

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 June, 2024.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Jackson Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. A. Newell	Cllr. D. Norris 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)

ONE MINUTE SILENCE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS

The Chairman invited all present to observe a one minute's silence in commemoration of the D-Day Landings. This was carried.

8/2024 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. D. F. W. Norris.

9/2024 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.

10/2024 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st May, 2024 following the correction of paragraph 3 of agenda item 151/2024 to read thethe history of the Millennium Green and not the Community Partnership. It was carried.

11/2024 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received a message from Chief Inspector Tim Norbury, the new Commander of the Staffordshire Local Policing Team, to the effect that the Parish Council would no longer receive a monthly report from the Staffordshire Police Service as it was his view that Officers time was better spent fighting crime than being office bound writing reports.

Chief Inspector Norbury had not decided that no reports would be submitted at all they would just be quarterly rather than monthly and he was trying to ensure that their timing would be regulated so that they did not coincide with a physical visit from the PCSOs. This was noted by Members.

Members were a little disappointed at this news, however, the Chairman requested Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor (the Parish Council's Police Liaison Committee Representative) to advise Chief Inspector Norbury at the next Liaison

meeting that the Parish Council had very much appreciated being kept abreast of the crime situation within the Parish of Great Wyrley but that Members understood the reasoning behind his decision.

12/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were several residents from Shaws Lane in the Public Gallery on this occasion, all of whom had attended with the intention of ensuring that the Parish Council was aware of the situation in regard to the number of HGV's which were constantly using Shaws Lane.

The spokesman for the deputation advised the meeting that they had made contact with every organisation possible to try to resolve this issue and had managed to have the County Council erect temporary weight restriction signs.

The main thrust of the residents' request was to have a permanent weight restriction sign erected as a matter of urgency. However, this proposal seemed to have hit a stumbling block in that an assessment needed to be carried out prior to any decision being made which would incur considerable expense and as with all things funds were dictating the level of action to be taken.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised all present that she was fully aware of the situation and had indeed been championing their cause at the County Council by delivering their petition to the relevant body and she had actually requested Mr. M. Keeling to be present at the meeting this evening.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that Mr. Keeling was unable to be present on this occasion, however, he had been kind enough to provide her with an update on the situation to deliver to all present this evening.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that Mr. Keeling had informed her that this matter had been considered via the Staffordshire Freight Forum which was why the temporary signs had been put in place and that those signs did appear to have reduced the problem.

Mr. Keeling had also advised Cllr. Mrs. Perry that the County Council was receiving competing demand from the adjacent streets and had already confirmed that the County Council would not be considering a weight restriction on Shaws Lane in isolation. However, further investigation or feasibility reports would be required covering the wider local area before proceeding with any action.

Mr. Keeling explained that in addition, due to the high costs involved in terms of providing a weight restriction signs, funding outside of the DHP Funding Stream would need to be secured which would more than likely be through capital funding.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry requested the residents' in the public gallery to continue with their campaign and vowed that she would take this matter forward however she was able.

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that she sympathised with the residents, but that the parking in Bentons Lane was now so bad that heavy goods vehicles were also mounting the pavement there which is, of course, very dangerous. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Wood also advised the meeting that the double yellow lines were largely being ignored. This was also noted by Members.

In conclusion Cllr. Mrs. Perry assured all present that she did not intend to just let this matter drop and that she would do her best to assist the residents.

(a) Date for Cemetery Working Party Meeting

The Clerk had advised Members that it may be beneficial to call a meeting of the Cemetery Working Party as a matter of urgency as the Parish Council had received a complaint from a resident of Westbourne Avenue that Ivy had encroached into her garden and destabilised the boundary fence between her property and the Cemetery.

Following discussion of the background to the complaint referred to above the Parish Council **resolved** that the Clerk circulate a number of dates to the members of the Cemetery Working Party and call a meeting on the most suitable date. It was carried.

(b) Request from Great Wyrley History Society to place a new Notice Board on Millennium Green

The Clerk had circulated a copy of a letter to the Parish Council from Great Wyrley History Society requesting permission to position a new Notice Board on the Millennium Green. The Notice Board was to serve the purpose of informing the local residents of the History Society's presence in the village and of its activities including meetings and speakers at its Headquarters in Broadmeadow Lane.

The Board was to be positioned at the same location as the now defunct Notice Board which had originally come under the jurisdiction of the Community Partnership. For clarification Great Wyrley History Society was an entirely separate organisation to the Community Partnership and it was Great Wyrley History Society which was to fund the purchase and the future maintenance of the structure. This was noted.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that, in his view, the use of this location on the Millennium Green by the Community Partnership was now in the past and the original Board was no longer fit for purpose and on this basis the request from the History Society should be treated as a separate matter. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE agreed with Cllr. Jones and advised the meeting that the History Society would include the history of the Millennium Green as a matter of course anyway.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to grant permission for the Board to be erected by Great Wyrley History Society, provided the Parish Council was party to both the design and choice of materials for the Board itself. It was carried.

(c) Community Partnership Proposed Pictorial History Board for Millennium Green

Members recalled that this issue had been discussed at length at the meeting on 1st May when it was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council to enable an informed decision to be made.

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood explained to the Parish Council that the Community Partnership was happy to place the Pictorial Board in a different place on the Millennium Green. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE suggested to the meeting that perhaps the Board could be used on a double sided basis so that the History Society and the Community

Partnership Fund could both display their information and the public would be able to read whichever side they chose to.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he agreed with this suggestion and felt that this was a matter which needed to be resolved by liaison between the History Society and the Community Partnership so that the information for both organisations could be displayed within the same footprint.

Members agreed that there was need to see a design of the structure and also a need to know exactly where the proposed structure was to be placed so that an informed decision could be made on this issue. Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood agreed to take this matter back to the Community Partnership Fund.

This matter was deferred until such time as a more detailed proposal was before the Parish Council.

(d) Commemoration of 80th Anniversary of D Day

Councillor Mrs. K. M. Perry gave the Parish Council a brief report on the arrangements for setting up the event to take place on the Millennium Green to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D D Landings. A copy of the programme was circulated around the table and it was confirmed that the official start time was 7.00p.m. and the Beacon would be lit at 9.15 p.m. in line with the instructions from Buckingham Palace. For Members information the Parish Council had made arrangements to have a Poppy Wreath displayed on the gates of the Memorial Gardens to commemorate this occasion.

Cllr. J. C. Jones felt that the Parish Council should thank not only thank each other but also the Members of Parish Council staff who had put so much work into putting on this event. Cllr. Mrs. Perry agreed that very often people did not realise how much work went into make these things happen. This was noted by Members.

(e) Climate Change

Members recalled that this item had been placed on the agenda in order to keep the option open, should there be any issue requiring an immediate decision as Climate Change was a very important subject and applied to so much more than people think.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that there was not a great deal to report on this occasion as most activities had been halted by Purdah in the run up to the General Election.

However, Cllr. Mrs. Perry was able to share the fact that Station Road was to be revisited and closed off on 22nd July when it was hoped the mini roundabout would be looked at again. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. J. C. Jones asked Cllr. Mrs. Perry whether she knew anything about the closure of Essington Cemetery as rumours were implying that there was a connection between the owners and Strawberry Lane Cemetery. Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that fortunately, there was no connection between the two cemeteries and the only cemeteries in the ownership of South Staffordshire Council were Strawberry Lane in the North and Sytch Lane in the South. The Cemetery in Bursnips Road was a private cemetery which had now gone into liquidation and had no affiliation with South Staffordshire Council. This was noted by Members.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the Parish Council that she did not have a great deal to Report on District Council matters as at the present time it was organising the election itself for which they had needed to engage the services of 500 additional staff.

However, Cllr. Mrs. Perry did have one very important item of news to impart which was that the car park at Landywood Train Halt was to be carried out from 9th to 17th June. This was noted by Members.

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REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

ROMAN VIEW BOUNDARY HEDGE

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that in Roman View, Churchbridge following the works carried out by Severn Trent the land which is in the Parish Council's ownership was left in a condition which had resulted in a steeper gradient down to the pools. This had made ground maintenance extremely difficult.

However, this matter had now been raised by a resident of Roman View who had taken it upon himself to carry out grounds maintenance and had been advised by Cllr. Mrs. Perry that he really should not be carrying out these works without permission from the Parish Council particularly, as the action carries an element of risk.

Following discussion the resident, who was carrying out the unauthorised works, had now written to the Parish Council explaining the situation and requesting permission to carry on.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that this issue should be left in the hands of the Parish Council Groundsmen and that the resident be requested to bear with the Parish Council on this matter and be assured that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation. It was carried.

REQUEST FOR RELOCATION OF WARDLES LANE BUS SHELTER

Councillor Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she had received a request from the resident of the property immediately behind the bus shelter in Wardles Lane to support its relocation. This request had been made as they were concerned regarding overlooking by bus passengers into their garden and also the unwelcome activities which were taking place in the bus shelter at night.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that it was unable to support this request as it would only relocate the problem to a different position in the Parish which would disadvantage other residents. On the subject of the activities taking place in the bus shelter at night this was a situation which should be reported to Staffordshire Police. This was carried.

SELF SEEDED TREES AT LINGFIELD DRIVE

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he had been approached by residents of Lingfield Drive regarding the nuisance being created by some self seeded trees near to Lingfield Drive. Cllr. Jones advised the meeting that he would like to approach the Parish Council's contracted Tree Surgeon for a quotation for the required works to resolve this issue.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that the Tree Surgeon be contacted and that this matter be investigated. It was carried.

