

WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at Cookley School, Cookley on Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr R Drew (Chairman)
Mr T Botterill
Mr J Hart
Mr M Hart
Mr C Sherrey
Mr S Sherrey
Mr P Smith
Mr W Southam
Mr J Wood

County / District Councillor: Ian Hardiman
West Mercia Police: Apologies

72. **Apologies.** Apologies received from Councillors Mrs L Jones (Holiday), Mr D Jones (Holiday), Mrs C Lewis (Holiday), Mr C D Nicholls (Holiday), Mr D Cox (Delayed on Train).

73. **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.

The meeting will now be adjourned for PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - please see notes after the minutes.

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

74. **To consider the adoption of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd July 2018 at 7.00pm. (minutes previously circulated).**

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:

75. **To receive Councillors Reports**
District/County Councillor:

Wyre Forest Issues - Ludlow Road short break unit will be retained for 18-19, whilst a further review takes place. Work on the new £4million Kidderminster Railway Station scheme has started. The Highway works are being done first and will take until September so there will inevitably be delays and disruption whilst this work is undertaken.

Strategic Issues County Wide - Work continues to set up the wholly owned company for Children's Social Care. The County Council is facing unprecedented pressure on its budget from children's and adult social care. This year is already proving a financial challenge working within its approved cash allocations and I think we are in for a tough rest of this financial year and certainly 19-20.

Local Issues - Cookley / Caunsall Speeding Vehicles: Further to recent speed checking and enforcement carried out by the Police and Safer Roads Partnership, I have asked for speed monitoring cables to be installed which may provide evidence for grounds for further speed reduction measures.

Cookley Bridge Road Parking Concerns - The Highways Officer is investigating the possibility of introducing a TMO residents' scheme to combat the frequent parking by drivers from outside the area which causes difficulty for Bridge Road property residents who have no parking facility other than on the road by their homes.

Residents in Drakelow Lane are concerned about traffic speeds, I have asked for speed data to be collected along this lane. Church Bank Wolverley Village Draining Repairs, I am still awaiting advice from Highways as to when this important re-routing project will be recommenced.

Wolverley Village - Blakeshall Lane sunken drains, I have again chased the Highways Engineer who was firstly notified about this in May.

Pavement and Road Resurfacing - I am pleased that in accordance with my guidance, this year, pavement resurfacing has been carried out for Bridge Road in Cookley and in Wolverley, Franche Road, Beehcote Avenue and Honeybrook Close.

Following necessary patch repairs to Franche Road in Wolverley I am very pleased that Highways have completed the job by fully resurfacing this very busy through road in our Parish.

Diamond Bus Service Review - I am awaiting an update from the County Council on this and future assurances.

Hardwicks - A promised planning application has not been received therefore enforcement approval will be sought at September's Planning Committee.

Councillor Wood queried the process for a TMO for Bridge Road and Councillor Hardiman responded it is about allocating space to people's properties, residents need to complain and then this can be investigated.

Councillor Drew expressed thanks for the resurfacing works along Franche road but advised a sign has been attached to our gateway and much of the line repainting has not yet been completed, also damaged bollards on corner Franche Road/Mill Lane.

Councillor Smith reported a fallen tree in Drakelow Lane left at side of road, some debris taken away but not all of it, also left some cones, Ian Hardiman will investigate this.

76. **To receive report from Local Representative West Mercia Police.**

No Police present

77. **Financial Matters;**

a) Accounts for Payment - unanimously resolved the following Accounts be paid;

31	Dementia Action Alliance (Replacement for chq 200232)	500.00
32	Mrs B J Drew (Salary July 18)	904.83
33	T & A Dale (Lengthsman Fee June/July 18)	552.90
34	Marvin Cox Lubricants (Works to Pound)	36.00
35	William Southam (Britain in Bloom Fee)	55.00
36	Dave Preece (Paint - Cookley millennium Clock)	44.54

b) Councillor C Sherrey has always dealt with salary preparation, filing on line and NEST pension arrangements, he asked the Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for someone else to undertake this work. The Chairman thanked Councillor Sherrey for all his help with financial matters.

