

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER, 2011 at 7.45pm

11.163 Present

Cllr Hawkins (Chair)
 Cllrs Elliott, Slee, Knight & Orchard

M Cartwright (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Buswell

In attendance

Cty Cllr Morris-Jones & two members of the public

11.164 Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllrs Hawkins & Elliott declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for land south of the Telephone exchange, Coventry Road.

11.165 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th August, 2011.

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

11.166 Comment and information from members of the public and members with a prejudicial interest

A resident explained a proposal for a Community arts project which might be funded by the LEADER project. To be considered at the next meeting.

11.167 Police Report

Police reports from July to September were received and noted by the council

11.168 Clerk's Report

The following report was received and noted:

1. We have received an unqualified opinion from the External auditors
2. In the Rugby in Bloom competition we were awarded an Silver Gilt for the Square (Community Section) and a Gold for the Wetland (Environment section)
3. Letter received from WCC about the wall on Church Hill – comments on the safety of the wall have been sent to Rugby BC Building Control
4. WCC will install a temporary fixed flashing sign for up to 6 months on Coventry Road (while we are waiting for funding for permanent signs to be considered)

11.169 To consider any applications for filling the councillor's vacancy by co-option.

No applications received

11.170 Planning

11.170.1 The following update on previous Planning Applications was received

Cllrs Hawkins & Elliott left the room

R11/0141 Land South of the Telephone Exchange, Coventry Road, Wolvey – pending (Decision deferred by planning committee until September 29th)
This was discussed by the Council. The summary provided to the planning committee did not include the Parish Councils concern about access and egress from the site.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask this to be provided to the planning committee when this application is next considered.

Cllrs Hawkins & Elliott returned to the room

R10/0534 Land adjacent to Wolvey Hall, Hall, Road, Wolvey-pending. Decision expected this week

R11/1213 FIVE WAYS LAKES, COVENTRY ROAD, LE10 3HF-refused

170.2 No NEW applications received

11.171 The proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework were considered by the council.

Wolvey residents place a high value on the green belt and therefore the Council objects to the proposed changes.

Following discussion IT WAS RESOLVED that a letter be sent to MP Mark Pawsey asking how he will vote on this issue.

11.172 Finance

172.1 Notice of an unqualified audit opinion from the external auditors Clement Keys was received and noted.

RESOLVED: closure of the audit for 2010-11

Notice of payments made under powers delegated to the Clerk was received and noted

172.2 Eon UK (streetlight repair): £35.40

172.3 Clement Keys (external audit): £342.00

The following payments were considered:

172.4 M Cartwright (salary, allowances & expenses): £467.69

172.5. W S Gardens (grass cutting- 3 cuts): £384

172.6 Post Office Ltd: £270.20 (PAYE payment to HMRC)

172.7 ESPO: £98.55

172.8 Eon: £35.40

172.9 Wolvey Baptist Chapel: £8 (hire of room)

Proposed: Cllr Slee

Seconded: Cllr Knight

RESOLVED: Payments approved and cheques signed

172.10 Projects to be budgeted for next year were considered:

- i. weeding and clearing of roadside gullies (Clerk to obtain quotes)
- ii. Queens Jubilee celebrations

11.173 The lack of consultation and the decision by WCC to withdraw bus service 75 was considered by the Council.

Cllrs Orchard & Knight had met with officers of Transport at WCC to discuss this problem. As a result additional Flexibus services will be provided to Nuneaton and Bedworth which will travel through Bulkington. It is hoped this will help to reduce

difficulties for Wolvey residents.

RESOLVED: Clerk to include an insert into the newsletter providing information about these new bus services.

11.174 The Council considered supporting Wolvey Playing Fields Trust grant applications for new equipment.

Following discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED to support the Playing Fields Trust application for funding for new play equipment and an outdoor gym. The preferred equipment for play equipment is Option2 from Komplan. Further research and consultation to take place for outdoor gym equipment IT WAS RESOLVED to make an application to Fields in Trust for the playing fields (as long as this supports the constitution of the Wolvey Playing Fields Trust) and for the Old Cricket Field Wetland.

11.175 Plans for the Queens Diamond Jubilee were considered

A meeting has taken place with representatives of local groups. It was decided that the event will take place on Monday 4th June with a procession to the playing fields and a party in the park. An organising committee has been formed.

11.176 Plans for Christmas tree 2011 were considered:

Cllr Orchard to continue to investigate new LED lighting.
Clerk to chase Christmas tree order as no response from Digby Farm yet.

11.177 Vehicular Activated Signs

The Parish Council made a request to Cty Cllr Morris-Jones that a bid be made to the Transport Capital Seminar for two vehicular activated signs for Wolvey. Cty Cllr Morris-Jones agreed to do this. The Parish Council will be asked to choose the site for these signs.

11.178 Highways and Streetlight related matters

1. Weeds in roadside gullies need to be cleared. Clerk to obtain quotes for this work
2. Work needs to be done clearing under trees. To be discussed with the Environment group
3. The new streetlight column has been installed on Bulkington Road and faults have been repaired on lights in Leicester Road, Coventry Road, Temple Hill and Church Hill. The bill for these repairs has not yet been received.

11.179 Environment

179.1 An update from the EWP was provided by Cllr Slee. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust are coming to do a survey for water voles this week. They have agreed to provide a mower and staff to cut grass in the wetland sometime in October for a small donation. IT WAS AGREED to accept this offer as long as the work can be done in October. If not, a mower will need to be hired.

Fritillary bulbs have been ordered.

It was agreed to discuss the possible registration of the Wetland with Fields in Trust with the Environment Group.

179.2 The possible purchase of a shed to store the water bowser at the village hall was discussed. The Baptist Chapel has also agreed to store it in a shed. To be discussed again at the next meeting

11.80 The council's approach to possible future wind farm applications was considered.

Following discussion, it was agreed to send the draft letter (with some minor

changes)

RESOLVED: Clerk to send letter to MP Mark Pawsey and to Rugby BC Forward Planning

11.181 Publications and documents for consideration at meeting:

181.1 WALC AGM on 27 October in Shire Hall, Warwick

181.2 Chairmans training 4 November & 3 December

181.3 Planning training in Wolston- Cllrs Buswell & Knight interested in attending

181.4 Rugby branch of WALC AGM on 27th September in Ansty

181.5 Proposal to close Pupil Referral Unit- consultation until 24th October

11.182 Publications and documents for circulation to members

1. Feedback from Discussion event held on 16 August, 2011
2. Rugby Local Development Framework –consultation closes 17th October
3. Countryside Voice CPRE journal
4. WALC annual report 2010-2011
5. LCR
6. Country Gardens & Groundcare letter
7. Clerks & Councils Direct
8. Journal of Local Planning
9. AGM of Rugby Branch of WALC & Minutes of last meeting
10. WALC Training programme
11. Open Services White Paper- feedback from Discussion event

11.183 Minor matters for discussion and items for next Meeting

1. Clerks appraisal

11.184 Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting of the Council due to be held on **Monday 17th October, 2011** in Wolvey Village Hall.

11.185 The meeting was closed at 9.30pm