

WOLVERLEY & COOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at Wolverley Church Hall, Wolverley on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr D Jones (Chairman)
Mr D Cox
Mrs J 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

West Mercia Police: PCSO Kate Easthope
District Councillors: Ian Hardiman
Marcus Hart
County Councillors: Ian Hardiman

Applicants for Vacancy: Ms K Spohrer, Mr W Southam, Mr J Wood

The Chairman advised of letter of resignation received from Councillor Mrs Joanne Cox and thanked her for all her work over the years.

141. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors T Botterill and P J Smith.

142. **To fill Vacancy for a Councillor by Co-Option**

The Chairman welcomed the candidates and invited them to introduce themselves.

Bill Southam - Now at age 65 not retiring but cutting hours down I would like to give a bit back to the Parish and area I live in and love. I moved to Cookley in 2004 and love living here. My hobbies are horse riding, I bought a field in Drakelow Lane, also love gardening, walking dogs and want to try and preserve the area. Councillor J Hart asked if any single issue made you want to be a Councillor - Bill replied, speeding through village and litter, also Lea Castle Site. Councillor D Cox asked do you play an active part in the village now - Bill replied he is Treasurer of Franche, Habberley, Cookley allotments.

John Wood - Lived in Cookley 18 years, involved in both parishes, Wolverley Scouts and also membership secretary for sports club in Cookley, care greatly about the community we live in, lovely green environment, would like to help with Neighbourhood Plan, Councillor J Hart again asked reason for wanting to be a Parish Councillor - John replied the Neighbourhood Plan.

Kate Spohrer - Lived in Wolverley for 23 years, background in education, studied law, got degree, taught in Stourport then Sandwell. Now local business owner, funeral directors in Marlpool Lane, acting member of transition Kidderminster, politics are green but very moderate, for the village - do work locally and provide a service. Councillor J Hart issue that made you apply? - Planning, Buildings very interested in, want to be a voice that encourages sustainability.

Councillors were given a secret ballot paper to vote for one of the three candidates. Clerk collected the completed papers.

The candidate with the majority vote was William Southam who duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting. The other candidates were thanked for their interest and attendance.

143. **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.

Councillor R Drew - PC3305 as view this property from rear of his house. Councillor M Hart - Neighbourhood Plan as any decisions are executive decisions for WFDC so may well have an interest.

Public Question Time

No public present

144. **To consider the adoption of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd October 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;

145. **To agree representatives to take forward production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish**

Councillor Drew advised that following the presentations made last month he had researched thoroughly into producing a Neighbourhood plan and given the hard work, time, effort and cost involved and the differences between the two villages it may be sensible to initially define the Neighbourhood Area Map as the current Cookley/Caunsall ward boundary at this stage, this would make the task more achievable and specific to local needs, particularly when development starts around the Lea Castle Site. The 2017 Act now allows a completed plan to be amended in part at any time and this includes changes to boundaries.

Councillor M Hart confirmed what Councillor Drew had said that the Parish can designate a distinct part of an area and don't need to do a Plan for the whole Parish. He suggested the Parish could break this down as there was a sense of purpose about Cookley and the parishioners who have attended about this have all come from Cookley. There was much discussion and all agreed that Cookley residents are very keen, there have been lots of comments on a fb page and good attendance at the last few meetings.

Councillor J Hart expressed concern over that the time and effort involved with producing a plan may not reap the rewards that people think it will, it will be a massive amount of work and he is not in favour of a neighbourhood plan.

It was agreed that the Parish Council need to decide how to proceed.

Councillor M Hart advised that the Council need to set up a working group to see if it is feasible to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan. At present, Wolverley do not wish to take part in this and it is logical for Cookley Councillors to set up a group and call for volunteers from Cookley to take part in this. Councillor D Jones proposed that this is moved forward without the involvement of Wolverley Councillors, Councillor D Jones, L Jones and D Cox (in the short term) will move this forward and will make enquiries for volunteers from amongst the local community, seconded Councillor J Hart and agreed.

