

### **Unforeseen Expenses**

The meeting was advised that the Parish Council always needed to keep money in reserve for unforeseen expenses which could be required at any time; often for such purposes such as legal expenses or employing consultants from outside agencies. This was noted.

### **Emergency Tree Works**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE explained that it was absolutely essential that the Parish Council ensured that funds were available for emergency tree works. This was because works to trees was one of the largest expenses the Parish Council had to bear due to the sheer number of trees on the land in its ownership. This was noted.

### **Commemoration of the reign of the Late Queen Elizabeth II** **Commemoration of the ascension of King Charles III**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE advised the meeting that The Parish Council presently had earmarked funds to call upon for the project presently in progress to commemorate both the reign of the late Queen and the Coronation of Kings Charles III. This was noted.

### **Annual Bonfire Event**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that the future of this event had needed to be discussed, reviewed and decided upon at the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee. The Audit and Governance Committee had resolved that this was a decision to be made by the Parish Council as a whole and accordingly it was to be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

However, Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE took this opportunity to explain that the Parish Council had been advised by Staffordshire Police Service that the event had outgrown the Parish Council and that the Police Service would no longer be prepared to take any responsibility for the security of the event.

Members had agreed that to ignore this advice would be foolhardy and made the informal resolution to reallocate the Annual Bonfire Event budget to that of providing Christmas Lights in the Parish. This action, it was felt, would benefit far more residents and for a longer period of time. This was noted.

### **Christmas Lights**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that the scale of the Christmas Lighting was also a subject

which needed full discussion by all Members of the Council and accordingly this matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **112/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that Staffordshire County Council had levied a 4.99% increase in its annual precept requirement for the forthcoming financial year. Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE also explained that a percentage of this amount would automatically be ring fenced to be utilised for social care and adult services. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE advised the meeting that Staffordshire County Council was presently looking into the situation with regard to the shortage of NHS Dentists. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also explained to the meeting that should anyone notice any potholes within the Parish they needed to actually report these matters to Staffordshire County Council through the dedicated app. Reported this way it was much easier to track any progress. Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised all present that potholes were categorised in order to determine priority. Furthermore, Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that she had reported a large number of potholes in the Parish already but any that she may have missed should be reported as soon as they were noticed. This was noted.

#### **113/2023 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she had recently been advised that there was now a new Police Chief Inspector for South Staffordshire. Chief Inspector Tim Norbury was to take over responsibility for the South Staffordshire from Chief Inspector Chris Cotton on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. This was noted.

The meeting was also advised that the Parish Summit took place on 1<sup>st</sup> February and the subjects of Dog Fouling, Climate Change and the way forward for Staffordshire Police Service had all been discussed. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry requested that the Clerk include Climate Change on all future agendas for the Parish Council meetings as this subject was very important and there was a need to keep abreast of the situation. This was noted.

The meeting was also advised that new funding streams would shortly be going live which were emanating from HS2 and the West Midlands Interchange. It was suggested to the Clerk that this may be a fund which would be appropriate in supporting the Parish Council's suggestion of providing outdoor gym equipment. This was noted.

#### **114/2023 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that it had been some time since she had first mentioned the fact that motorists were parking cars on the footpath in Bentons Lane and requested that any visit from a Parking Warden should take place at peak times. Cllr. Mrs. Wood also mentioned that HGVs were now using Bentons Lane because of the notice which had been placed on Shaws Lane but the situation had become worse of late as the area becomes very icy during the winter period. This was noted.

#### **LANDYWOOD VOLUNTARY HELP – MINIBUS**

Cllr. Mrs. Wood also took this opportunity to thank the Senior Citizens Centre for

being the first to make a donation to the Landywood Voluntary Help Centre towards the replacement of their stolen minibus.

The meeting was advised that there had been a number of rumours going around the Parish that this matter had been sorted out and that the insurance would cover the loss, however, this was not the case as the Insurance Company would not fund the adaptations required. The rumours of a local benefactor offering to replace the Minibus were also without foundation which was very unfortunate. This was noted.

Cllr. A. Kelsey advised the meeting that he felt that it was good use of the surplus funding that the Senior Citizens Centre had received during the Covid Pandemic and that they were very pleased to be in a position to help the Voluntary Help Centre. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Wood advised Cllr. Kelsey that the Landywood Voluntary Help Centre were very grateful for the kind donation.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE felt that this was an issue which the Parish Council would be more than happy to assist with and suggested that from the two pots of money held by the Parish Council she felt sure that this issue could meet one of the criteria. This matter was to be referred to a future meeting.

