

## WRENBURY CUM FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 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:

One member of the public

#### 17/75 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

17/75.1 Cllr Black and Borough Cllr Davies

#### 17/76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17/76.1 None

#### 17/77 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2017

17/77.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

#### 17/78 MATTERS ARISING

17/78.1 Daffodil Bulbs

Cllr Palmer advised that there were no daffodil bulbs left at the suppliers, therefore, the planting of bulbs by the Wrenbury Scouts would be deferred to later in the year.

#### 17/79 CHURCHYARD

17/79.1 The Rev. Alison Fulford attended the meeting to provide an update on the impending lack of space in the Churchyard for full-body burials. It was estimated that only 20 spaces were left, although there was further space for the interment of ashes and double-depth burials. It was noted that it was not the responsibility of the Church to provide burial space within the village, however, this could be provided by the Parish Council.

17/79.2 Consideration had been given to the land around the churchyard but this was dependent upon discussions between the Diocese and the landowner. It was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the landowner to take this matter forward.

#### 17/80 FINANCE REPORT

17/80.1 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. It was noted that a VAT refund of £783.48 had been received.

17/80.2 Payments Authorised

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Mark Robinson	Salary & Expenses	500911	194.08
Inprint	NP Printing	500912	82.80
Dave Clarke	Lengthsman	500913	331.50

17/80.3 Bank Signatories

RESOLVED – that Cllr Jones be added as a signatory to the bank

account.

17/80.4 Budget 2018/19

Following discussion at the previous meeting, Councillors reviewed the budget in the sum of £8,033.98.

RESOLVED – that the budget 2018/19 be approved as submitted.

17/80.5 Precept 2018/19

The Council's tax base was confirmed as 466.92. The precept in 2016/17 was in the sum of £6,000, which equated to £13.35 for a Band D property. By maintaining the same precept, this would result in an end of year position in 2018/19 of £4,253. Councillors discussed the potential funding requirements in 2018/19 such as playground equipment, speed indicator device, and other village improvement schemes.

RESOLVED – that the Council's precept for 2018/19 be in the sum of £11,000.

**17/81 PLAY AREA**

17/81.2 The Clerk confirmed that provision of play equipment in 2008 was funded by a grant from WREN and third-party funding from Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council. WREN had recently advised that it would only give such a grant to a landowner, which in this case was the Recreation Grant Trust. The Clerk was asked to liaise with one of the play area companies to obtain the design of a scheme and the ascertain their views on the potential for grant funding.

**17/82 CLERK'S REPORT**

17/82.1 Canal and River Trust

The Clerk advised that a representative of the Canal and River Trust would welcome a meeting and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Cllrs Clarke and Craig would attend such a meeting. The Clerk to liaise to arrange the meeting.

17/82.2 Temporary Road Closures

Hollyhurst Road, Wrenbury, from Wrenbury Road and New Road Junction to approximately 100 metres past the bridge. 09:00 on Friday 19 January 2018 until 18:00 on Monday 22 January 2018 works would then be suspended. Work would recommence at 22.00 on Saturday 27 January 2018 until 10.00 on the Sunday 28 January 2018.

17/82.3 Station Road, Wrenbury from Wrenbury Level Crossing to 100 metres along Station Road. Saturday 10 February 2018 to Sunday 11 February 2018 and Saturday 17 February 2018 to Sunday 18 February 2018.

**17/83 WEBSITE**

17/83.1 Further to Minute 17/60.3, the Clerk had liaised with the webhost and been provided with access to the full website controls. This would enable the Clerk to redevelop the website as directed by Councillors. The webhost had quoted £500 to revamp the site but this would now be done in-house.

17/83.2 The website had been updated with a new theme. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan information had been uploaded and was awaiting approval to publish.

**17/84 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

17/84.1 Cllr Craig gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Call for Sites form had been circulated and a number of responses had begun to be submitted. The decision on the number of additional properties required in the Plan would be provided by the Borough Council in February.

**17/85 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS**

17/85.1 Councillors raised the following items –

- Poor condition of the highway and drainage on Station Road;
- Cllr Craig updated the Council on the Police Hub meeting; and
- The provision of the scroll to the wife of former Cllr Benbow.

**17/786 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

17/86.1 Thursday 08 February 2018, commencing at 8.00pm.