



WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Including the hamlets of: Chesterfield, Hilton and Pipe Hill.

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Approved Minutes of Full Council meeting Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.30pm Wall Village Hall.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/2024 Register of members in attendance

Councillor Paul Sampson (Chairman), Councillors Conrad Rubisch, Richard Barker, Andrew Ryman, County Councillor David Smith, District Councillor David Salter (Shenstone), Pam Salter (Clerk) plus 2 members of the public

Acceptance of apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Ross Harwood, Gary Hutton, Robert Saxton District Councillor Janice Silvester-Hall and PCSO Tom Passmore. Their reasons were presented to Council and accepted.

25 Public Participation

No issues were raised.

26 Declarations

No declarations.

27 To accept and confirm the minutes of: Full Council meeting Tuesday May 19th, 2024. Minutes were approved and signed.

To accept and confirm the minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council meeting June 18th, 2024. Minutes were approved and signed.

28 Policing - PCSO Passmore sent his apologies. The Chairman read out his report. Crime levels are low in Wall: Last month (16/06/2024 – 16/07/2024) there was-

- 1 – Burglary
- 1 - Theft of Motor Vehicle
- 1 - Theft from Motor Vehicle
- 0 – ASB

Previous month (16/05/2024 – 16/06/2024) there was-

- 1 – Theft
- 0 – ASB
- 0 – Burglaries
- 0 – Vehicles crime

There has again been an increase throughout the Lichfield district of Vehicle crime. Police ask all residents to be vigilant and where possible remove any tools or valuables from vehicles. Keyless car theft or ‘relay theft’ is a particular trend. This is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by, unlocking the car and starting the ignition. Protect your keyless entry car by:

- When at home, keeping your car key (and the spare) away from the car.

- Putting the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag and checking if the bag or pouch is still working every few months.

Although crime remains low in Wall itself, with it being situated very close to several main arterial routes and its rural setting making it an ideal route for criminals frequenting the area, Andrea, Racheal and Tom would still urge all residents to please report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

They will continue to send smart alerts letting residents know about specific crimes for the area and also any upcoming engagement events. If there are any issues or anything they can help with please do not hesitate to contact one of the team.

29 Matters arising from previous meeting.

The Clerk had contacted Beth Tranter regarding the Wall Gateway installation after the last meeting. Beth was seeking an update from Amey but there has been no information since.

30 To receive reports from County, District and Parish Councillors:

County Councillor Smith thanked the Clerk for the compiled list of reported Highway issues for 2024.

Several issues were raised and discussed:

Road edge failures: Cllr Smith explained that the roads were never designed to carry the width of vehicles they now are. They have been extended but there is no substance underneath the edges. The option to trim them back to the original design width would result in them only being wide enough for tractors. He had no answers today.

Overgrown hedging at Green Lane: Mary Lee had repeatedly written to the owners asking them to cut their hedges back. If District Council undertook to cut them back it is doubtful that the bill would ever be repaid. Cllr Rubisch emphasised that property owners should not be allowed to dictate these matters. Further discussion highlighted that if a final letter were sent to the homeowners and they did not pay, a charge would be put on the property that would affect the mortgage if it were not cleared when the property was sold. Councillor Smith agreed to take this up.

Rubber strips on Ashcroft Lane: Councillor Sampson asked if Council could have the information on the cost of a black box at Watling Street junction. Councillor Smith will come back with this information for the next meeting. Councillor Smith is unsure who is doing that survey.

Road sign at Green Lane/ Market Lane junction: It was confirmed that Highways owns this road. Ongoing issues include the incorrectly positioned road sign and the need for a more appropriate 'No through Road' sign.

Watling Street crossroads. Evidence is needed to promote changes and there is no accident data. Councillor Ryman discussed the need to slow traffic up and suggested renewing the 30 signs and the chevrons on the road. White paint markings and halt signs would help. Councillor Smith will look into this and raise the point. He considered that replacing the white markings should be no problem.

Councillor Smith expressed his concerns regarding the affects of the new housing developments. He suspects an increase in the volume of traffic and regrets that restrictions were not looked at by developers at the time.

Flooding under the railway bridge on Watling Street. Councillor Smith said that this was not Highway water but was the responsibility of the Railway company. Councillor Rubisch asked if Highways put in the drainage. Councillor Smith stated that the Railway company put in the drainage. He cited the comparable situation in Hammerwich where the railway has put in a duct but does not maintain it, making it ineffective.

Councillor Barton spoke of the water in Raikes Lane where the excess water is now killing a resident's hedge. This is an ongoing issue.

