

**WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Held at Wolverley Church Hall, Wolverley on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Mr D Jones (Chairman)  
Mr D Cox  
Mr R Drew  
Mr J Hart  
Mr M Hart  
Mrs L Jones  
Mrs C Lewis  
Mr C Nicholls  
Mr C Sherrey  
Mr S Sherrey  
Mr P J Smith  
Mr W Southam

West Mercia Police: PCSO Nicky Merson  
District Councillors: Councillor Marcus Hart  
County Councillors: Councillor Ian Hardiman - Apologies

163. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors T Botterill and County Councillor Ian Hardiman.

164. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**

Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of need to update their register of interests.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None Declared.

To declare any Other Disclosable Interests (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) in items on the agenda and their nature. Councillors M Hart and S Sherrey in PC3312 - Heathfield School as have family that attend the school.

**Public Question Time**

Mrs Yolande Biggs addressed the meeting and spoke in support of alternating meetings between Cookley and Wolverley as then probably more Cookley Parishioners would attend, she queried whether a room at Cookley Playing Fields and Village Hall could be used. She also asked what the Parish Council felt about the Outline Planning Application at Lea Castle not being refused? She felt the interview with Ian Hardiman highlighted poor road access which will get worse with the development. Councillor J Hart responded that the Parish Council did support development of the former Lea Castle Site but raised issues on the infrastructure, traffic, schools etc. Councillor C Nicholls strongly voiced his concerns over the lack of infrastructure, transport, schools, surgery etc. Councillor J Hart stated that the plans submitted did include provision to improve the situation, money will be put aside and plans are only in outline at the moment and only for up to 600 dwellings. It will be crucial to scrutinise the detailed plans when received.

Mrs Katrina Willetts asked why Wolverley did not want to be part of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor R Drew explained that Wolverley are in total support of a Neighbourhood Plan but due to the enormity of the task to undertake this felt that initially the Neighbourhood Plan area should be contained to Cookley and Causall, no Wolverley Parishioners had expressed an interest and the Plan can later be expanded to include Wolverley.

165. **To consider the adoption of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 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:**

166. **To update on Vacancy for a Parish Councillor.**

Clerk advised an Election will take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to fill the Vacancy. It was unanimously agreed the Parish Council should pay for Poll Cards to be printed and distributed.

167. **To discuss progress with Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.**

Councillor D Jones, Mrs L Jones and D Cox are the Parish Council representatives on the Steering Group. A meeting with a group of interested parishioners has taken place and ideas put forward, it is moving forwards and will continue to be a Standing Item on the agenda every month.

168. **To discuss progress with Housing Needs Survey in the Parish.**

The revised survey has been received, it will be sent out to households in January 2018.

169. **To receive Councillors Reports:**

**County / District Councillor - Councillor I Hardiman reported;**

Nothing to report.

170. **Report from West Mercia Police**

PCSO Nicky Merson was in attendance.

Cookley - 7 shed break ins' - Caunsall, thefts from Motor Vehicles - Westhead Road area, Shetland pony taken, Scout Hut suspicious activity, today Gaymore Farm broken into,  
Wolverley - Hayes Rd vehicle thefts, TG Hardwicks - 3 lorries batteries stolen, burglary Wardle Way, Shatterford Lane Farm building theft, theft of logs Wolverley village, today burglary Solcum Blakeshall lane, stable and lorry stolen,

Still trying to locate the owner a bike that has been found in Cookley.

Cookley Neighbourhood Watch is hopefully being set up, Wolverley Watch very successful.

All expressed concern that the level of crime seems to be escalating. Councillor R Drew asked if patrols are being increased. Councillor J Hart queried with the number of batteries being stolen any chance of looking in scrapyards? how are they getting rid of them?