#### **115/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports from outside bodies on this occasion.

#### **116/2023 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**23/00995/FULM – ERECTION OF 52 DWELLINGS, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING, ACCESS OFF POOL VIEW AND ASSOCIATED WORKS ON LAND NORTH OF POOL VIEW, GREAT WYRLEY.**

**CLLR. MRS. C. WHISTON-TAYLOR ADVISED THE MEETING THAT SHE FELT THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD SUPPORT THE VIEWS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA ON ALL THE ISSUES WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED.**

**CLLR MRS. S. M. WOOD ADVISED THE MEETING THAT THE WHOLE OF GREAT WYRLEY WAS SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONSTRAINTS AND YET THESE ISSUES WERE NOT ALWAYS TAKEN IN TO ACCOUNT.**

**FOLLOWING DISCUSSION THE PARISH COUNCIL RESOLVED TO REQUEST THE CLERK TO CONTACT THE ABSENT MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO HER TO ENABLE A RESPONSE TO BE FORMULATED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD BE BASED ON THE MAJORITY VIEW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE MEETING HELD WITH THE DEVELOPERS OF THIS PROPOSAL AND ACCORDINGLY ALL WERE FULLY COGNISANT OF LOCAL FEELING.**

**A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ASKED HOW THE DECISION WOULD BE MADE AS TO WHAT THE RESPONSE WOULD BE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY AND CLLR. MRS. PERRY EXPLAINED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE WOULD REFLECT THE MAJORITY VOTE AND REMINDED EVERYONE THAT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WOULD STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR PERSONAL VIEWS KNOWN. THIS WAS NOTED.**

**CLLR. MRS. PERRY ADVISED THE MEETING THAT RESIDENTS NEEDED TO ATTEND THE PLANNING MEETING OF SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL WHEN THE APPLICATION WAS PUT BEFORE IT FOR DETERMINATION.**

**CLLR. MRS. PERRY EXPLAINED THAT AT THAT MEETING THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A SPOKESMAN TO ADDRESS THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION. HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT COUNCIL WOULD REQUIRE NOTICE OF SUCH AN INTENTION TO ENSURE THE SPOKESMAN WAS ALLOWED TO SPEAK. THIS WAS NOTED.**

**CLLR. MRS. PERRY EXPLAINED TO THE MEETING THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO SHARE HER OWN VIEWS WITH THE MEETING AS THIS WOULD PREJUDICE HER OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AT THE TIME OF DETERMINATION.**

**THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED TO PUBLICISE THE DATE OF ANY SUCH MEETING (AS SOON AS THIS INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE) ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.**

**23/01089/FULHH –SINGLE STOREY PITCHED ROOF PORCH, CANOPY AND EXTERNAL STORE TO FRONT AND SIDE ELEVATIONS AT 65 WASALL ROAD GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS SHOULD THIS BE NECESSARY.**

**23/01088/FULM – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND ERECTION OF NEW BUILDINGS FOR FLEXIBLE B2/B8 USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLASS V OF PART 3 SCHEDULE 2 OF THE GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT (ENGLAND) ORDER (2015) AS AMENDED WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING – LAND AT LANDYWOOD ENTERPRISE PARK, HOLLY LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – FULL DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE REGARDING THIS APPLICATION AND THE PARISH COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT AS IT DID NOT DIFFER IN ANY REAL TERMS TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION WHICH WAS NOW THE SUBJECT OF AN APPEAL TO THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE IT WOULD CONTINUE TO OBJECT ON THE SAME GROUNDS.**

**CLLR. MRS. PERRY GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSAL IN ORDER TO FAMILIARISE THOSE PRESENT WITH THE EXISTING ISSUES.**

**23/00794/FULHH – AMENDED PLANS AND AMENDED DESCRIPTION TO PROPOSED HIP TO GABLE ROOF ENLARGEMENT, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND REMODEL OF EXISTING SIDE EXTENSION TO CREATE ADDITIONAL FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATION AT 115 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEARBY NEIGHBOURS SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY.**

**24/00049/FULHH – TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION ABOVE KITCHEN AND EXTENDED LOFT AT CHURCH VIEW, 45 STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEARBY NEIGHBOURS SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY.**

**24/00010/FULM – FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SITE, SUB-STATION COMPOUND WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, FENCING DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING WITH ACCESS OFF HOBBLE END LANE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE CLERK GAVE A**

**REPORT ON THIS APPLICATION AND WAS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE WITH HER RESEARCH WITH A VIEW TO MAKING REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL IN DUE COURSE.**

**117/2023 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 of the meeting.

**118/2023 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received a report from Staffordshire Police Service giving detail on incidents which had taken place in the Parish during the previous month. A copy of the report had been circulated to all Members for their information.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry was also pleased to advise that in one of the incidents, arrests had been made which was very encouraging. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

**Chairman.....Date.....**