

WRENBURY CUM FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr Jack McEvoy (Chairman), Cllr Sue Cole, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Kathy Harding, Cllr Lyndon Jones and Cllr Janet Palmer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Davies and one member of the public

18/60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

18/60.1 Cllrs Black and Clarke

18/60.2 The Clerk advised that Cllr Black had not attended the Council for the past five months and in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, any Councillor who does not attend a meeting for six consecutive months automatically ceases to be a Councillor at that point, unless the Council authorises said absence.

RESOLVED – that Cllr Black's absence be authorised in accordance with S85(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

18/60.3 The resignation of Cllr MacGillivray was noted. As whole Council elections were less than six months away, then there was no requirement to fill the vacancy.

18/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

18/61.1 None

18/62 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 08 NOVEMBER 2018

18/62.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

18/63 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

18/63.1 Borough Cllr Davies provided an update on matters affecting the Borough Council.

18/64 FINANCE REPORT

18/64.1 The Council considered the Finance report which detailed the spending against budget and provided an end of year projection of a financial balance of £12,500, subject to any spending on village improvement projects.

18/64.2 Payments Authorised

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Cheque	£
Wrenbury PCC	Churchyard Donation	500948	100.00
Mark Robinson	Salary and expenses	500949	171.18
HMRC	PAYE Q3	500950	340.80
Matt Benbow	Grass cutting	500851	225.00

18/64.3 Draft Budget 2019/20

The Responsible Financial Officer provided the draft budget for 2019/20. The equated to £8,038, which was a reduction from the current year's budget of £8,444.

Councillors discussed a number of the budget lines, however, agreed that they seemed to be accurate for the Council's requirements. One item for inclusion was a dog waste bin on the Recreation Ground. It was noted that the final budget would be agreed at the next meeting.

18/64.4 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 had been increased by £5,000 from the previous year to enable spending on village improvements and the Neighbourhood Plan. It was now envisaged that the whole of the Neighbourhood Plan spend would be undertaken utilising the grant monies.

With regards to village improvements, the play area had been identified as requiring investment. No monies had been spent to date whilst the issue of the ownership had been clarified. Recently, Cllr Jones had commenced this project and had identified a cost of circa £13k for refurbishment works, which was in excess of the Council's end of year projected financial position.

Therefore, in order to undertake any refurbishment works to the playground and provide for other projects whilst maintaining a reserve for any by-elections, it would be necessary to maintain the precept at a similar level to the current year. Councillors discussed the merits of this and stressed the importance of ensuring that any projects are taken forward and completed in 2019.

18/65 PLAY AREA

18/65.1 Cllr Craig submitted the monthly play area inspection report. There were issues with the surface and some of the fenceposts were loose.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and the Chairman be authorised to arrange for the repair to the fenceposts.

18/65.2 Cllr Jones provided an update on the discussions regarding the project to renovate the play area. A discussion had been held with Wicksteed who had provided the existing equipment. As parts of the equipment had a 20-year guarantee then it would be reasonable to refurbish this equipment rather than undertake the complete replacement. In this respect a quotation in the sum of £13,847 had been identified for the refurbishment. Cllr Jones was thanked for the work so far and asked to review further the quotation with a view to discussion at the next meeting.

18/65.3 It was agreed that no further consideration be given to submitting a bid for the New Homes Bonus as it would be difficult to work together with Marbury Parish Council given the separate locations and requirements for play equipment.

18/66 TRAIN SERVICE

18/66.1 The Clerk provided details of a complaint regarding the poor service currently being provided by Transport for Wales since it took over as operator for the service. The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's concerns to Transport for Wales, CASPA and the Welsh Senedd, as this was an important commuter route into and from the village.

18/67 PLANNING MATTERS18/67.1 Application for consideration.

App	Description	Decision
18/6146N	The erection of an oak framed garage at 4, Lime Trees Barn, Frith Lane, Wrenbury	No comment

18/67.2 Applications previously considered and yet to be determined

App	Description	Decision
18/4924N	Erection of a double stable and formation of a 40m by 20m manege on equestrian land (Retrospective) on Land At, Pinsley Green Road, Wrenbury	Approved with conditions
18/4928N	Erection of day room with secure store – Retrospective on Land At, Pinsley Green Road, Wrenbury	No decision to date (delegated authority). Target decision date 13 December 2018
18/3825N	Conversion of existing large garage and self-contained flat to house at Weaver Farm, Flat 1 The Green, Wrenbury	No decision to date (delegated authority). Target decision date 31 December 2018
18/4459N	Outline application for access and layout for demolition of two existing bungalows and erection of four two storey detached dwellings at Holly Cottage & Collingwood, Wrenbury Heath Road, Wrenbury Heath	Withdrawn
18/4443N	Erection of three, two storey detached dwellings following demolition of two existing bungalows with siting and access to be considered with all other matters reserved at Holly Cottage & Collingwood, Wrenbury Heath Road, Wrenbury Heath	Withdrawn
18/4524N	Replacement front door and frame and replacement windows. PVC door in brown wood style finish with white frame and white PVC window frames in keeping with the property at 8, Waterside Cottages, Wrenbury	Refused – effect of uPVC windows on conservation area
14/4835N	Proposed Second Storey Side & Rear Extension at Oak Tree View, Nantwich Road, Wrenbury	Approved with conditions
14/4958N	Proposed extension, alterations & new garage building at Heald Farm, Cholmondeley Road, Wrenbury	Approved with conditions
18/4199N	Listed Building Consent for photovoltaic solar panels onto roof of an outbuilding at The Grange, Wrenbury Road, Wrenbury	Approved with conditions
18/3056N	Reserved Matters approval for the appearance, landscaping, layout and the layout of footpaths and associated works following approval 14/5260N - Outline application for residential development of up to 18 dwellings to include means of access on Land South of Sandfield House, Station Road, Wrenbury	No decision to date (delegated authority). Target decision date 08 February 2019
17/6363N	Proposed construction of 45 dwelling houses, access, open space and associated infrastructure on Land South of Sandfield House, Station Road, Wrenbury	No decision yet – Committee Date 06 February 2019

18/68 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

18/68.1 Cllr Craig gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that the date of the referendum had been deferred to January 2019.

18/69 FITNESS AREA – BOVIS SITE

18/69.1 The Clerk reminded Councillors that in the Section 106 agreement with the original outline permission, it was agreed that the fitness area must be provided before 75% of the houses were occupied, which equated to 49 houses.

18/70 RECREATION GROUND TRUST

18/70.1 The Chairman gave an update on the current situation regarding the Trust. It was noted that since the Building had been vacated, the financial position had deteriorated owing to the reduction in income.

18/70.2 The Parish Council representatives had been asked whether the Council could consider ways to support the Trust and this was discussed by Councillors. Further consideration would be given and an item included on the next meeting's agenda to take this forward.

18/71 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

18/71.1 Councillors raised the following issues:

- Blocked drains on Wrenbury Heath Road (Clerk to report to Borough Council)
- Overgrown footpaths in the village (Clerk to report to Borough Council)
- Incidents with people trying to use forged £50 notes

18/72 DATES OF MEETINGS 2019

18/72.1 10 January, 14 February, 14 March, 11 April, 09 May, 13 June, 11 July, 12 September, 03 October, 14 November and 12 December

The meeting, which commenced at 8.00pm, concluded at 9.30pm