

WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held via ZOOM on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7.00pm

Mr R Drew (Chairman)
Mr D Jones (Vice Chairman)
Mrs V Bordewich
Mr A Carloss
Mr D Cox
Mrs L Jones
Mr B McFarland
Mr C Nicholls
Mr C Sherrey
Mr S Sherrey
Mr W Southam
Mr J Wood

County Councillor: Ian Hardiman
District Councillors: Ian Hardiman, Lisa Jones

210. **Apologies.** Cllrs J & M Hart due to other commitments and West Mercia Police.

211. **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.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

The Clerk read e mail received from parishioner giving various reasons for Lea Lane to remain open.

212. **Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2021 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.

Matters for Discussion / Decision.

213. **Police Report**

Written report circulated.

Burglary - Axborough Lane - 00512_I_04032021 - Between 1800hrs on 3rd March and 1000hrs on 4th March unknown persons have attempted to gain entry to a shed by forcing the padlock. No entry was gained and no items stolen.

Suspicious Circumstances - Sebright Road- 00075_I_09032021 at 18:25hrs on 09/03/2021 caller has received a scam call from an unknown caller purporting to be from amazon stating their name and account number and asking them for personal information. The caller does not have an amazon account and has therefore terminated the caller.

Op Prospero - Lowe Lane - 583_I_09032021. At 11:00hrs on 09/03/2021 an unknown caller has contacted informant purporting to be from Oxford Police. They said they had someone in custody that had been using informants' details. They were told to go to the bank and take cash out, they would then call back and get the serial numbers from the bank notes, which they then did. They then sent a courier round for the money at around 14:00hrs. Money was exchanged.

Op Prospero - Drakelow Lane - 250_I_10032021. At on 10/03/2021 Scam called received and person claiming to be a Sargent from Bournemouth Police and they had someone in custody. Caller did not give any details.

Burglary - Sladd Lane - Police Ref 22/24515/21 - Between 10am - 2pm on 29th March an outbuilding has been broken into - nothing stolen at this time.

Theft - Wolverley Road - Police Ref 00378_I_22032021 - A shed in this location has been broken into sometime between 19th March and 22nd March - a leaf blower has been stolen.

Burglary -New Road, Caunsall - police ref 00270_I_23032021 -Between 21st March and 23rd March unknown persons have forced entry to a property on New Road. They have then taken a number of tools from within.

Kimberlee Avenue, Cookley - Criminal Damage - Sometime between 24/03/2021 23:45hrs and 25/03/2021 at 07:30hrs a vehicle which was parked secure and unattended has been scratched all along the passenger side using an unknown object.

Short Yard Lane, Wolverley - Burglary - police ref's 00244_I_28032021, 00258_I_28032021, 00595_I_28032021. - In the early hours of 28th March 2021 unknown persons have forced entry into multiple garages off Short Yard Lane. They have then taken a number of bicycles, including a specially adapted bicycle and a number of drills and a chainsaw.

Following the e mail received asking for Parish Council priorities it was agreed to submit Speeding, Antisocial Behaviour and Parking outside schools.

214. **County/District Councillor Reports**
County Cllr Ian Hardiman's Report

Lea Lane Landslip:

As reported in March, negotiations between the County Council and other parties have still not yet been resolved and therefore the necessary works have not commenced.

Lea Castle Quarry Application (19/00053/CM): The County Council's Development manager has not yet announced when the County Council's Planning Committee will consider the application.

Cookley Castle Road Trees: The dead tree by property number 71 has been removed; The roots of a tree by number 41 which have been causing damage to the property is also to be removed in the near future.

Wolverley Trees Safety: I have referred the issue of dead and unsafe trees present in the large verge by the junction of Blakeshall Lane and the B4189 to Highways who have agreed to investigate as they are on County owned land.

District Councillors Report

Local Issues

We have been dealing with the usual routine casework, reporting litter and fly tipping on the main A roads and along the country lanes.

We have been keeping a keen eye on planning and enforcement issues across the Parish as usual of which there are a number! The shack at the Lock has nearly been completed to WFDC's satisfaction, just the pink door to be done now and signage to be checked.

WFDC continue to monitor the issues regarding the Motor X.

Wyre Forest Issues

Wyre Forest House is still closed to the public as is the Green Street hub save for dealing with housing and homelessness applications. Staff continue to work from home.

The Council led by the Progressive Alliance continues to pursue a localism agenda, divesting itself of many local services and assets. It is in talks with all 3 towns regarding the transfer of land, buildings, parks and open spaces, toilets and the potential TUPE of staff etc.... This also has ramifications for Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council as the Progressive Alliance are proposing to remove grants for litter picking and bin emptying and grass cutting over time and expect the Parish Council to precept for it.

All meetings are still being held virtually and there will be a special council meeting on 21st April to agree the arrangements for remote meetings until the Government legislate accordingly.

There are significant staff shortages at Green Street at present as a result of Covid-19 which is severely affecting bin collection and litter picking on A-roads.

Cllr. C Sherrey advised of unacceptable excessive noise from a Moto x practice event that took place a on hot day last week when the children were in school and asked for WFDC to be made aware of this. Cllr. L Jones will advise Worcester Regulatory Services, WFDC Enforcement and copy the Clerk.

215. **Financial Matters.**

- a) Annual Accounts - Year ended 31st March 2021.
Clerk advised details for year end have been received from external auditor PKF Littlejohn. Deadline for return 2nd July 2021. Wolverley & Cookley have been randomly selected for an Intermediate Audit rather than Basic so will have slightly more information to provide. The Accounts will be submitted for approval at the June meeting.
- b) To discuss street lighting invoices 2017/18 & 2018/19.
Cllr. C Sherrey advised that although still not convinced that the Council has seen the cost savings promised by converting to LEDs the latest bill has seen a reduction of nearly £500 and proposes that the invoices should be paid. This was agreed. There are still discrepancies with the Parish lighting initiative statement as WCC are charging maintenance on less columns.
- c) To agree the schedule of cheques to be signed. Unanimously Agreed.

72	HMRC (Tax & NI January - March 2021)	481.27
73	Worcestershire County Council (Parish Lighting Initiative 2017-2018)	11678.29
74	Worcestershire County Council (Parish Lighting Initiative 2018 - 2019)	11761.25
75	Worcestershire County Council (Parish Lighting Initiative 2019 - 2020)	11292.50
76	The Wolverley Memorial Charitable Trust	320.00
77	Mr Keith Basketfield (Labour, Rotavator, Seeding Wildflower Bed)	350.00
78	Wildflower Planting Project (Mr R Drew)	
	Stakes 10.08	
	Signs 6.99	
	Seed for Bank 22.50	
	Seed for Base 170.52	
	Planter 6.95	217.04
79	Mrs B J Drew (Ink/Zoom)	24.38
80	Mrs B J Drew (Amberol (Matting and Wicks for Baskets) Graffiti Spray & Expenses to 31st March 21)	173.55
1	Marston's (Bus Shelter Rental)	1.20

216. **To agree way forward with consulting community regarding Lea Lane.**

The Chairman advised that at the last meeting it was agreed to consult the communities on the decision whether Lea Lane remain full vehicular access or be changed to an active travel route and invited Councillors to agree the way forward. Cllr. D Jones who made the proposal suggested that it would not be practical to rush into a referendum/consultation which may be quite costly until agreement has been reached by all parties and the road re-opened. Discussion ensued and Cllr. D Jones proposed to defer the agreed consultation with the community until the road has been restored. This was carried with 7 for, 4 against and 1 abstain.

217. **To discuss forthcoming meetings following government announcement on virtual meetings.**

Clerk advised that virtual meetings will not be allowed after May 6th. After much discussion it was agreed that the next meeting scheduled for May 4th be held via Zoom and then future meetings will resume face to face, alternating between Wolverley Church Hall and Cookley School. Risk Assessment will need completing.

