

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 15TH January, 2025.

Present:

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

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| Cllr. R. Fairclough Cllr. A. Kelsey Cllr. J. C. Jones | Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor |
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Also in attendance was Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue)

ONE MINUTE SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ANNE HICKENBOTTOM

The Chairman invited Members of the Parish Council to enter into a one minute silence in memory of the late wife of past Chairman W. H. Hickenbottom, who was a long serving Councillor and the Chairman of the Parish Council 2005/2006.

The Parish Councillors observed the Chairman's request and were thanked for their respect in this matter.

89/2025 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier, Cllr. M. Jackson, Cllr. D. Norris (Snr.), Cllr. D. Norris (Jnr.).

90/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE and Cllr. R. J. Perry had declared an interest to the Parish Council in reference to a reimbursement of funds for goods purchased for the Christmas Market. This was noted.

91/2025 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 4th December, 2024. It was carried.

92/2025 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE FROM COMMANDER TIM NORBURY STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received a very nice response from Commander Tim Norbury of Staffordshire Police Service, expressing his thanks for the Parish Council's kind feedback on his progress report and wishing all a very Happy New Year. This was noted by Members.

EMAIL RESPONSE TO ALAN ROGERS

The Chairman directed her next announcement to a member of the public in reference to an email he had sent to her on 9th December. The Chairman apologised that he may not have received a response, however, the email had been received by the Parish Council, during the exact period the Parish Council

Office and individual Councillors had been going through the migration process with its new email addresses. The new email addresses were all part of an additional layer of security which had been imposed on all Parish Councils in order to comply with audit regulations that all Councillors adopt a .gov.uk address.

However, one question the member of the public had posed in that email was in regard to whether Cllr. Sue Wood and Cllr. Alan Kelsey may have needed to declare an interest whilst discussion took place at the last meeting of the Parish Council regarding Shaws Lane.

The Chairman advised the member of the public that she understood why this question had been posed and for clarification purposes explained that Cllr. Kelsey and Cllr. Mrs. Wood were not breaking any rules by representing the views of the residents of the areas where they live. The Chairman also explained that it would have been a different matter should the Parish Council be part of the decision making process in this regard. However, more importantly, the incident which had raised the question at all related to a personal interest which was treated in a different way. This was noted.

FEEDBACK ON CHRISTMAS MARKET-6th DECEMBER 2024

Cllr. Mrs. Perry was delighted to advise everyone that the Parish Council had received excellent feedback on the Christmas Market which was held on Friday 6th December; it seemed that everyone enjoyed the event very much indeed. This was noted by Members.

FEEDBACK ON CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Cllr. Mrs. Perry was also very pleased to advise the Parish Council that the Christmas Lunches had also been a great success; the food was very good indeed and everyone really had a great time. The diners had especially enjoyed the entertainment. Cllr. Mrs. Perry took this opportunity to thank all Members of the Parish Council who had helped make the event such a great success on the day. This was noted.

80th ANNIVERSARY - VE DAY EVENT – 8TH MAY, 2025

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that she had also been approached by a number of villagers asking whether the Parish Council would be holding an open air event to commemorate VE Day on 8th May. The Parish Council had already been included in Buckingham Palace's Beacon Lighting Schedule and the Clerk had already engaged the service of Cheslyn Hay Community Choir. The Parish Council was in full support of this proposal and the arrangements would continue to be made. This was noted.

OPENING OF WYRLEY ROSE COMMUNITY VILLAGE

The Parish Council had now received an invitation to attend the Opening Ceremony of Wyrley Rose Community Village which was to take place on 23rd January, 2025. This was noted by Members.

PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the announcement she needed to make next was of a very different nature to those she had just mentioned and involved a brief explanation of the situation with regard to Local Government Reorganisation.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry gave the Parish Council a brief outline of the proposals and advised Members that she had forwarded a letter to all Parish Councils in her capacity as Leader of South Staffordshire Council which had been circulated to all Members for their information.

93/2025 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order to allow the members of the public in the gallery to address the meeting.

A member of the public present in the gallery asked Cllr. Mrs. Perry whether the general public would be entitled to vote on the situation which she had just outlined concerning Local Government Reorganisation. Cllr. Mrs. Perry was not in possession of this information, but expected more detail to be published on the District Council website in due course. This was noted.