146. **To discuss Housing Needs Survey in the Parish**

Councillor D Jones, S Sherrey and Clerk met with the Strategic Housing Officer to discuss amendments to the Survey. We are now awaiting the revised draft and hope to send out in January 2018. An article to launch will be put in the January edition of Wolverley and Cookley Matters.

147. **To discuss location and access to defibrillators in the Parish**

After discussion it was agreed that location of defibrillators in the Parish, whether they are 24hour access and whether they are linked to the Ambulance Service needs to be ascertained. Councillor Drew to complete for Wolverley and Councillor D Cox for Cookley and report back to Clerk.

148. **To receive Councillors Reports;**

County / District Councillor - Councillor I Hardiman reported;

1. Lionfields Redevelopment (Parcel 1). The District Council is close to awarding the contract for the construction of a new cinema and leisure hub, for the former Glades site,
2. Kidderminster College Extension. The District Council is in talks with the college who have acquired the former Levine's site on the opposite side of Market Street. The College wish now to swap this land for part of the council owned Market Street car park adjacent to the college, to allow them to extend the college footprint.
3. Crown House Demolition. Crown House tenants Terreal Trillium are in agreement they will demolish Crown House. They and the District Council have still however to sign the necessary documents to ensure this will happen but the council is now pleased to see this subject moving closer to achievement.
4. Green Street Depot Improvements. The District Council is proposing to invest to allow the 'hub' services and support services - Rev's and benefits. To be consolidated on one site. Also the existing buildings on the site will be transformed into modern fit for purpose offices for employees. New Industrial Units will be built for leasing to provide income. Overall the project will produce substantial savings which will allow the Council to provide value for money for its tax payers.
5. A449 Overgrowth on Pavement. The Highways Engineer has confirmed that a priority order has now been raised to upgrade this 'siding out' work from the normal queuing list.
6. Bowed wall on B4189. The owner has been written to and is about to be written to again advising that failure to comply will lead to the County Council itself carrying out the remedial work - and charging to do so!
7. Lea Lane Safety Barrier Request. County Highways have referred to the 'accident data' for this bend near to the canal. A 3 year check has found no accidents involving motor vehicles- therefore a safety barrier as requested cannot be justified.
Kate Easthope and Councillor Mrs Jones advised that there has been at least 1 accident on this bend in the last couple of years.

Councillor Drew reported painting on railings on bridges in Wolverley incomplete. Councillor D Cox advised part of Lea Lane is dipping and needs checking. Councillor Mrs Jones advised plastic container barriers are going into the canal - Lea Lane - advised Canals and rivers Trust have responsibility. Councillor Mrs J Cox advised of ongoing problems with Pot Holes - Gaymore Road.

149. **Report from West Mercia Police**

PCSO Kate Easthope was in attendance.

Cookley;

Scout Hut broken into,

Burglary - Lionfields Rd,

Caunsall - Narrowboat vehicle door ripped off,

Fuel syphoned - Common Barn Lane,

Stables broken into - Kinver lane, saddles and tack taken,

Halloween - Westhead Rd eggs thrown at property.

Wolverley:

Car stolen from layby Kingsford Lane,

Dead animals found in carrier bags,

Timber Yard Blakeshall - theft of digger,

Antisocial behaviour Sion Hill and arson attack,

Garage burglary Mill lane - garage at rear of garden equipment/tools stolen,

Males going around the estate trying to sell generators for cash,

Vandalism - church bank planters,

Burglary Sheepwash lane.

Positive - appeals for Neighbourhood Watch are going very well - Wolverley Watch facebook page is up and running

Councillor D Cox advised that following break in at Cookley Club - caught 3 criminals, 2 on remand to go to crown court, 1 also going to court. Councillor Mrs L Jones asked about the van parked at the top of Castle Road, Cookley - this has been there due to a domestic issue.

Cookley Bonfire was discussed, there was a big fight in the village but no arrests were made.

