

MINUTES OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 19th MAY, 2008 at 7.45pm

08/94.0 Present

Cllr Hawkins (Chair)
Councillors Hilliard, Elliott, Buswell, Kuncewicz and Kerrell-Vaughan

M Cartwright (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Cllr Slee . Council approved the reason for his absence.

In attendance

Cty Cllr Morris-Jones, B Cllr Warwick and 13 members of the public

08/95.0 Declaration of Interest under the provision of the LGA 2000 and Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct)Order 2007

Cllr Elliott declared a personal interest in the planning application at Orchard Close
Borough Cllr Warwick declared a personal interest in the planning application at Orchard Close. He informed the Council that any matters regarding this application will be dealt with by B Cllr Neil Campbell.

08/96.0 Confirmation of the minutes of the last meetings

The Minutes of the meetings held on April 21st, 2008 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record

08/97.0 Public Participation

Problems with the lay-by on Coventry Road were raised and a request for the kerb to be raised.

Proposed development on land at Orchard Close: residents were concerned at the number of dwellings proposed in relation to the size of the plot and that it would cause problems with the privacy and amenity of neighbouring properties and also with parking

Proposed Police office in the Village Hall: Mr Lloyd updated the Council on this.

The reporting of litter and fly-tipping was discussed. Mr Lloyd agreed to continue doing this until it can be discussed by the Environment Group

08/98.0 Police Report

A report sent by PCSO Bailie was read to the Council
No response received from the Chief Constable

08/99.0 Clerks Report

Clerk's report had been sent to members prior to the meeting and was noted by members

08/100.0 Planning

100.1 Update on previous applications:

R08/0419/HRN GROVE FARM, WOLDS LANE
Removal of hedgerow- Approved

R08/ 0448/PLN BREACH BARN COTTAGE, COAL PIT LANE
Creation of a ménage- approved

R08/0445/CLE LAND AT HINCKLEY ROAD, WOLVEY
Certificate of lawfulness for mixed use as haulage yard – delegated officer is meeting head of legal team next week to discuss this. Application to go to planning committee received. Earliest date for this is June 10th.

APP/E3715/A/08/2068362
LAND ADJACENT TO BEDA HOUSE, WOLDS LANE
Date for appeal still not decided

R08/0527/HOUS 6 CHURCH HILL CLOSE
Retention of a rear conservatory - approved

R08/0527/HOUS 2 CROFT CLOSE
Retrospective consent for relocation of windows in the side and rear elevations

LAND AT GYPSY LANE, WOLVEY
Pending- Still awaiting valid application

100.2 **NEW** application

R08/0698/OPS LAND AT ORCHARD CLOSE-
Outline planning permission for 4 dwellings

Although this does comply with the infill policy of the Council, **it was agreed** that 4 dwellings are too many for the size of this plot. The density of the proposed development appears to exceed recommended guidelines. The publication of the Parish Plan is imminent and some points in it are expected to be relevant to this proposal.

It was noted that the time to reply to this application is only 14 days. Clerk to write to enquire if the policy has changed. Ongoing problems experienced with Rugby Planning Department were discussed . Clerk to write to request someone from planning to visit the Council to discuss these issues. MC

08/101.0 Insurance Review

Following discussion, **IT WAS DECIDED** that the costs of insuring the streetlights exceeded the risks involved and, therefore, cover for the streetlights would not be added to the policy.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the first quote from Came & Co for one year (under LGA 1972, s111)

08/102.0 Parish Plan

Amendments are being made to the first draft. A second draft should be available for members to view within two weeks and a meeting will be arranged of the council with the steering group to discuss this.

08/103.0 Parish Council Newsletter

The next newsletter should be ready for distribution before the end of June.(under LGA 1972,s142)

No quotes for printing have been received.

It is hoped that the Annual report can be distributed to all households at the same time. A draft of the annual report will be sent to all members before next meeting **MC**

08/104.0 Parish Council Website

104.1 Proposed policy for the website had been sent to all members prior to the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the policy for the website (under LGA 1972, s142)

104.2 Cost of Domain registration was considered. This has so far been included with the payment to the website host. **IT WAS DECIDED** to continue with this arrangement.