171. **Financial Matters:**

- a) Update on Parish Council Accounts for financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, Councillor C Sherrey provided very comprehensive written sheets and explained figures contained therein, Councillor C Sherrey would like to set the budget and precept in January 2018 meeting - please let the clerk know if you want anything included in the budget.
- b) Adoption of Grants following Grants Committee Meeting - Unanimously agreed, Grants to remain as last year.
- c) **Accounts for Payment**  
RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid;

51	Mrs B J Drew (Salary November 17)	909.06
52	Mr T Dale (Lengthsman Fee November 17)	297.00
53	Marvin Cox Lubricants (Works to maintain Pound)	36.00
54	Amberol (Baskets)	268.80
55	Mrs B J Drew (Office 365) (Book of 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Stamps)	79.99 7.80
56	Wolverley Churchyard / Church Hall	1934.28
57	Cookley Churchyard	1034.28
58	Wyre Forest District Council	90.00

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

**PC No**    **WFDC No/Details**

3302    WF/17/0558/Full: (Additional Plans/Revised Plans/Revised Description) Two storey side and single storey rear extension at 71 Castle Road, Cookley,

Recommend Approval

3308    WF/17/0669/Full: Fell two sycamores and reduce a third back from the nearby English Yew at Sinkers Cottage, The Shortyard, Wolverley,

Rec Deferral awaiting Arboricultural Officer comments

3309    WF/17/0688/Full: Refurbishment works to existing property to include new doors and windows at 9 Castle Barns, Cookley,

Recommend Approval,

- 3310 WF/17/0709/Full: Proposed change of use for part ground floor retail unit with side and rear first and second floor extension to create 6, 1 bedroomed flats and associated parking at Red Lion, 70 Castle Road, Cookley,  
Recommend Deferral until further information has been received,
- 3311 WF/17/0713/TCA: Various tree works at The Hay Barn, Wolverley,  
Recommend Deferral awaiting Arboricultural Officer comments.
- 3312 WF/17/0715/TREE: Fell Taxus Baccata at Heathfield School, Wolverley,  
Councillor C Sherrey advised that the tree over 100 years old - fruit that falls off is red and if you eat flesh you are ok but not if you eat the seeds. It was agreed to Recommend Deferral and request a Site Meeting with the Arboricultural Officer to discuss this tree.
- 3313 WF/17/3072/PNH: Single storey rear extension at 67 Castle Road, Cookley.  
For Info Only

173. **To discuss alternating Parish Council Meetings between the two villages.**

Councillor D Jones would like to alternate the Parish Council meetings between Cookley and Wolverley if a suitable venue can be found in Cookley.

Standing Orders state that meetings cannot be held in a premise that is licensed to sell alcohol.

After much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman investigate the possibility of holding meetings in either the Primary School or the Scout Headquarters.

174. **To update on progress with Localism Project - Tourism Boards.**

This is progressing.

175. **To agree letter of thanks to Canals & Rivers Trust.**

All agreed Clerk to send letter of thanks to Canals and Rivers Trust for recent work on the towpath between The Lock, Wolverley and Cookley Village.

176. **To discuss next article for Wolverley & Cookley Matters - deadline 10<sup>th</sup> December 17.**

Clerk to write article to include - Housing Needs Survey / Vacancy/Date of Election / Dementia Sessions in Cookley

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

177. Clerks Report (Clerk). Public Notice

178. Update on Worcestershire CALC AGM. - Councillor L Jones gave a very comprehensive report - the event was good for networking, good speech from chairman of Calc asking for Councillors to undergo more training, also put more information in newsletters and send report to Richard, we all need to work as a team, speakers were from Worcestershire Monitoring - officers going through code of conduct, new chairman of Nalc goes to central government with our views, support councillors, maintain respect and behaviour of councillors in their meetings. Councillor M Hart advised Calc has had to increase its fees to be self-sufficient, in 2019 hopefully subscriptions will not go up as much as this has been successful.

179. Update on Lengthsman Scheme. Next month - Work in Cookley

180. New Issues / Items for Next Meeting. Budget Setting / Precept / Light Conversions in the Parish / Cookley Clock / Defibrillators (Feb) / Historical Society exhibition.

181. Dates for Meetings:

Parish Chairman Meeting, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 6.30pm.

183. Date of Next Meeting - to confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm