

**WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7.00pm, Church Hall, Wolverley**

Present:

Mr R Drew (Chairman)  
Mr A Carloss  
Mr D Cox  
Mr D Jones  
Mr J Hart  
Mr M Hart  
Mr B McFarland  
Mr C Nicholls  
Mr C Sherrey  
Mr S Sherrey  
Mr W Southam  
Mr J Wood

West Mercia Police: PC Jamie Guest, PCSO Alice Owen-Jones  
County Councillor: Councillor I Hardiman.  
District Councillors: Councillor M Hart and I Hardiman.

104. **Apologies**

Cllr Mrs L Jones due to work commitments and Cllr Mrs V Bordewich due to holiday.

105. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**

- a) Register of Interests: The Clerk reminded Councillors that it is their responsibility to update their register of interests forms as required. On looking at the website it appears some do need updating. If you require a new form, please contact the Clerk.
- 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. Cllrs B McFarland, C Nicholls, C Sherrey and S Sherrey in planning application 22/0710/TCA as all are governors on Sebright Educational Foundation.

The meeting will now be adjourned for PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

A query was raised on the colour of the clock paint on Elizabeth Bache Corner. Cllr D Cox will check as the paint was matched to the original colour.

Biodiversity Report - it was confirmed that areas identified in the report are being investigated.

Concern was expressed over increased parent parking for school drop off and collection along Drakelow Lane making it extremely dangerous for locals, schoolchildren, parents and cars. The school do not currently allow parents to use the school grounds. It was agreed to write to the headmaster.

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

106. **To consider the adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 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 by the Chairman.

**Matters for Discussion / Decision.**

107. **Police Report.**

Written Report circulated.

PC Guest advised that PC Matt Ling is currently acting as sergeant in Stourport.

Wardle way, Wolverley - 00044\_I\_14092022 - off road bikes being ridden on roads, the riders are not wearing helmets.

We have seen a rise in parked vehicle being entering during the night across Kidderminster, nothing reported in Cookley and Wolverley, however we would urge residents to ensure they have not left any valuable in vehicles and double check they are locked.

The team will be joining Community housing on their Walkabout of Cookley and Wolverley on the 26th October. Now changed to 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am ,

Cllr R Drew enquired if there could be speed enforcement undertaken on Franche road in Wolverley as figures from the VAS sign suggest a problem with speeding. PC Guest advised it is down to time available and resources, but he will endeavour to do this.

Cllr Cox thanked the Police for acting on antisocial behaviour at Cookley Club.

108. County / District Councillor Reports. Reports circulated prior to the meeting.

County Cllr Ian Hardiman's Report; Written Report circulated.

**Lea Lane Landslip:**

Further to my Report last month, I have now an agreed appointment for the Cabinet member for Highways to meet with me to discuss this Long Outstanding issue; we will be meeting on 13th October to discuss this and other unresolved issues.

**Wolverley Village, Residents' Concerns:**

Parish Chairman, Robin Drew and I met with the new Highways Liaison Engineer and were able to discuss such as the Residents' Permit parking Scheme; this has now been referred to County Officers for their guidance and advice as soon as possible. Vehicle road speeds was discussed but enforcement action cannot be implemented as speed data here does not support this. But The Parish Council's VAS is being employed here and residents are pleased by this and have commented that they believe drivers are being prompted to drive considerately.

**Cookley Titan Wheels HGV Concerns:**

Further to last month's Report, I have checked and found that the Highways Officers will be carrying out an assessment of possible adjustment to the existing Double Yellow Lines.

**Caunsall, 7.5 Tonne HGV limit Canal Bridge signage:**

I am pleased that new signs have been installed to replace the two signs which were stolen! However, Highways officers are now investigating the issue of the damaged barrier railings at this location and will report back.

**Wolverley Village Cutting, Gullies:**

The Highways Engineer met with Cllr Robin Drew and myself to see the present vegetation overgrowth that is causing rainwater to swell across the highway allowing too much water to bypass the drains. The Highways Action Team will be asked to cut this vegetation urgently.

**Park Gate Road Pathway Unconnected to Lea castle Drive:**

I have Reported that this pavement does not actually connect causing difficulty for children when walking to school(s). The Highways Engineer is taking this up with County officers and the Developer.

The Crescent - Agreed Removal of the small roundabout: This is due to commence this week.

**Issues unresolved:**

Wolverley Gully by Hardwicks / Snake Lane Pooling / Cookley Woodlands Road, Sunken / Replacement Footpath Sign at Top of Castle Rd.

Cllr I Hardiman is pursuing the Section 278 agreement for traffic reconfiguration on the A449 due to the Lea Castle Development.

