

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 7:30 pm at Wall Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M J Crowe (Chairman), R Barker, P Sampson, C Rubisch, R Saxton, F Robertson and A Ryman.

In Attendance: County Cllr David Smith, District Cllr Alastair Little, four members of the public, and Peter Young (Clerk).

Apologies: None – all members present.

52. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None not covered by dispensations.

53. Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 September 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to the addition of Cllr C Rubisch to the list of members present.

54. Matters Arising on the Minutes: None.

55. District and County Councillors' Reports

District Cllr Alastair Little reported on the District Council's recent decision to provide funding to enable the Friary Grange Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool to remain open for the time being whilst proposals were worked upon for a new Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool in Lichfield City. He reported on the measures he had been taking to ensure that the operators of Barn Farm at Hilton complied with the conditions of their planning permission and asked that any evidence of contraventions/nuisance be reported to him so that he could pursue this further. He also reported on the forthcoming public consultation on the review of the Lichfield District Local Plan.

County Councillor David Smith reported on his speed enforcement initiative and his Local Member's Initiatives Fund. He also reported on the priority being given by the County Council to incidents of flooding of domestic properties

The Chairman thanked the County and District councillors for their attendance and reports.

56. Public Session

Two members of the public reported on proposals by residents to organise a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May 2020, including an exhibition in Wall Village Hall. Funding for the events was discussed.

A member of the public reported on the unsatisfactory contact he had had with a local bus company regarding the reversing manoeuvre at the Butts.

57. Policing Matters: No Police present and no issues raised.

58. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk

a. Preparations for 2020 Best Kept Village Competition: Ongoing work by residents to approve the appearance of the village in preparation for the 2020 Best Kept Village competition were discussed and it was agreed that the Council would continue funding of an additional domestic wheelie bin.

b. Preparations to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day: Further to discussion during the Public Forum it was agreed that the Council would provide up to £250 funding for the event, and that the Council would apply on behalf of the residents for a further £100 of funding from the County Councillor's Local Initiatives Fund. **Action:** Clerk to make application to County Councillor's Fund.

c. Update on arrangements for Village Lengthsman appointment

Resolved: that the Clerk, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr F Robertson prepare a list of routine annual jobs that could be undertaken by a Lengthsman, negotiate an hourly rate of pay with a possible contractor and confirm his public liability contractor. A report to be presented to the January Council meeting.

d. The Clerk informed members of the SPCA AGM which would be held on Monday 2 December 2019 at 6.45pm in Stafford and of the Code of Conduct Training at the District Council Offices, Wade Street Lichfield, on Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 6pm.

59. Alteration to Dates of Future Council Meetings

Members considered a request from the Village Hall Management Committee that (in order for the Hall to accept a new regular Wednesday evening booking) the Council agree to change the dates of its Council meetings from Wednesdays.

Resolved: that future Council Meetings be held on the third Tuesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November.

60. Highways and Open Spaces

- a. Wall Island: The Clerk reported on the email he had sent to Highways England regarding the ongoing problems at Wall Island. A response was awaited. The Police had been contacted to support the request but had replied that the accident data for the island did not indicate any significant problem. It was agreed to await the response from Highways England and in the meantime to copy in Shenstone Parish Council to the correspondence.
- b. Bus Route reversing manoeuvre: The Clerk reported on the emails he had sent to the Bus Company, but no reply had been received. He had also contact SCC Public Transport Unit and a reply was awaited.
- c. Raikes Lane/Ashcroft Lane Gullies: A detailed map had been sent to SCC of the locations of the gullies that needed emptying. A reply had been received from SCC Highways that the gullies in Ashcroft Lane would be dealt with as a routine maintenance issue. It was reported that Highways staff had attended the gullies in Raikes Lane and had managed to open one of the covers, and that they were making arrangements for repairs to the other gullies.
- d. Flooding on Watling Street by railway bridge: SCC Highways had reported that the work had been done, but although officers had attended, the flooding problems continued.
Action: Clerk to report again to SCC Highways.
- e. Muckley Common: Following a complaint from a resident, the Clerk had contacted LDC who owned the Common and some works had taken place to clear the paths.
- f. Wording for plaque for John Linney memorial trees:
Action: The wording to be agreed by Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk.
- g. Church path handrail: Any repair works would take place without involvement of the Council.
- h. Community Payback Team: Councillor P Sampson reported on ongoing work being undertaken on the fortnightly visits.
- i. ANPR speed indicator device: The Chairman reported on his attendance at a meeting in Stonnall where there was a demonstration of an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) speed indicator device.
- j. Wall Speed sign: This had stopped working. **Action:** Clerk to contact supplier for repair.
- k. Wall car park overnight parking: It was reported that a car had been permanently parked for the past 4 weeks in the car park. **Action:** Clerk to contact LDC on this matter.
- l. Renewal of SJL Landscapes verge-mowing contract: Verges were mowed on an annual contract with an option to renew for a further year at the current rate plus RPI inflation. **Action:** That the Council take up the option to renew the Contract for 2020.

61. Consultation on LDC Strategic Plan 2020 - 2024

Copies of the (one page) plan were circulated, and some minor wording changes were suggested.

Action: Clerk to report these to LDC.

62. Planning Applications

There were no new applications for comment.

Members noted:

- a. that application 19/01028/FUL at Barn Farm Hilton had been withdrawn.
- b. that the decision on application 19/01179/COU for Chesterfield House was awaited.

63. Accounts for Payment and Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation for 30 September was circulated and noted.

Resolved: payment of the following:

Date Paid	Chq.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
05/10/19	828	PW	Reimbursement for wheelie bin	36.00
05/10/19	829	SJL Landscapes	Verge cutting Sept 2019	146.74
20/11/19	830	SJL Landscapes	Verge cutting Oct 2019 (final)	146.74
20/11/19	831	Npower Ltd	H3120001 Car park light 1/7/19 to 30/9/19	40.72
20/11/19	832	P. Young Total £506.72	Net Salary + expenses Aug/Sept	430.72
			Reimburse SLCC Membership to 1/11/20	76.00
20/11/19	833	HMRC	PAYE on salary	97.20
				974.12

64. Dates of Next Meetings

In accordance with Minute 59 above the dates would now be:

Tuesday 21 January 2020, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall (Budget meeting)

Tuesday 17 March 2020, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Chairman:

Date: