

**WRENBURY CUM FRITH PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Jack McEvoy (Chairman), Cllr Nikki Barton, Cllr Dave Clarke, Cllr Sue Cole, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Lyndon Jones, Cllr Oly Lowe and Cllr Janet Palmer

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Four members of the public

**19/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

19/85.1 Cllr Kathy Harding and Borough Cllr Stan Davies

**19/86 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

19/86.1 None

**19/87 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2019**

19/87.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**19/88 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

19/88.1 Neighbourhood Plan

Members of the public referred to the concerns regarding the Borough Council's recent approval of a planning application without regard for the Neighbourhood Plan. A response had been received from the Chair of the Borough Council's Southern Planning Committee which offered sympathy regarding these concerns. However, as this response had not addressed the points satisfactorily, a further submission would be made. It was also suggested that the relevant planning officers be invited to a meeting to discuss this matter in more detail.

19/88.2 Planning Application 19/4873N

Representations were made regarding planning application 19/4873N, which would be taken into account during consideration of this application.

19/88.3 Bovis Development

Councillors were advised that a residents meeting had been held which had established a Working Group in advance of the formation of a Management Committee. It was noted that the revised fitness area scheme had been approved by planning officers under delegated powers. There were still concerns regarding progress from Bovis on a number of issues and the continued support from the Parish Council was welcomed.

**19/89 PLAY AREA**

19/89.1 Cllr McEvoy submitted the monthly play area inspection report. Cllr Craig was thanked for replacing the missing bolts.

**19/90 WRENBURY CHURCHYARD**

19/90.1 Councillors discussed issues regarding the groundwater and electricity pole. It was agreed that the Council should continue as planned with a view to an early completion.

**19/91 HIGHWAYS/TRANSPORT**

19/91.1 Cllr Lowe provided an update on highways issues. With regards to the proposed 16T weight restriction, a meeting would be sought with highways officers. Councillors supported the provision of signs which would encourage drivers to reduce speed.

19/91.2 It was agreed that a list of outstanding highways issues would be maintained and shared with the highways authority on a regular basis.

**19/92 CLERK'S REPORT**

19/92.1 Community Governance Review

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

19/92.2 MUGA Lighting

Councillors were reminded that the lights had been switched off as it was considered wasteful both financial and environmentally to have the lights on every night when the MUGA was not being used. This was a particular problem as the bulbs were both expensive and inefficient.

However, it was important that this facility was used whenever possible therefore the lights would be set to operate on the agreed three evenings as per the recent requests.

**19/93 PLANNING MATTERS**

19/93.1 Application for consideration.

App	Description	Decision
19/4873N	Proposed construction of 45 dwelling houses, access, open space and associated infrastructure at Land South of Sandfield House, Station Road, Wrenbury	Objection

19/93.2 Applications previously considered and yet to be determined by the planning authority

App	Description	Decision
19/4403N	Rear single storey extension at 5, Church Farm, Wrenbury	Approved with Conditions
19/3072N	Affordable Housing s106 Deed of Variation linked to original planning permission 14/5615N at Weaver Farm, The Green, Wrenbury	No decision to date (delegated authority). Target decision date 21 August (Officer recommendation – approval)

**19/94 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

19/94.1 Councillors noted the actions agreed as part of the public participation item on the agenda (19/88.1)

**19/95 FINANCE REPORT**

19/95.1 Finance Report

Councillors received the finance report which provided a bank reconciliation, projected outturn and budgetary analysis.

19/95.2 Payments Authorised

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Cheque	Gross	VAT	Net
Adam Keppel-Green	Website	500898	42.00		42.00
Wrenbury PCC	Churchyard Maintenance	500899	100.00		100.00
Mark Robinson	Salary & Expenses	500900	175.32		175.32

19/95.3 Budget 2020/21

The Responsible Financial Officer provided the draft budget for 2020/21. The equated to £10,861, which was an increase from the current year's

budget of £8,516, although the expected final spend would be £15,567. This increase was largely a result of costs regarding maintenance of the MUGA and the Churchyard extension. These lines in the draft budget would require further consideration and the Chairman agreed to liaise with the Recreation Ground Trust in order to understand the costs associated with the MUGA. The final budget would be agreed at the next meeting.

19/95.4 Precept 2019/20

Whilst this matter would be agreed at the next meeting, Councillors discussed the options for the precept. The current year's precept was £11,000 and the forecast outturn was £3,798.

**19/96 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS**

19/96.1 Christmas Tree

Cllr Palmer suggested that a Christmas tree should be placed on the Green for use each year with solar lights. Cllr Palmer to take this forward.

19/96.2 Hedge on Station Road

Despite requests to the highways authority, one part of this hedge was still overgrown. The Clerk would escalate this at the Borough Council.

19/96.3 Blocked Grid - Wrenbury Heath

The Clerk logged this on the Cheshire East website – Job No. 3379977.

**19/97 DATES OF MEETINGS 2020**

19/97.1 09 January, 13 February, 12 March, 02 April, 14 May, 03 June, 09 July, 13 August, 03 September, 08 October, 12 November, 10 December.