

WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022, 7.00pm, Cookley School.

Present:

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

West Mercia Police: Apologies
County Councillor: Apologies
District Councillors: Councillor M Hart and Mrs L Jones

1. **Election of Chairman**

On the proposal of Cllr Charles Sherrey, seconded Cllr Simon Sherrey
RESOLVED that Councillor R Drew be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

2. **Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Duly completed.

3. **Election of Vice Chairman**

On the proposal of Cllr Chris Nicholls who advised that Cllr Cox is now president of the community union, seconded Cllr Barry McFarland
RESOLVED that Councillor Dean Cox be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. **Apologies**

West Mercia Police, County Councillor Ian Hardiman.

5. **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. None declared.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) in items on the agenda and their nature. None declared.

The meeting will now be adjourned for PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

The Chairman welcomed 3 members of public.

Resident from Gaymore Road queried when streetlight in his wall will be done - Clerk to chase.

Resident asked which roads will be closed for jubilee carnival procession, Cllr Cox confirmed and stated that it is only a rolling road closure,

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

6. **To consider the adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th April 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;

7. **To receive Councillors Reports;**

District Councillor Report;

Cllr L Jones reported;
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.

There are a number of planning enforcement issues still outstanding and we are pushing WFDC for action and at the time of writing are chasing updates.

They are as follows:-

Firstly, in respect of the field by Brookfield Cottage, Lowe Lane, we are advised that the bricks in the field are to be removed within the next 7 days, that was 3 months ago and it is very frustrating!

We have also asked enforcement to ensure that The Retreat, Lowe Lane is purely being used as a holiday let. The team are investigating.

Regarding the K9 Pawfection business in Drakelow Lane, the enforcement notice has now been served.

We have had a street nameplate re-installed that appeared to have been removed and thrown in the hedge at Castle Hill off Kingsford Lane.

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.

Residents in Council Tax Bands A-D should start to receive their £150 rebate now.

In respect of the WFDC's draft Local Plan, there was a special meeting of Cabinet which approved this on 26th April and then a special meeting of Full Council that same evening to approve or not approve the Local Plan.

The Plan was approved by 14 votes to 13, with 4 abstentions and 2 members declaring interests and not voting. We did not support the plan as whilst we accepted that green belt land would have to be released we felt that the Progressive Alliance were using a higher number of dwellings per annum than needed and if they had reduced this and the percentage of over supply we could have had circa 500-800 less houses over the 20 year period of the plan. This would have seen a lot of the other sites removed. Plan period runs from 2016-2036.

Councillors commented on the continued closure of Wyre Forest House and Green Street Hub, it was agreed Clerk to write to Ian Miller to query this as all covid restrictions have now been lifted.

Lea Castle wider site, District Councillors have got a list of key features and benefits of site and will forward to Clerk.

Cllr Cox advised the road sweeper has been in village doing drains but only did Castle Road, Bridge Road, not Austcliffe, Cllr L Jones will report. He also advised that people are struggling to get taxis to come to Cookley - is there an opposition to uber in Wyre Forest or can they expand licences and get uber in as Regency can't meet the needs of what is required, Cllr L Jones will enquire.

County Councillor I Hardiman report had been circulated;

Lea lane Landslip:

I have received encouraging news that the County Council have at last managed to engage in positive discussions which have included the land owner of the bank between the highway and the canal.

As soon as I receive a further update, I will inform the Parish Clerk.

Lea Castle Farm, Quarry Application:

I have been in discussion with the County Council's Development Manager who is making progress with the finalisation of the documents for this application. I should know quite soon as to whether the application will be considered in May, or July. I will keep the Parish Clerk informed.

Caunsall Lane, Sunken Road Surface:

I was prompted to investigate suspected subsidence approximately 100 metres from the Kinver Lane junction; The Highways Engineer accompanied me when we found a hole at the roadside verge which possibly was caused by underlying water migration; the tarmac looked crazed also causing concern that indeed subsidence may be about to occur. At the time of writing today, I am waiting for an update from the Highways Engineer.

8. **Police Report**

Written report circulated:

Vehicle Crime - Sandy Lane, Kingsford lane - Police Ref 00496_I_08042022 - A green fiat 500 registration similar to SD1* PFJ has been stolen without keys from this location at approx. 5pm on Friday 8th April

Vehicle Crime - Wolverley Village - Police Ref 00062_I_07042022 - At approx. 23.50am on 7th April a rear window of a Range Rover Sport has been smashed, and the door forced. The alarm sounded which disturbed the offenders

Burglary - Franche Road - Police Ref 00320_I_13042022- At approx. 2pm yesterday two males were seen trying to climb a fence in a garden in this location. They were disturbed by the owner who had just returned home. On further inspection the home owner has found that a security light has been pulled off a wall and that a downstairs window has been jemmied in an attempt to open it and gain entry. The males were seen running towards Sebright Walk, where they ran in a loop onto Fairfield

Lane where they got into a Silver Kia and drove away. If you live Franche Road, Sebright Walk, Sebright Road, Hayes Road and Fairfield Lane please check CCTV footage between 2-2.30pm one was wearing a woolly hat and had a rucksack on his back and the other had a brown jacket on

Criminal Damage - Blakeshall Lane - Police Ref 00140_I_19042022 - Between 2pm 18/4 and 10am 19/4 a barn has been entered and an attempt to steal a tractor that was being stored inside. On starting the tractor it has been driven into a mower and plough that has caused significant damage. A battery belonging to the tractor was found loose on the floor. The Tractor was left insitu without keys

Church Bank, Wolverley - Anti Social Behaviour - School children have taken a garden ornament and smashed it on the pathway leading to the church. There have been a few incidents regarding ASB over the last few weeks concerning school children. Patrols have been conducted in the area and we have liaised with the school.

We have had a report that 2 sheep have been stolen from the Broome/ Chaddesley area. This has gone out on our rural watch but also prevalent to Cookley/Wolverley ward for those who keep sheep.

9. **Appointment of Statutory/Standing Committees.**

Current Representatives:

(a)	Grants	-	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr C Nicholls, Mr S Sherrey
(b)	Risk Management	-	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr J Hart, Mr C Nicholls
(c)	Staffing	-	Mr M Hart, Mr C Nicholls
(d)	Parish Forum / Wyre Forest Area CALC Meetings	-	Chairman, Vice Chairman
(e)	Cookley Playing Fields Association	-	Mr J Wood
(f)	Wolverley Memorial Hall	-	Mr J Hart
(h)	Wolverley Charities	-	Mr S Sherrey (Wolverley), Mr C Nicholls (Cookley)
(i)	Community Emergency Committee	-	Mr C Sherrey (Wolverley), Mr D Jones (Cookley)
(j)	Liaison link with Lengthsman	-	Mr R Drew (Wolverley), Mr W Southam (Cookley)
(k)	Allotments	-	Mrs V Bordewich
(l)	Parish Council Police Liaison	-	Mr R Drew

10. **Financial Matters:**

- a) To agree Appointment of Internal Auditor. - Unanimously agreed Mr Allen Hughes be reappointed.
- b) To discuss Parish Council Accounts 2021/2022. - In Hand. To be approved at meeting June 2021.

11. **To note Model Standing Orders and Model Financial Regulations.** Noted

12. **To review GDPR documentation.** Noted

13. **To review Scheme of Delegation.**

It was agreed to retain the Scheme of Delegation as agreed 7th April 2020.

Finance - Cllrs J Hart, S Sherrey, D Jones, B Southam

Urgent Business - Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs M Hart, J Wood

Planning - Clerk following majority decision after consultation and comments from Councillors.

14. **To note arrangements in place for Risk Management and Chairman to sign Risk Review Log for the year ended 31st March 2022.**

Noted. Chairman signed Risk Review Log.

15. **To discuss and agree approval of Annual Subscriptions.**

Unanimously RESOLVED to approve Annual Subscriptions below:

a)	Worcestershire CALC	£1285.26
b)	Insurance	£1804.43
c)	ICO	£35.00

16. **To discuss Contracts.**

Lengthsman - Clerk advised of £3227.19 funding for the year April 2022 - April 2023. Signed copy of contract has been received and copy of Insurance is still awaited.

Bin Emptying/Litter Picking - Contract Signed

Grass Cutting - Contract Signed - Insurance Certificate Received

17. **Accounts for Payment - approved the following accounts be paid**

3	Mrs B J Drew (Salary plus backpay April 2022)	1262.58
4	Keith Basketfield (First Grass Cut)	688.00

5	Mrs B J Drew (Ink/Stamps)	20.19
6	Lorraine Neal (Lengthsman April 22)	165.00
7	Zurich Municipal (Insurance 22/23)	1804.43
8	Worcestershire CALC (Subscriptions 22/23)	1285.26

18. **To receive recommendation from Risk Committee regarding Street Lighting Columns and agree action by Full Council.**
Cllr J Hart advised the Risk Committee had met and agreed to recommend Full Council proceed with 5 year plan to replace Category 3 lights and not incur any further costs to get an independent review.

19. **To discuss new CALC website.**
Clerk advised of new website. If Cllrs require direct access please inform the Clerk.

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

PC No WFDC No/Details

Re-Consultation:

- 3610 22/0169/FUL: Replacement of temporary agricultural workers dwelling with a permanent agricultural workers dwelling at Orchard Cottage, Blakeshall Lane, Wolverley,
Recommend Approval. Case Officer has confirmed that the proposed agricultural workers dwelling is "appropriate development" within the Greenbelt as outlined with the closed list of exemptions under the NPPF.
- 3618 22/0304/TPO: Fell Cypress at Westley Court, Austcliffe Lane, Cookley,
Recommend Approval
- 3619 22/0319/HOU: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 7 The Crescent, Cookley,
Recommend Approval
- 3620 22/0349/TCA: Yew - Crown raise by approx 2 metres and reduce by approx 2 metres at The Paddock View, Wolverley Village.
Recommend Approval

Parish Matters for Update Only - no decisions required.

21. Clerks Report (Clerk) Noted
22. Annual Parish Meeting Report (Clerk) Noted
23. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events (All) RD commented that events need to be advertised. DC advised awaiting road closure approval. LJ will chase. Cookley proceeding with small Carnival on Sunday 5th followed by events at the school, Wolverley holding market stalls, maypole, best Derby hat competition, Brass Band on Saturday 4th, Big Lunch on Sunday 5th, all welcome.
24. Update on Lengthsman Scheme (RD/WS) RD/WS both given work.
25. Austcliffe Footbridge (DJ/RD) No update.
26. New Issues / Items for Next Meeting (All)
27. Date of Next Meeting - to confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 7th June 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm