MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Adrian Warwick (Chairman), Jas Guraya, Richard Hawcutt, John Hawkins, Sid Hindmarsh and Bill Silvester.

In attendance: Jackie Essex (Clerk)
Rachel Dore – Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator
4 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Paul Delargey, Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day

104/19 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensation

Councillor Warwick declared an interest in Wolvey Baptist Chapel and in any matter by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.
Councillor Hawkins declared an interest in any matter relating to Wolvey Playing Fields Trust.

105/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

106/19 Parishioners’ Time

(a) Warwickshire County Council would be requested to clear the debris, soil and leaves which had collected in the gutters along Leicester Road and Mill Lane.

107/19 Rugby Borough Council – Update

Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day was not present at the meeting.

108/19 Warwickshire County Council – Update

County Councillor Adrian Warwick reported that as a result of the General Election in December, the rules around Purdah now applied. As a result of this, the Fosse Forum originally scheduled for Tuesday 19 November at Barnacle Village Hall had been postponed to Tuesday 21 January 2020. He did, however, report that Warwickshire County Council was offering free electric blanket testing for the over 50’s.

109/19 Wolvey Wetland – Update

Councillor Hawkins reported that the wet weather had prevented mowing. Councillor Hindmarsh would clear the pond. The Chairman reported that David Lowe from Warwickshire County Council would provide information on available grants.
110/19 Community Speed Watch – Update

Rachel Dore reported that a further four volunteers had come forward from Wolvery, bringing the total number to seven. Warwickshire Police would provide packs, hi-vis jackets and the loan of a laser gun for 29 November 2019.

The Chairman thanked Rachel Dore for all her work on this scheme.

111/19 Clerk’s Report

Pete Hopkins was looking into a calendar for the village website which would enable groups to enter details of event dates and times.

112/19 Planning

The following planning applications were considered:

(a) R19/1328 - 21 Brookfield Drive, Wolvey - erection of a single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED that the parish council has no comments on this application.

(b) R19/1276 - Land At Gypsy Lane R08 1057 Pln, Gipsy Lane, Wolvey - new stables and menage (variation of Conditions 2 and 4 of R16/0951 to increase the height of the roof to 4.4m).

RESOLVED that the parish council objects to this application on the grounds of the cumulative effect of the development having a detrimental impact on the Green Belt and the open aspect of the area.

(c) R19/1275 - The Chalet, Hinckley Road, Wolvey - retrospective application for retention of new stables, including access road and hardstanding (variation of Condition 1 of approved planning permission R16/1986 dated 11/11/2016 to substitute approved plan with amended plan to include amendments to the design of the stable roof).

RESOLVED that objects to this application on the grounds that the original plans and drawings should be adhered to on grounds of highway safety and protection of the Green Belt.

(d) R19/1352 - 18 Croft Close, Wolvey - two storey rear extension with side single and two storey (alterations from previously approved application R19/0785 including chimney and window alterations).

RESOLVED that that the parish council has no comments on this application.

(e) R19/1201 - Caravan at Rose Field, Hinckley Road, Wolvey - erection of a new stable building.
RESOLVED that the parish council objects to this application on the grounds of the cumulative effect of development having a detrimental impact on the Green Belt. If, however, Rugby Borough Council was minded to approve this application, the parish council would request conditions that if the stable was no longer required, the site is returned to its original condition – especially bearing in mind that temporary permission has been granted for a named occupant in respect of the caravan.

(f) R19/1379 – Wolvey Wolds Farm, Mere Lane, Wolvey – erection of proposed grain drying building.

RESOLVED that the parish council supports this application.

113/19 Financial Matters

The parish council considered the financial matters relating to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that

(a) the following payments be authorised:
   (i) Clerk’s salary and expenses (cheque no. 300708) – £587.16
   (ii) WS Gardens Ltd. – village mowing (invoice no. 8258) (cheque no. 300709) - £480.00
   (iii) T. Levett – balloon modelling at the Christmas Event (cheque no. 300710) - £170.00
   (iv) HMRC – PAYE (cheque no. 300711) - £106.23

(b) The payment of the two invoices from Hi-Lite Electrical Ltd (invoice nos. 563 and 573) for replacement streetlight lanterns completed to date following an inspection by Councillor Hawcutt (cheque no. 300700) for £21,600.00 be noted.

(c) The following direct debit be noted:
   (i) NEST pension – October - £64.34

(d) The receipt of the following income be noted:
   (i) HMRC – VAT Reclaim for the period 1 December 2018 – 31 August 2019 - £3,216.16

114/19 Wolvey Village Sign

Councillors considered the replacement of the wooden village sign post in the Square which had rotted.

RESOLVED that subject to Warwickshire County Council having no objection to the works being carried out to the signposts, authority be granted for Councillor Hawcutt to obtain quotes for a replacement powder coated steel post for the village sign.
115/19 Grass Cutting 2020

The parish council considered arrangements for the grass cutting contract for 2020.

**RESOLVED** that a notice inviting quotes for the grass cutting contract for 2020 be published on the parish council website.

116/19 Christmas Event 2019

The parish council discussed the arrangements for the Wolvey Christmas Event on 1 December 2019.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) authority be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with Councillors Delargey and Guraya, to purchase a Santa’s Grotto or similar for the stage;
(b) approval be given for Global Care to have a stall at the event.

117/19 Streetlight Renewal Programme – Update

Councillor Hawcutt was liaising with Hi-Lite Electrical Ltd over the completion of the replacement of the remaining lanterns and the replacement of streetlight columns where required.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

118/19 Neighbourhood Plan – Update

The Chairman reported that photographs needed to be included in the Plan and once these had been received, the consultation stage could commence.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

119/19 Environment Matters

(a) Councillor Guraya raised concerns over the increase in litter and fly-tipping in the parish. The parish council was disappointed over the amount of litter and fly-tipping but expressed its thanks and gratitude to those volunteers who picked up litter.

(b) Councillor Hawkins would be requested to contact WS Gardens Ltd. about spraying the weeds in the middle of Moat Lane.

120/19 Items for the Next Meeting

(a) The draft budget proposals for 2020/21 had been circulated to all councillors. This would be formally considered at the next meeting.
121/19 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 16 December 2019 in Wolvey Baptist Chapel.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.