SHAWS LANE ACTION GROUP

A member of the public requested Cllr. Mrs. Perry to give the Shaws Lane Action Group an update on the situation relating to the imposition of a Weight Limit in Shaws Lane.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the scheme had been submitted for this year's programme but all must remember that the budget would be tight but that she expected to have a decision on this matter during the next three to four weeks. Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that, in her capacity, as a Councillor for Staffordshire County Council she would be supporting the inclusion of the weight restriction into the programme. This was noted

In conclusion Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the temporary weight restriction sign had been replaced during the afternoon. Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that should the scheme be included in the programme a permanent sign would be erected.

The Chairman then invited any other questions from the Public Gallery and on receiving no further comments reinstated Standing Orders and continued with the business to be transacted by the Parish Council.

94/2025 **CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

(a) Bus Shelter in Streets Lane

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the new bus shelter for Streets Lane was on order and that she had now received, in writing, the required information from Staffordshire County Council.

The Clerk also advised the meeting that once the clearance works had been carried out by the Grounds Maintenance Team at South Staffordshire Council the permission to dig would be granted to the Bus Shelter contractor and the erection of the bus shelter would be carried out, hopefully, in the very near future. This was noted.

(b) Demolished Bus Shelter in Gorse Lane

Members recalled that at the last meeting of the Parish Council the Clerk had advised Members that she had been requested by the Parish Council's Insurance Brokers to see if she could make an attempt to obtain the information required to start the process of claim for a replacement bus shelter.

The Clerk now advised the Parish Council that she had contacted the Director of Customer Services for ASDA UK and received a very sincere apology along with a very positive response. The Clerk was to await the next instalment from ASDA. This was noted by Members.

(c) Date for Public Presentation of CHAPS Mining Memorial

Members recalled that at the last meeting of the Parish Council, Members were advised that a public presentation was to be held at the Community Centre to give the public an overview of the Great Wyrley Mining Memorial Project.

The Clerk now advised the Parish Council that the presentation and short film show was expected to last for around 30 minutes with time afterwards for questions and discussion. The Clerk confirmed that the presentation would take place at 2.00p.m. on Friday 31st January, 2025. This was noted by Members.

(d) Date for Cemetery Working Party

Members recalled that there were a number of matters which the Parish Council needed to discuss relating to Great Wyrley Cemetery and in order to address these issues there was a need to hold a meeting of the Cemetery Working Party.

This meeting was hopefully to be attended by a local stonemason and in order to arrange this, the Parish Council needed to set a firm date so that it could be offered to the contractor.

The Members involved in this issue were Cllr. J. C. Jones, Cllr. A. Kelsey, Cllr. A. Newell, Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry and Cllr. R. J. Perry.

The Clerk was to select a date and contact the Councillors involved accordingly. This was noted by Members.

(e) Climate Change

Unfortunately, the Clerk still do not have anything to report on this situation and hopefully may have received a decision on the application for funding which had been lodged last year by the next meeting of the Parish Council. This was noted.

95/2025 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 Christmas break. This was noted.

96/2025 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that, since the devolution announcement had been made to South Staffordshire Council immediately prior to Christmas there had been a great deal of work carried out behind the scenes. One such subject was the proposed change to the waste collection contract, which was presently under discussion. This was noted by Members.

97/2024 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

Cllr. A. Kelsey gave the Parish Council a brief report on the New Year's Day Walk which had been very well attended (approximately 30 walkers) and now concluded at the Senior Citizens Centre for Refreshments. The Clerk enquired of Cllr. Kelsey whether the Parish Council now needed to make its contribution towards this event to the Senior Citizens Centre rather than to the Scouts and

Guide Association. The response to which was confirmed as correct and this amendment would be included in the earmarked donations for the coming financial year. This was noted.

Cllr. Kelsey also advised the meeting that the walkers who had joined in the event had observed that plans were afoot for the Mining Memorial for Great Wyrley and all expressed their full support for this project. This was noted.

Sincere thanks were proffered to Cllr. Kelsey for his excellent work in keeping the New Year's Day Walk going in the village from both Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE and Cllr. J. C. Jones. This was supported by all present.

98/2025 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from outside bodies on this occasion.

99/2025 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There was one planning application for consideration on this occasion.

24/01054/FULHH – SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSIONS TO DWELLING AT 48 HOLLY LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION IN PRINCIPLE BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEAR NEIGHBOURS SHOULD THIS PROVE NECESSARY. IT WAS CARRIED.

100/2025 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. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE and Cllr. R. J. Perry both declared an interest in this agenda item and did not take part in either the discussion or the signage of the cheques.

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

The meeting closed at 7.35p.m.

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