

MINUTES OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY, 2009 at 7.45pm

09.28 Present

Cllr Hawkins (Chair)

Cllrs Kuncewicz, Kerrell-Vaughan, Buswell, Elliott, Slee & Podesta

M Cartwright (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

None

In attendance

B Cllr Warwick, Cty Cllr Morris-Jones & 6 visitors

09.29 Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Slee declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at Leicester Grange

09.30 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January, 2009.

RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed and signed by the chair as a true record

09.31 Public Participation

Drainage problem at bottom of Church Hill

Speeding traffic on Bulkington Road & Church Hill

09.32 Police report

Police report sent by PCSO Bailie was noted by the council

09.33 Clerk's Report

1. WCC Rugby Area Committee resolved to make the lay-by on Coventry Road an official bus stop. The committee agreed to consult the parish council before any future discussions or decisions on this issue
2. The Best Village sign has been erected in the square
3. An application for a further grant of £3000 has been made to the BBC Breathing Places for signs and an extension to the boardwalk at the OCF Wetland
4. An application for Quality Parish council award has been sent
5. Rugby BC has agreed to site a litter bin next to bus shelter outside Gamecock Barracks
6. Tree in Pipers End has been inspected. No action is recommended.
7. Representatives from the Warwickshire Climate Change team have agreed to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting in April

09.34 Planning

34.1 An update on previous Planning Applications was noted by the council:

R08/1826/PLN THE HAWTHORNS, WOLDS LANE – withdrawn by applicant

R08/ 1834/HOUS 2 MEADOW CLOSE – approved (But does not include consent for wall next to Fernhill Way)

BOUNDARY FARM, WITHYBROOK ROAD- Refused by Rugby BC (still to be considered by Warks CC)

R08/1838/PLN HAYES CLOSE, MILL FARM, MILL ROW, WOLVEY– pending

R08/1748/PLN FIVE WAYS, COVENTRY ROAD, WOLVE – pending

R08/ 1903/HOUS 26 BROOKFIELD DRIVE, WOLVEY – pending
 5 COVENTRY ROAD, WOLVEY - approved
 R09/022/MEIA ARMY: HQ 5TH DIVISION, BRAMCOTE -pending

The following **NEW** applications were considered:

34.2 R09/0095/PLN FIVE WAYS LAKES, COVENTRY ROAD, WOLVEY

Erection of a storage building

RESOLVED: No comments

34.3 R09/0096/PLN FIVE WAYS LAKES, COVENTRY ROAD

Change of use of land for use as a caravan and camping site, with continuation of use for caravans relating to the existing fishing facilities

RESOLVED: The council has concerns about the proposed large increase in caravans from 5 to 30 pitches.

The parish council would object to static caravans on this site.

34.4 R09/0111/AG COPSTON LODGE FARM, SMOCKINGTON LANE

Determination as to whether prior approval is required for erection of an agricultural building.

RESOLVED: No objections

The following application was considered under powers delegated to the clerk:

34.5 R09/0145/PLN LEICESTER GRANGE, HINCKLEY ROAD, WOLVEY

Change of use of land for siting of 2 no. Marquees for Weddings and sporting and recreational events and associated parking

RESOLVED: The parish council objects to this application.

The council has concerns with regard to the erosion of the green belt and the visual impact of the size of the proposed marquee. There is also a possible threat to some trees on the site.

09.35 Parish Plan

35.1 The parish plan has now been printed and distribution has begun.

35.2 **RESOLVED:** to vire £50 from the parish plan reserve fund to the chairman's allowance for a celebration to thank the steering group.

09.36 Website

36.1 Possible improvements and the ongoing management of the website was considered.

Clerk to obtain more information about the costs involved from site host

MC

36.2 **RESOLVED:** To approve Mr Hopkins as a consultant to work with the clerk on the management of the website

09.37 Newsletter

RESOLVED: Authority to take responsibility for production of the newsletter delegated to the clerk, in liaison with the editorial team. Newsletters will be sent to councillors for comments prior to being printed.

09.38 Annual Parish Meeting arrangements

The village hall has been booked for 29th April and arrangements were considered.

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange speakers to provide information about action for climate change and the environment. Also, possible traffic speed solutions to be discussed.

MC

09.39 Streetlighting

39.1 A new quote for upgrade of street lights (£300 per light) has been received
IT WAS AGREED to get more information and advice about mercury lights before making a decision MC

39.2 No new problems reported with street lighting

09.40 Winter grit bins

The need for new winter grit bins was considered.

IT WAS AGREED to ask for preferred locations in the newsletter BK

09.41 Environmental Working Party

41.1 An update from the EWP was provided by Cllr Buswell and noted by council

IT WAS AGREED to host the PBAP conference in July, if possible

41.2 **RESOLVED:** to request an outside tap to be made available at the village hall

41.3 The provision of a bowser to assist with watering was considered.

Cllr Slee to investigate the cost of making one JS

41.4 The purchase of a planter, using the Best Village of the Year prize money, was considered. Clerk to speak to company reps before next meeting MC

41.5 The employment of an odd job man was considered.

RESOLVED: An advertisement is to be placed in the next newsletter BK

09.42 Old Cricket Field Wetland Reserve

42.1 An additional grant of £3000 has been requested from BBC Breathing Places

42.2 An update from Boardwalk committee on progress was provided by Cllr Buswell

An open weekend is being organised for June 6th & 7th.

42.3 The possible design and purchase of new signs was considered

RESOLVED: Mr Hopkins to continue to investigate the costs of making the signs and report to the council.

42.4 No further action or expenses expected next month

42.5 A risk assessment for the OCF Wetland was considered. Some minor changes were agreed.

RESOLVED: to approve the risk assessment (with agreed changes)

42.6 A draft management plan for the OCF Wetland has been produced by Cllr Slee.

Some minor changes to be made. The management plan will then be sent to all members for consideration at next meeting.

42.7 A request for a permissive path through adjacent field was considered. This would link up the boardwalk with the public footpath network. Clerk to investigate who owns the land. Cllrs Slee & Buswell will discuss with the land owner JS/RB

09.43 Summer Festival

Cllr Podesta gave a report of two meetings to organize a Wolvey Summer Festival on June 20th. A number of groups have shown an interest in taking part and a co-ordinating group has been set up to facilitate and arrange this. Each group will organize their own event and the co-ordinating group will publish a programme and a map.

09.44 Review of risk assessment policy

A draft risk assessment had been sent to members prior to the meeting. This was considered by council.

RESOLVED: To approve the risk assessment policy for 2009

09.45 Review of asset register

A draft asset register had been sent to members prior to the meeting

RESOLVED: To approve the asset register for 2009

09.46 Finance

46.1 The effectiveness of the internal audit was reviewed and agreed

46.2 A review of Financial Regulations was discussed. To be considered at the next meeting

To consider approval of the following payments:

46.3 Cheque no. 100206 SLCC: £15, under LGA 1972, s111

46.4 Cheque no. 100209 Eon: £643.03, under Parish Council Act 1957, s3

46.5 Cheque no. 1002010 JD Landscapes: £150, under Public Health Amendment Act 1890, s45

46.6 Cheque no. 100211 Coundon Court School: £235.00, under LGA 1972, s142

46.7 Cheque no. 100212 WALC: £105, under LGA 1972, s111

46.8 Cheque no. 100213 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses) : £476.81

46.9 Cheque no. 100209 CJ Lewis £1322, under LGA 1972,s111

Proposed: R Buswell

Seconded: B Kerrell-Vaughan

RESOLVED: To approve payments

Action: Cheques and stubs signed

To receive the following payments:

46.10WRCC: £550 (Best Village of the Year prize)

46.11 Rugby BC: £10,000 (Rural Development Fund grant)

09.47 Publications and documents for consideration at meeting:

47.1 email from a resident with a suggestion for bus routes

The suggested WAS NOTED by council. A letter of thanks to be sent

47.2 Information from Rugby Area Committee regarding the decision to make an official bus stop in the lay-by on Coventry Road .

Information WAS NOTED by council

47.3 Draft Affordable Housing SPD consultation

47.4 Consultation on entry to Rugby High and Lawrence Sherriff schools

47.5 Invitation from a resident to a charity event on 20th March- NOTED by council

RB
BKV

09.48 Publications and documents for circulation to members

1. WRCC Country Matters

2. WALC Rugby Area Committee minutes and reports

3. WALC newsletter and legal briefings

4. WRCC Housing Needs Survey update

5. Right to Roam in Warwickshire

6. Hinckley & Bosworth consultation on new housing, employment, open spaces & Gypsy & Travellers sites.

09.49 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting

1. Pot holes in Bulkington Road

2. Purchase of new planter and planting in the square to be considered next meeting

09.50 Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on **Monday 16th March, 2009** in Wolvey Village Hall.

09.51 Closure of meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.32pm