

WRENBURY CUM FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT:

Cllr Jack McEvoy (Chairman), Cllr Irene Black, Cllr Dave Clarke, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Lyndon Jones, Cllr Bryan MacGillivray and Cllr Janet Palmer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

One member of the public

17/52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

17/52.1 Cllr Cole, Cllr Harding and Borough Cllr Davies

17/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17/53.1 None

17/54 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2017

17/54.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

17/55 CHURCHYARD

17/55.1 This matter was deferred to the January meeting to enable the Rev Alison Fulford to be in attendance.

17/56 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

17/56.1 No report.

17/57 FINANCE REPORT

17/57.1 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 £550, which would result in an end of year position of £4,375.

17/57.2 Payments Authorised

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Cheque	£
Royal British Legion	Donation	500902	50.00
Mark Robinson	Salary & Expenses	500903	207.88
Wrenbury PCC	Churchyard Maintenance	500904	100.00
Citrine UK Ltd	Neighbourhood Plan	500905	416.34

17/58 PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION

17/58.1 Councillor Jones submitted the monthly play area inspection report which identified issues with the fence and the seats on the swings. Councillors discussed the condition of the play area and asked the Clerk to investigate sources for grant funding for play equipment replacement.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

17/59 CLERK'S REPORT

17/59.1 Road Closures

New Road, Wrenbury from outside Little Abbey Farm to outside Smeaton Hall on Thursday 23 November 2017 between times 8.30-16.00 to enable tree felling by Scottish Power.

Parts of Wrenbury Road, Pinsley Green Road and Station Road from 6 to 20 November 2017 to enable drainage works by the Borough Council. Concern was expressed at the lack of notice regarding this closure and this would be conveyed to the Borough Council.

17/59.2 Wrenbury Scouts

The new Leader of the Wrenbury Scouts had contacted the Council to enquire whether there were any tasks that the Scout troop could undertake to support the village. Councillors welcomed this enquiry and there were suggestions of a litter-pick, tidying the churchyard and recreation ground, and planting daffodil bulbs. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Borough Council regarding the provision of daffodil bulbs.

17/59.3 Events

Meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire
Tuesday 05 December at 6.30pm in the Municipal Buildings, Crewe.

Raising Awareness of Illegal Money Lenders (Loan Sharks) and how to report anything suspicious

Saturday 25 November 2017 10.00am to 12.00pm at Crewe YMCA.

17/59.4 Cheshire East Consultation – Supporting Travel to School

The main elements of this consultation were the proposals to remove the discretionary travel i) for pupils age 8-11 travelling over two miles to the nearest suitable school and increase the distance to three miles, ii) where parents have a disability and iii) cared for children unless eligible under normal criteria.

17/60 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

17/60.1 Cllr Craig gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The completed Landscape report had been included in the plan and draft copies were currently in production. There was still an issue with the number of dwellings that were required within the Plan as the Borough Council had reviewed the Local Service Centre boundary, which would result in a small increase in this requirement.

17/60.2 The Clerk advised that there was still £3,494.45 remaining in the grant monies as well as the sum in the Council's budget. A request for free technical support would be submitted shortly to support in the identification of small development sites.

17/60.3 The Council's website would be used to promote the Plan and supporting documents, with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee reviewing this at its next meeting. Councillors considered that the whole website would benefit from a revamp. The Clerk advised that the main difficulty was that the software used to host and support the website had very limited functionality. The Clerk was asked to consider whether the website could be moved to a better platform.

17/61 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

17/61.1 Councillors raised the following item which the Clerk would report to the appropriate authority –
lack of canal-side bins for use by boaters – an invitation to a meeting be sent to the Canal and Rivers Trust;

17/61.2 Parliamentary Boundary Review

The Boundary Commission was currently undertaking a review of Parliamentary Boundaries across the UK. Councillors discussed the appropriateness of Wrenbury being within the Eddisbury constituency, when it could be considered that it had better links with Crewe and Nantwich. The Chairman suggested that individual Councillors could make representations if they wished to.

17/61.3 Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the Remembrance Service would be held on Sunday 12 November 2017, with wreath laying at 2.15pm.

17/62 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17/62.1 Thursday, 14 December 2017, commencing at 8.00pm.