Cllr D Jones asked if the footpath down to the restored bridge at Austcliffe could be improved so it could be used by pushchairs and wheelchairs, IH will look into this.

**District Councillors Report - Written Report Circulated;**

**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.

Regarding the K9 Pawfection business in Drakelow Lane, the applicants as you may be aware have appealed the enforcement notice and there has still been no decision from the planning inspector to date.

Regarding Six Ashes, Castle Hill, we have been liaising with officers regarding this enforcement issue and the residents have been given until 1st December to vacate the land.

Land at the junction of Sladd Lane and Shatterford Lane has been the subject of a planning application for a dog walking area has been refused.

We are liaising with WFDC planning officers regarding continued HGV use on Kingsford Lane going to the Drakelow tunnels site instead of using Sladd Lane which is the official route.

We have been liaising with local residents in Fairfield Lane regarding an anti-social behaviour issue of which the police and WFDC have been involved.

There is no update yet as to when the 800 homes planned for Lea Castle will be determined by WFDC following the submission of the planning application some months ago.

## Wyre Forest Issues

A number of larger planning applications are now flooding in for determination on land which has been removed from the green belt now that the WFDC local plan has been approved.

Regarding lorries going to the Drakelow site all hauliers have agreed route down Sladd lane, residents should be encouraged to take details of any lorries using an incorrect access route. Cllr M Hart will liaise with County Cllr I Hardiman regarding better signage.

### 109. Financial Matters:

a)	Online Banking - In progress	
b)	Unanimously agreed the schedule of cheques to be signed.	
45	Mrs B J Drew (Salary September 2022)	1111.17
46	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI July - September)	373.43
47	Severn Valley Lock & Safe (2 x Brass Plaques)	90.00
48	Mrs B J Drew Expenses Apr 22 - September 22(including Strimmer Spools) Stationary (inc plaque for Swan)	157.48 19.52
49	TG Hardwicks Builders (Posts/Concrete - Noticeboard)	39.01
50	Lorraine Neal (Lengthsman)	207.90

### 110. Remembrance Day Parades

Cllr R Drew reported Cookley road closure has been approved but still awaiting confirmation on Wolverley.

Cookley Councillors to put up notices one week prior to the event and take down day after event. DJ/DC/JW to arrange Marshalls.

Cllr R Drew to do Wolverley Notices and arrange Marshalls.

### 111. Rev N Taylor - Change of Area

Cllr D Jones advised Rev Taylor is taking up a new position in a different area so will be leaving the Parish of Wolverley & Cookley. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks.

### 112. Planning Applications for Consideration: -

PC No    WFDC No/Details

3637    22/0546/PNR: Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) at Barn at Castle Hill Farm, Castle Hill, Wolverley,  
Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council have two issues with this application;

- Highways Concerns - the Parish Council agree with comments made by WCC Highways Authority regarding concerns over connection from site to Highway and quality of farm track which links site to Castle Hill Farm complex,
- The fabric of the barn itself is not capable of conversion (Picture uploaded)

3638    22/0693/HOU: Replacement of porch roof at 11 Lionfields Road, Cookley,  
Recommend Approval

3639    22/0710/TCA: Undertake tree works detailed within the report undertaken by B J Unwin Forestry Consultancy at land at Os 382900 279230, Wolverley Village,  
Recommend Approval subject to Arboricultural Officer Recommendation.

3640    22/0714/HOU: Proposed single storey rear and side extension at 51 Castle Road, Cookley.  
Recommend Approval

Planning Decisions.

- 22/0449/Ful - Refusal (field at Shatterford Lane, Wolverley)
- 22/0469/S73 - Permit (former garage site Elan Close, Cookley)
- 22//0492/Ful - Refusal (Cookley Post Office)
- 22/0576/Res - Approval of Reserved Matters (Land at Wardle Way)
- 22/0590/Ful - Permit (1 Fairfield Lane, Wolverley)

**Parish Matters for Update Only - no decisions required.**

- 112. Clerks Report. (Clerk) Street Light Replacement programme, Various CALC reports, SPD consultations noted.
- 113. Vehicle Activated Sign - Data/Additional Sign. (RD) Sign will be moved tomorrow to Cookley.
- 114. Wolverley Noticeboard. (JH) Now erected adjacent to Wolverley Memorial Hall and playing fields.
- 115. Litterbin - Highfield Road, Cookley. (BD/JW) Cllr Wood to provide a photo of location for new siting of bin.
- 116. Update on Lengthsman. (RD/WS) done good jobs in Cookley, cleared round the wall race,
- 117. New Issues / Items for Next Meeting. (All)
- 118. Date of Next Meeting - to confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 1st November 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

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Chairman - Cllr R Drew