

WRENBURY CUM FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr Jack McEvoy (Chairman), Cllr Dave Clarke, Cllr Sue Cole, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Kathy Harding, Cllr Lyndon Jones, Cllr Bryan MacGillivray and Cllr Janet Palmer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Councillor Stan Davies

The Vice-Chairman was in the Chair at the commencement of the meeting.

17/87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

17/87.1 Cllr Black

17/88 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17/88.1 Cllr Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 17/6363N.

17/89 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2018

17/89.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

17/90 MATTERS ARISING

17/90.1 Churchyard

Following the attendance at the Council meeting in January, Rev Fulford had drafted an open letter to the village. Councillors agreed that it should be placed on the Noticeboard and website.

17/91 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

17/91.1 Borough Cllr Davies provided an update on matters at the Borough Council.

Upon arrival, the Chairman resumed the Chair

17/92 FINANCE REPORT

17/92.1 The Council considered the Finance report which detailed spending against budget and provided an end of year projection. The budget was forecast to be underspent by approximately £1,300, although this was difficult to predict owing to uncertainty around timing of payments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

17/92.2 Payments Authorised

RESOLVED – that the following payment be authorised:

Mark Robinson	Salary & Expenses, inc. Neighbourhood Plan tasks	500914	296.06
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17/92.3 Insurance

The Council discussed the cost of insuring the MUGA, which was currently funded by the Recreation Ground Trust. In order to do this, the Council would have to demonstrate an insurable interest by agreeing to fund the cost of replacing it should it be damaged or destroyed. Councillors expressed concern about this and it was suggested that a donation to the Trust would be more appropriate. Cllr Palmer agreed to discuss this with the Trust.

With regards to insurance cover for contractors, it was considered that risk assessments were not necessary at present.

17/92.4 External Audit

The Council had received a report which identified a breach of proper practice as the fixed assets figure in the return had not matched the fixed assets register. This was down to a clerical error and measures had been put in place to ensure this was not repeated.

RESOLVED – that the Annual Return 2016/17 be approved and accepted.

17/93 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

17/93.1 Cllr Palmer submitted the inspection report, which made reference to a missing gate bolt, corners of playground sign bent over and the pooling of rain water on surfacing. Cllr Craig advised that he would replace the missing bolt.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

17/94 CLERK'S REPORT

17/94.1 Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The Clerk gave details of quotes obtained for the purchase of a SID. Councillors referred to the recent placing of a SID by Cheshire police for a one-week period. Cllr Craig advised that he had received the report from this exercise and the Clerk was asked to present feedback to the next meeting.

17/94.2 Temporary Road Closure

Wrenbury Wood, Wrenbury Ward, Nantwich, CW5 8HH from outside Sproston Hill Farm, to enable United Utilities to carry out insertion of a new connection. Tuesday 3rd April 2018 to Thursday 5th April 2018.

17/94.3 Station Road/Nantwich Road Junction

Following a complaint regarding this junction, Cllrs requested that this be deferred to the next meeting to enable full investigations to be carried out.

17/95 PLANNING MATTERS

17/95.1 Applications for consideration.

Ref	Proposal	Response
17/6363N	Proposed construction of 45 dwelling houses, access, open space and associated infrastructure at Land South of Sandfield House, Station Road, Wrenbury	Support - Noted that the principle of development had been established; the revised design was considered preferable to the previous indicative plans. Although questioned whether the site required so many paths.
18/0252N	Construction of new two-storey extension to replace existing conservatory & renewal of P06/1073 to provide new traditional oak frame building & new sand paddock at The Old Pump House, Wrenbury Road, Wrenbury	No observation
18/0550N	Erection of proposed bungalow for holiday accommodation at Yew Tree Farm, Hollyhurst Road, Wrenbury	Objection – the site is in open countryside and the development is not considered locally sustainable.

17/95.2 16/6028N - Land west of New Road, Wrenbury
It was noted that the appeal against the refusal of Planning Application for 46 dwellings on this site would be heard by Informal Hearing on 28 February and 1 March 2018 at Nantwich Town Football Club. As it was an Informal Hearing, the Inspector would receive verbal addresses, at his discretion.

17/95.3 Request to Attend Council Meeting
A request had been received from a developer of a site in Wrenbury in order to discuss the possibility of bringing the land at Wrenbury forward with some additional community benefits. Councillors agreed that this was inappropriate and could create a precedent for other developers.

17/96 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST

17/96.1 Cllr Palmer gave an update on the outcome of the recent meeting with representatives of the Canal and River Trust (CRT):-

Replacement of Railings

It was suggested this was the responsibility of the Borough Council and Cllr Davies was asked to clarify this with the highways authority.

Dangerous edging in two places close to the Public Houses

Repair of these was added to the maintenance list for urgent attention.

Dog Bins/Bags

The one by the Cotton Arms would be replaced shortly. Additional bags and pickers were provided to the Council.

Waste Bins

CRT would be meeting with the Boatyard to explore a possible joint scheme regarding siting and emptying euro bins at the Marina, available to all canal users.

Footpaths

Piling would be undertaken shortly to improve the condition of the footpaths outside the Cotton Arms and from Wrenbury Heath Bridge towards Nantwich.

Gaps in Hedges

Actions to repair the hedges outside the Cotton Arms would be dealt with as the season commences.

17/96.2 The Chairman thanked Cllrs Clarke, Craig and Palmer for attending the meeting. The Clerk was asked to confirm the actions identified by Cllr Palmer with the CRT.

17/97 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

17/97.1 Cllr Craig gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Approximately 15 'Call for Sites' forms had been received to date, with the closing date of 17 February 2018. The Council had been successful in its bid for support from AECOM to support the 'Call for Sites' analysis.

17/97.2 The Borough Council had delayed the decision on the number of additional properties required in the Plan, although the latest figure suggested was 167. Borough Cllr Davies agreed to raise this with the appropriate Council officers.

17/98 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

17/98.1 Councillors raised the following items –

- The high number of potholes in the area;
- The lack of waste bins between the Church and Lift Bridge – the Clerk to ask Bovis whether they would provide any bins.
- The condition of Station Road – Borough Councillor Davies was asked raise this with the highways authority.

17/99 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17/99.1 Thursday 08 March 2018, commencing at 8.00pm.

The meeting, which commenced at 8.00pm, concluded at 9.40pm

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