

WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held via ZOOM on Tuesday 2nd June 2020 at 7.30pm

Mr R Drew (Chairman)
Mr D Jones (Vice Chairman)
Mrs V Bordewich
Mr D Cox
Mr J Hart
Mr M Hart
Mrs L Jones
Mr C Sherrey
Mr S Sherrey
Mr W Southam
Mr J Wood

Mr A Carloss, Mr B McFarland and Mr C Nicholls dialled into the meeting but were unable to join due to technical issues with ZOOM. Clerk apologised to all and will try to resolve this for next meeting.

County Councillor: Mr I Hardiman
District Councillors: Mr M Hart, Mrs L Jones
West Mercia Police; Apologies

20. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from West Mercia Police.

21. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded to complete and need to regularly update their register of interests.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) in items on the agenda and their nature. Councillor J Hart in Wolverley Memorial Hall (Item 9) as member of the committee.

No Public Participation.

Matters for Discussion / Decision;

22.. **Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2020 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.

23. **Police Report**

Clerk advised of e mail received from Natalie Lowe, Rural & Business Crime Officer asking whether the Parish Council would support trialling some new signage for the "We Don't Buy Crime" initiative. The A3-A2 metal signs would be affixed to lampposts near to Tesco Express in Cookley. There is no cost to the parish Council. All agreed this is a great idea and to support it.

COOKLEY:

Burglary - Highfield Road - shed broken into and two mountain bikes stolen
Burglary - Austcliffe Farm - 3 sheds had the hasps snapped and entry gained - nothing stolen
Vehicle Crime - BMW stolen from an address in Caunsall, New Road - later recovered in Bilston
Criminal Damage - Staite Drive - attempt has been made to break into a storage container, causing damage

Not reported to police - but have been made aware by seeing facebook that there are a couple of motorcycles being ridden through Cookley at speed and the riders without helmets. These need to be reported along with the vehicle registration numbers and riders name if possible

WOLVERLEY:

Burglary - Brown Westhead Caravan park - garages broken into and power tools stolen
Burglary - Hardwicks - have been subject to a couple of break ins to the yard and numerous items stolen. The offenders have gained access along the river path
Burglary - Building Site (old sion hill middle school) - a large amount of plaster has been stolen from the site
Theft of Vehicle - Salcombe Lane - a black range rover that had been parked in this location has been stolen without keys

It goes without saying we have been extremely busy with reports of Covid breaches. Where possible we have attended at the time or have dealt with them slow time.

We have also been running Operation Flock / Operation Hillman for the last two weeks in May we have been patrolling all of our Rural Areas in our two beat areas of North and East, visiting farms and on the lookout for vehicles that have been seen acting suspiciously. This is due to a report of numerous Livestock Offences.

We will be holding a Bike Marking Event at The Lock Car Park Wolverley, on Wednesday 10th June, 3pm - 6pm
We will be publicising this on social media and through CMS and NHW alerts, and will put posters up in the villages
This will be Bike Marking with a difference as we socially distance whilst doing the process!

24. **County/District Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Report;

Ian Hardiman reported that presently I don't have a comprehensive report regarding local issues but I am pleased to say that from this week, our Highways Liaison Engineer, Paul Green is back in circulation and he has agreed to meet with me, albeit for a short meeting, on Thursday this week. And so, I will be able to ask him to kindly re-engage with the considerable number of casework issues outstanding. Councillor Cox asked for an update on Lea Lane, Ian will check up and report.

District Councillor Report

Councillor M Hart advised of rubble in a field by Brookfield Cottage, Lowe Lane which the owner has been given notice to remove within 14 days, he will update next month, also on land opposite rubble has gone but horses and stables have appeared so the land owner has been invited to make a planning application and at the top of Lowe Lane, horses are being kept and we are awaiting enforcement to inspect. Copes Lane, a shed approved for agricultural use is being used for other items - Enforcement Issue.

Car Parking Charges have been re-introduced but machines are not accepting cash.