78. **Housing Needs Survey Results**

Clerk had previously circulated the written report. Councillor Simon Sherrey reported that it is very comprehensive but not sure it tells us anything different that we need to know. Any comments to Clerk by Monday 13th August.

79. **Proposed Sand and Gravel Quarry and Restoration Scheme at land at Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley.**

The Chairman advised that surveys and reports are being undertaken on site which will be reported back to Worcestershire County Council. There will then be consultation prior to a formal planning application. Councillor S Sherrey, who has previous experience in this type of proposal will investigate the possibility of identifying a professional that may be able to advise the Parish Council if needed in the future.

80. **Lea Castle Site, Wolverhampton Road, Cookley.**

Re-agenda.

81. **Cookley and Caunsall Neighbourhood Plan.**

Councillor Wood reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is still in consultation stage. The possibility of purchasing Cookley Post Office is being investigated but the timescale for raising the funds and submitting a case is very tight.

82. **Community Governance Review - Wolverley and Cookley.**

The result of the Local Advisory Poll was 517 Yes, 541 No, Wyre Forest District Council at their meeting 25th July agreed no further action.

83. **To discuss Cookley Bus Service.**

The bus service continues to be unreliable.

84. **To discuss Metal Bridge, Caunsall.**

Work is ongoing.

85. **Article - Wolverley & Cookley Matters.**

Clerk and Chairman will write article for next issue.

86. **Appeal Withdrawn - WF/16/0003/Outline - Land south of Stourbridge Road, Kidderminster.**

Noted.

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

PC No **WFDC No/Details**

3351 18/0452/CERTP: Certificate of Lawfulness: Proposed siting of mobile home for ancillary residential accommodation at Lyndhurst, Castle Hill, Wolverley,

For Information Only

3352 18/0474/Full: Proposed loft conversion with 4 rooflights at 3 Bury Hall, Wolverley,

Recommend Approval

3353 18/0475/Full: Proposed two storey rear extension at 1 South Lodge, Wolverley,

Recommend Approval but ask that extension is not visible from the front to retain the style of castle that has been in existence since 1800s

3354 18/0476 List & 18/0477/Full: Proposed single storey rear extension to Grade 11 listed building at 3 North Lode, Wolverhampton Road, Cookley.

Same as previous application.

Parish Matters for Update Only - no decisions required

88. Clerks Report (Clerk). Kinver Edge Committee - request for committee members.

89. Update on Lengthsman Scheme. Tim is working at Brown Westhead Park, cannot do Highlow Bank due to safety,

90. New Issues / Items for Next Meeting. Public Works Loan and Post Office, Signage Cookley.

91. Dates for Meetings:

Monday 3rd September, 9.30am Flag Flying Ceremony, Wyre Forest House, followed by Silverwood's 10.15am, official naming of roads followed by 11.00am, St Mary's Church, unveil paving stone.

CALC Executive Committee - Tuesday 11th September 2018,

Volunteer Fair - Thursday 20th September 2018 10am - 2pm, Kidderminster Town Hall.

County Council Parish and Town Council Conference - Tuesday 9th October 2018.

92. Date of Next Meeting - to confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 4th September 2018, 7.00pm. Wolverley Church Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman - 4th September 2018

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

For Information, Diamond Buses was discussed again. There had been a user group meeting but it had not been well advertised. There were local representatives from diamond buses, bus drivers, members of public and Councillor Mrs Fran Oborski. It was reported to be very interesting and highly constructive, they took on board issues such as reliability of the buses, it was reiterated the drivers are incredible and the issues are not their fault.

Signage for village - there is lots of interest for this, local people are asking for a simple sign asking for local shops to be advertised.

Cookley Post Office - Local people are trying to retain the Post Office but only have until November when Tony Higley retires, they would like the Parish Council to consider a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.