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

PC No WFDC No/Details

- 3515 Deferred last 2 meetings:
21/0066/S73: Minor Material Amendment to 19/0724/RESE to substitute house types in Phases E and F, make elevational changes to house types within Phases A and D and amend soft and hard landscaping at former Lea Castle Hospital, Park Gate Road, Wolverley.
Defer again - no further information received.
- 3525 21/0035/HOU: Provision of balcony to first floor window at Woodview House, Lea Lane, Cookley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3526 21/0070/NMA: Non-Material Amendment to Planning Permission 20/0825/Full to revise colour of roofing and cladding sheets from Black to Anthracite,
Recommend Approval.
- 3527 21/0210/TPO: Various tree works at Heathfield School, Wolverley,
Recommend Approval subject to agreement from Arboricultural Officer.

- 3528 21/0245/HOU: First floor side extension and loft extension/conversion with rear dormer at 17 Westhead Road North, Cookley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3529 21/0249/LBC: Structural repairs to stabilise the rock house formation, including insertion of steel rock bolts, construction of masonry support pillars, de-scaling the rock face and welding the well grate at Rock Formation at Os 382746 282105, Kingsford Lane, Wolverley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3530 21/0257/FULL: Proposal for a new build, single storey, single classroom teaching block, including improvements to the landscaping, with new planting and surfacing in the immediate proximity of the proposed classroom at Heathfield School, Wolverley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3531 21/0262/FULL: Replacement agricultural store (retrospective) at land at Os 382777 278875 Mill Lane, Wolverley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3532 21/0277/ADV: Installation of 2 x advertising signs installed in a "V" formation at land at Os 384905 278670, Park Gate Road, Wolverley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3533 21/0307/HOU: Erection of first floor side extension at 28 Kimberlee Avenue, Cookley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3534 21/0310/NMA: FOR INFORMATION ONLY: NMA to Planning Permission 21/0060/HOU to allow change of position of side door and extend side elevation by 1m at 33 Franche Road, Wolverley,
Noted.
- 3535 21/0325/FULL: Proposed agricultural building at Hill House, Shatterford Lane, Wolverley,
Recommend Approval.
- 3536 21/0329/HOU: Replacement side porch at Brynavon, Kingsford Lane, Wolverley.
Recommend Approval but note replacement porch larger than existing.

NOTICE OF APPEAL: 20/0992/HOU: Single storey side and rear extension at 3 Sebright Green, Wolverley. Noted.

Parish Matters for Update Only - no decisions required.

219. Clerks Report. (Clerk) Footpath Diversion Order, Joint Parish Forum/Area CALC, Councillors Survey, WFDC Media Releases, Clerks & Councils Direct. Noted.
220. Update on Localism Meetings (RD) Chairman advised of recent meeting held with Ian Miller and Helen Dyke regarding possible transfer of assets under Localism, including Brown Westhead Park and Cookley Allotments. WFDC to provide further information and then this will be discussed by Full Council. Also, a presentation was made to Councils before the last Area CALC making it clear that at the end of current agreements WFDC will not provide any further funding.
221. Update on Wolverley Projects (RD) Chairman advised Wildflower area now planted and Wolverley Island project is progressing.
222. To update on Lengthsman Work. (RD/WS) RD has given some work in Wolverley. RD/WS/SS meeting Lengthsman Thursday to discuss various matters. RD urged Councillors to forward any work needed to him or WS. Cllr. Nicholls asked for hours worked in each Parish to be monitored. Chairman advised worksheets would be circulated.
223. Neighbourhood Plan / CLT. (DJ/JW) Nothing to report.
224. To update on contact made with Safer Roads Partnership regarding Accidents A449. (WS/Clerk) Still awaiting response.
225. New Issues / Items for Next Meeting. (All)
226. Date of Next Meeting - to confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 4th May 2021.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.