150. **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid;

44	Mrs B J Drew (Salary October 17)	909.06
45	Mr T Dale (Lengthsman Fee October 17)	318.00
46	Marvin Cox Lubricants (Works to maintain Pound)	108.00
47	Glasdon UK Ltd (Gateways)	1862.34
48	The Poppy Appeal (Wreaths)	100.00
49	Mrs B J Drew Water Container to fill Planters Osmocote (Continuous release Plant Food)	15.35 4.99
50	Oakvale Nurseries (Plants/Compost/Feed - Planters/Barrier Baskets)	440.00

151. **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

3303 WF/17/0596/Full: Installation of a bat house and two bat barns and change of use of an existing sub-station to a bat house as part of the ecological mitigation for outline application 17/0205/Outline at Former Lea Castle Hospital, Parkgate Road, Wolverley,

Recommend Approval

3304 WF/17/0625/Full: Demolition of an existing building and erection of a four bedroomed live/work unit at Unit 2, Blue Ball Business Centre, Caunsall Road, Caunsall,

Recommend Refusal - get comments from e mail

3305 WF/17/0653/Full: Rear double storey extension and front single storey extension at 13 Franche Road, Wolverley,

Recommend Refusal

3306 WF/17/0658/Full: Detached self-contained residential unit at Austcliffe House Farm, Austcliffe Road, Cookley,

Recommend Deferral

3307 WF/17/9029/NMA: FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Non Material Amendment to planning permission 17/0560/Full (Amendments to roof and extension) at 19 Westhead Road, Cookley,

For Information Only

Lea Castle Demolition Notices. Noted

152. **To discuss e mail circulated from Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council regarding Traffic Concerns.**

Councillor M Hart read the e mail, which has been sent to a few Parish Councils, with interest. The Parish need to very clear about what we will be involved in - will all parishes sing from same hymn sheet? Churchill and Blakedown are obviously concerned about the A456 and feel that any relief road should go through Hurcott and by Lea Castle which would obviously affect us more - can see some disagreements moving forward between the parishes.

Councillor J Hart feels that the Council should steer clear of getting involved. There was much discussion but it was agreed not to be involved.

153. **To discuss feedback following Velo event.**

There was much discussion on the event with the consensus being it was greatly enjoyed and would like to see the event again but there was definitely a lack of communication and lack of marshalling.

Councillor M Hart advised that Worcestershire County Council will have to make a decision with CSM over the next few weeks whether the event goes ahead and this would be for the next four years.

It was agreed to send feedback that the Council is in favour of the event but it needs better management and communication.

154. **To update on progress with Localism Projects 2017/18, Localism application and agree any action required:**

Councillor Drew advised that the 3rd Localism Application had been successful in the sum of £2100, not the £5435 applied for.

- a) Gateways - The next phase have been delivered and will be erected once signs received.
- b) Planters - All Planters have now been completed, the remaining will be planted once new gateways have been installed. Barrier Baskets were completed however one was vandalised, this is now back in place. Councillor Drew is meeting Amberol to discuss improving fixing to railings. Two Parishioners have requested to purchase 2 additional baskets. It was agreed however the Parish Council will retain ownership and insure and plant.
- c) Tourism Boards. - Design of the boards is progressing but is has been decided not to proceed with Plaques.

155. **To discuss next article for Wolverley & Cookley Matters - deadline 10th November 17.**

Councillor D Jones will do article for the magazine.

156. **To discuss arrangements for Remembrance Day Parades.**

Clerk advised of arrangements for the two parades.

157. **To discuss provision of bins - Kingsford Area.**

After discussion it was agreed as there is no litter problem in Kingsford additional bins will not be provided.

Parish Matters for Update Only - no decisions required

158. Clerks Report (Clerk). Clerks & Councils Direct, Warm & Well Event, Training, Road Closure, Notice of Appeal - The Retreat, Lowe Lane, Wolverley.

159. Update on Lengthsman Scheme. Nothing to report.

160. New Issues / Items for Next Meeting.

161. Dates for Meetings;

Worcestershire CALC AGM, Wednesday 15th November 2017, County Hall, Worcester, 5.00pm Trade Fair, 6.30pm AGM.

CALC Executive Committee Christmas Meal, Wednesday 29th November 2017, 7.00pm, China City, Ombersley.

Parish Chairman Meeting, Thursday 15th February 2018, 6.30pm.

162. Date of Next Meeting - to confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 5th December 2017, 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.