17/2024 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

GREAT WYRLEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that the plans for the 2024 Carnival were all going well and that they now had a number of new volunteers and all they needed now was the weather to be kind. This was noted by Members.

18/2024 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00370/TTREE – TPO.14 1976 LIME X 4 CROWN REDUCTION OF UP TO 5 METRES TO TREES ON THE SIDE OF 80 STATION ROAD, ST. MARKS CHURCH, GREAT WYRLEY – MEMBERS CHOSE TO LEAVE THIS DECISION IN THE HANDS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL’S ARBORICULTURIST.

24/00424/TTREE – TPO.14 1976 SYCAMORE AND BEECH PRUNE BY UP TO 4 METRES AT THE OLD VICARAGE, STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – MEMBERS CHOSE TO LEAVE THIS DECISION IN THE HANDS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL’S ARBORICULTURIST.

24/00184/FUL – CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLINGHOUSE (C3) TO CARE HOME(C2) - EXTENSION WAS YET TO BE CONSTRUCTED BUT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNDER A SEPARATE APPLICATION AT 15 HUT HILL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD ALREADY OBJECTED TO AN APPLICATION OF THIS NATURE RELATING TO THE ADJOINING PROPERTY AND SAW NO REASON TO CHANGE ITS VIEW ON THIS APPLICATION AS THE SAME CONSTRAINTS NEEDED TO APPLY.

24/00430/VAR –VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 23 AND 27 MADE UNDER S73 TO PLANNING PERMISSION 22/00004/FUL, FOR A REVISED ACCESS, NEW SUBSTATION, RE-SITING OF CYCLE SHELTER, NEW CARE HOME ENTRANCE AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS, REVISION OF APARTMENT MIX AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS, REVISED PARKING POSITIONS AND LANDSCAPING INCLUDING BOUNDARY TREATMENT, LIFT SHAFT AND SMOKE SHAFT, SOLAR PANELS, AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS AND AIR CONDITIONING UNITS; INCLUDING ASSOCIATED WORKS.

THE PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDERED THAT THE VARIATIONS WERE MINOR IN DETAIL AND DID NOT AFFECT THE SIZE OF THE APPROVED BUILDINGS OR THE OVERALL LAYOUT. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS WERE:

ENTRANCE - THE VEHICULAR ACCESS POINT IS MOVED SLIGHTLY TO THE NORTH TO AVOID AN EXISTING BT CHAMBER WITH THE LAYBY NOW TO BE SOUTH OF THE ACCESS DRIVE RATHER THAN TO ITS NORTH.

HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING - THE PATHS ADJACENT TO THE CARE HOME AND APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN WIDENED IN PARTS, AND THIS HAS BEEN DONE AT THE FIRE AUTHORITY’S REQUEST. THERE WILL BE NO NET LOSS OF VEGETATION OR BIODIVERSITY WHEN COMPARED TO THE ORIGINAL PERMISSION, IN FACT THERE WOULD BE A GAIN.

BUILDING A - A SEPARATE CARE HOME ENTRANCE AND FOYER AREA IS PROPOSED, AND THE LIFT SHAFT IN THE APARTMENT BUILDING HAS BEEN RE-SITED AND A SMOKE SHAFT HAS ALSO BEEN INCLUDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY.

OF THE 32 APARTMENTS, THE MIX AS APPROVED IS 18 TWO BED AND 14 ONE BED. IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THIS TO 15 TWO BED AND 17 ONE BED IN ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE SERVICES OFFERED TO RESIDENTS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE AN ACTIVITY ROOM AND ALSO A VISITOR ROOM WHICH WOULD ALLOW VISITING RELATIVES TO STAY FOR A NIGHT IF REQUIRED.

ON THIS BASIS THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE VARIATIONS.

HOWEVER, THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD DEEP CONCERNS RELATING TO WHETHER THE TREES ALONG THE FRONTAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD REMAIN. THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS ON THE BOUNDARY OF THE DEVELOPMENT WHO WERE EXTREMELY UPSET THAT THE TREES WHICH PROVIDED ANY PRIVACY TO THEIR PROPERTY HAD NOW BEEN REMOVED.

**24/00309/VAR - VARIATION OF CONDITION 7 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 0685/98 DATED 08.09.1998 TO INCLUDE A MORTGAGEE EXCLUSION CLAUSE (MEC) – 4 BENTONS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAD NOW BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING THIS APPLICATION AND THE PARISH COUNCIL RESOLVED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS LACK OF OBJECTION.**

19/2024 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.

20 /2024 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.

GREAT WYRLEY CEMETERY ENCROACHMENT

The Parish Council received the confidential report of the Parish Clerk relating to these issues and expressed their satisfaction that these matters had now been resolved.

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

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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