**WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Held at Wolverley Church Hall, Wolverley on Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Mr J Hart (Chairman)

Mr T Botterill

Mr D Cox

Mrs J Cox

Mr R Drew

Mr M Hart

Mr D Jones

Mrs L Jones

Mrs C Lewis

Mr C D Nicholls

Mr C Sherrey

Mr S Sherrey

Mr P Smith

Mr G Yarranton

County Councillor: Gordon Yarranton

District Councillor: Stephen Williams

246. **Apologies**

No Apologies

1. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**
2. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of need to update their register of interests.
3. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None Declared.
4. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) in items on the agenda and their nature.

Councillors D Cox, D Jones and Mrs C Lewis PC3278 as employee/committee member of Cookley Club.

The meeting will now be adjourned for PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No public questions

The meeting now reconvened to conduct the items of business listed below;

1. **To consider the adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2017 at 7.00pm**

These having previously been circulated it was resolved unanimously to receive and adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting and these were signed as such by the Chairman.

**Matters for Discussion / Decision;**

1. **To receive Councillors Reports;**

**County Councillor;**

Councillor Yarranton reported;

Cookley School issues are being resolved – programme of works scheduled for Easter.

Liaising with Mike Davies, Wolverley Scout Leader regarding a more permanent place for Scouts to meet.

Noisy Cockerel in Cookley – getting lots of complaints.

Councillor D Cox and C Nicholls thanked Gordon for all his hard work with resolving the issues at Cookley School.

**District Councillor;**

 Councillor Williams reported;

The District Council will no longer make nominations to the Community Housing Boards or Committees (ie Councillors will not be representatives on the Community Housing’s Boards or Committees).

The District Council is wishing to initiate a collective energy switching scheme on behalf of residents (Company “I chooser” – to date has 650,000 households which are saving on average £243.00 per year – per household).

The District Council has approved a new development partner – Public Sector PLC (PSP) to accelerate the development of its property and land holdings. Currently 21 Councils are using PSP who form limited liability partnerships with Council using a unique “Relational Partnering” model.

The District Council welcomes the confirmation that we will receive a share of a £17.5 million investment for Worcestershire from Government, which will enable specific traffic congestion relief for the Churchfields/Horsefair masterplan in Kidderminster.

Drakelow Tunnels: The District Councils officers and the leader and deputy leader met with local residents who are very upset with ongoing noise created by the tunnels owner who, it is believed is cutting and processing timber off other businesses. Investigation is ongoing.

Councillor Nicholls sought clarification on first point raised re Community Housing Board and why no representatives?, Councillor Williams advised roles have changed and Councillors can still be nominated in future but will not represent Wyre Forest District Council.

1. **To receive report from Local Representative, West Mercia Police.**

Apologies given – written report provided and circulated.

Councillor D Cox has spoken with PC Richard Leek who will be taking up a 3 month secondment so there will be changes to Policing in the area. He is hopeful that full funding for smart water will be obtained and at the recent PACT meeting the issue of the state of the grass verges in Sebright Road was raised.

1. **Financial Matters;**

**Accounts for Payment**

 62 Mrs B J Drew 899.86

(Salary March 17)

63 Mr T Dale 1309.50 (Lengthsman Fee March 17)

64 Inland Revenue 236.43

 (Tax & NI January – March 17)

65 Mrs B J Drew 15.99

 (Ink)

1 Marston’s 1.20

 (Bus Shelter Rental)

1. **Planning Applications for Consideration:-**

**PC No WFDC No/Details**

3278 17/0148/Full: Erection of outside server facility adjoining existing cricket score box and additional storage unit

 adjoining existing compound area at Cookley Sports Playing Fields, Lea Lane, Cookley.

Clerk advised the server element of the application has been withdrawn from the proposal.

 Recommend Approval

**Parish Matters for Update Only – no decisions required**

1. Clerks Report (Clerk) Clerks and Councils Direct, Update on LED conversions, Decision Notices. 16/0005/Full Building adjacent 9 Bury Hall, Wolverley -Appeal Dismissed, 16/0569/Full Extension to provide bathroom at The Retreat, Lowe Lane – Appeal made.
2. Update on Lengthsman Scheme (Councillor T Botterill). Busy month, current weed spray is being withdrawn will need to look into a replacement.
3. Update on progress with Bin Installation (Councillor S Sherrey). All floor mounted bins done, delay on post mounted bins.
4. New Issues / Items for Next Meeting. Drakelow Tunnels / Zig Zag Path.
5. Dates for Meetings;
6. Date of Next Meeting – to confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May 2017, 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

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