08/105.0 Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection

Following discussion, **it was agreed** to consider a publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. **IT WAS DELEGATED** to Councillor Hilliard to prepare a publication scheme for consideration at the next meeting **RH**

08/106.0 Environment

106.1 A report of the activities of the Environmental Group was given by Councillor Buswell, Weeds have been cleared in the village centre and it is hoped to enter the Rugby in Bloom competition in the Environment section.

A walking group is being set up and the first walk is due on 1st June

106.2 Old Cricket Field report given by Cllr Buswell. Still no feedback from BTCV about the boardwalk and volunteers. It is hoped to arrange a meeting where Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and BTCV will explain the importance and the management of the site.

106.3 Damage to the fence at the Old Cricket Field has been caused by a car. **IT WAS DELEGATED** (under LGA 1972, s101) to the Clerk to pursue this to try to retrieve the costs of repair.

106.4 Survey of street signs - a survey has been made to list signs missing or in need of repair or replacement. Some signs, reported last year, have been replaced recently by Rugby BC.

106.5 The possible employment of an Odd-job man was discussed. Clerk to obtain more information. **MC**

08/107.0 Highway Matters

Stolen drain covers will be replaced with lockable covers.

Letter from Highways to say that future work will be to an improved standard.

107.1 Letter from resident considered: **IT WAS DECIDED** to request that the kerb is raised next to the layby on Coventry Road, possibly with planters to stop vehicles going onto the footpath. Clerk to write to Highways

MC

08/108.0 Streetlights

No problems reported

Information from ABB about changing lighting to more energy efficient lamps circulated to members

08/109.0 Finance

109.1 IT WAS AGREED that members sign the change of signatories mandate for Co-op Bank account

Receipt of the following payments were noted by members:

109.2 Precept : £15,000

109.3 VAT reclaim: £331.73

109.4 Grant for Playing Fields from RBC: £1577

109.5 Donations for planting in the square: £400

Payments of the following cheques was considered:

109.6 Domain Registration for wolvey.org: £18.00 (or £30 for two years) – not to be paid

109.7 Wolvey PCC for hire of room: £60.00 (under LGA 1972,s111)

109.8 W S Gardens for mowing verges: £305.50 (under Open Spaces Act 1906,s10)

109.9 Amberol for 4 liners for planter boxes: £258.50 50 under Open Spaces Act 1906,s10)

109.10 J Wiggins- expenses for Parish Plan: £12.92 (under LGA 1972,s111)

109.11 Came & Co insurance: £464.23 (under LGA 1972,s111)

Payments proposed by Councillor Buswell, seconded by Councillor Elliott

RESOLVED: signing of cheques approved

ACTION: Cheques and stubs signed

08/110 Publications and documents received:

Publications and documents for consideration

a) Training for Councillors on the Code of Conduct for Parish Councils: Cllrs Elliott and Kerrell- Vaughan to attend

b) Invitation to a workshop on the Rugby Open Space and Recreation Study- no one available to attend

c) WCC IT Support for Parish Council Clerks- Clerk to apply

Publications and documents for circulation

The following items were noted and circulated for information only

d) LCR (NALC journal)

e) Being a Good Councillor & Clerk course: Saturday 5th July & 13th September

f) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Sustainable Design and Affordable Housing SPD's

g) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council – Play & Open Space SPD

h) Clerks & Councils Direct

i) Letter from County Highways

- j) Proposed Annual Report for Wolvey Parish Council (for distributing with next newsletter)
- k) Information about recent changes in legislation enabling Parish Councils to change their name
- l) Financial Services Compensation Scheme advice

08/111.0 Other matters for discussion and items for next meeting

Clerks salary & allowances and possible cash float- to be considered next meeting
Christmas tree preparations
Freedom of Information publication scheme
Training courses for Councillors
Funding for the Environment Group

08/112.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th June, 2008** in Wolvey Village Hall

08/113.0 Closure of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.25pm

Signed _____ Date _____