Despite a presentation by the Chairman at the Planning Committee and opposition from your local district councillors the Lea Castle reserved matters application has been approved by 7 votes to 5. There was much discussion on this, and Councillor Drew enquired whether any other measures can be undertaken? Councillor M Hart suggested trying to get a traffic regulation order (TRO), also a weight restriction, Councillor Hardiman would support this but requires close liaison with the Parish Council when any matters are discussed.

Councillor Mrs L Jones advised still awaiting all planning applications for stables off the A449, Motocross events are still being monitored, photographs have been forwarded to enforcement regarding 4x4 activity in the woods at the rear of Woodlands Road, rats have been reported around the former Red Lion Stores. The Austcliffe sign has been delayed by lockdown but will be put up shortly.

25. **Financial Matters**

a) Councillor C Sherrey advised that Section 6.4, p9 of the financial regulations relates to a signatory having a connection by virtue of family or business relationships and they should not under normal circumstances, be a signatory to the payment in question. He advised that due to lockdown, we are not in normal circumstances, and the signing of cheques is difficult. Councillor C Sherrey therefore asked if the Parish Council would agree for the Chairman to sign cheques 9, 10 and 13 for this month. This was unanimously agreed. Also agreed the other cheques be approved. When face to face meetings resume cheques for the Clerk will be signed by a different signatory.

9	Mrs B J Drew (Salary May 2020)	889.23
10	Mrs B J Drew (Stationary)	22.38
11	Mr Keith Basketfield (Grass Cutting 2nd Cut)	671.00
12	Revive Exterior Maintenance (Gateway Cleaning)	280.00
13	Summer Planters (Mrs B Drew)	116.14
14	Cookley In Bloom	125.00

b) Financial Regulations

Councillor C Sherrey had undertaken a thorough review of the model financial regulations and amended where appropriate for Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council. These have been circulated to all. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations and Councillor C Sherrey was thanked.

26. **Consultations:**

- a) Dog Control Public Protection Spaces Order
- b) Alcohol Consumption Public Spaces Protection Order

After much discussion it was agreed individuals should respond and Councillor D Jones will respond on the Dog Control on behalf of the Parish Council.

27. **Open Space at The Crescent, Lea Castle**

An e mail from Homes England was discussed and it was agreed by the Parish Council that at present they do not want to consider a transfer of some of the existing open space at The Crescent within Homes England's ownership for an element of off road parking.

28. **Wolverley Memorial Hall Lease**

Councillor M Hart updated on the above lease and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should formally agree to the assignment of the lease but not to a deed of variation.

29. **Planning Applications for consideration:**

3472 WF/20/0292/HOU: Single storey rear extension at 39 Gaymore Road, Cookley. Recommend Approval

3473 WF/20/0327/CLE: Lawful development certificate for existing use of annexe as a self-contained independent dwelling house at Annexe, Wyre Mill House, Wolverley.

The applicant has provided evidence that the annexe has been used as a separate dwelling for the last 10 years and the Parish Council are being consulted to see if they have any evidence to refute this. After much discussion it was agreed that there is no evidence and no comment on this application will be made.

Parish Matters for Update Only - no decisions required

- 30. Clerks Report: Submission of WFDC Local Plan, Notice of Appeal Drakelow Tunnels, Article W&CMatters, ATM The Anchor, Caunsall, Bridge Rd Kiosk. Noted.
- 31. Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor D Jones reported the call for sites will now be removed to enable the plan to progress. Noted.
- 32. Planters: Chairman reported that all troughs under the gateways had now been planted. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Drew, the Clerk and Councillor Southam who had completed the work and to Wolverley village residents for planting the barrier baskets. They are all looking really attractive and several positive comments have already been received.
- 33. Lengthsman Scheme - Work has been given this month by both villages. RD/WS to check if completed.
- 34. New Issues/Items for Next Meeting: Signage - Dog Fouling (JW) Self Watering Planters (WS).
- 35. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 7th July 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman - 7th July 2020