Councillor Sampson referred to the suggested diversion of heavy traffic to the chicken farm. Councillor Saxton had discussed this with him previously and considered that a lorry could get through, creating a feasible alternative route, if all hedges maintained by Highways were cut back along the route, the slight corner taken off and the road repaired properly.

Councillor Smith concluded by confirming that he would pursue all items. He reminded Council that he still has money available from the Community Fund and is open to applications.

He announced a change of personnel at LDC as Mary Lee has now retired.

Councillor Smith then left the meeting.

Councillor Silvester-Hall sent her apologies along with a brief report:

Cranebrook and The Butts. These are both ongoing matters.

Latest announcements: Beacon Park has received the Green Flag Award to officially recognise it as one of the country's best parks.

Lastly, in a presentation with the new Police Commander last week, she was pleased to learn of attention locally addressing matters being previously reported at Wall Parish Council. If there is anything she needs to be aware of, please do call or send a message.

Councillor Barker confirmed that lorries could still be seen at the Cranebrook Lane/ Lagoon site.

Parish Councillors reports:

Councillor Ryman returned to the hedges issue. Councillor Salter felt that with an imminent sale of the house, this might be an initiative for the Parish to raise the profile. Councillor Rubisch suggested that the Parish Council send a letter asking for the hedge to be cut or it would be cut by the Parish Council and charged for. Resolution: further discussion to be sure of legalities.

The turning circle in Green Lane is Highways land. Formerly the farmer put down rubble to stabilise the ground. This is now forming the basis for the ground. Councillor Sampson considered the possibility of making an offer to fund towards the deposition of road planings. Resolution: Further research needed. Agenda item for next meeting.

Councillor Salter reminded Council that District Councillors also have a Councillor Community Fund allowance of up to £300 for each member for their wards. Up to £900 is available for a larger community-based project. There is no need to discuss with the Councillor concerned beforehand but it is considered good practice to inform them that

you will be applying. Councillors Sampson and Rubisch suggested the Tuesday Club might benefit from this. Resolution: to consider what project could benefit from an application.

Councillor Sampson wished to acknowledge the wonderful job the Payback Team had done with the playground. The recent turnout has been particularly good with up to ten participants attending for each session. Action Clerk to minute this.

31 Reported highways and maintenance issues 2024 & planned August roadworks.

The Clerk provided a record of all reported issues for 2024 for each Councillor. This will hopefully be a helpful reference to track all the issues raised. Councillor Smith had taken a copy for his reference. Councillor Harwood had reported possible additions to the scheduled August roadworks in consultation with Councillor Smith.

32 Finance

-Councillors reviewed the completed income and expenditure accounts for May and June, payments awaiting approval for July to date and the ledger for fiscal year April-June 2024. There were no questions. Resolution: approved unanimously.

-at the Extraordinary Parish meeting in June members voted to apply for a credit card for use by Councillor Sampson to purchase materials for equipment and asset maintenance. The application documents had been prepared for the meeting and were duly signed as required. Action: Clerk to send the completed application to Lloyds Bank for approval.

- The Clerk had received confirmation from Lloyd's business banking on 9th May that Councillor Ross Harwood had been registered as a signatory for Wall Parish Council. The paperwork from Lloyds Bank had been passed to Councillor Harwood.

33 Adoption of updated policies

- New NALC Financial regulations
- Financial Risk Register
- Risk Assessment
- Standing Orders

All these documents had been forwarded to Councillors a week prior to the meeting. All acknowledged that they had read them. There were no questions. Resolution: Approved, signed, and adopted unanimously.

34 Future of the old bus shelter at Muckley corner

- The updated timetable for the 36 route has now been put in place
- The new 36A route is scheduled to start on July 22nd with a stop at Coppers End
- Councillor Sampson has met with the owner of Coppers End in whose garden the old bus shelter is partially situated. The owner is very keen for it to be removed as it has caused him many problems. The shelter has been there since the building was a police station and there is no record of any agreements made when it was erected. Chaserider buses have no concerns regarding its removal and will ensure a bus stop pole and signage is provided. As recorded at the previous meeting, Councillors were in approval in principle for its removal. Costs will be minimal.

Resolution: All Councillors present were happy to help with the removal of the shelter. Councillor Sampson will look into the logistics of removal and inform Councillors accordingly. Some fencing will need to be provided to secure the small gap which will be left in the houseowners fence.

35 Planning applications

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

24/00749/FUH Mr S Reynolds C/O CT Planning Three Lichfield 6 Watling Street Muckley Corner Lichfield Staffordshire WS14 0BD Conversion of existing garage to annexe
Officer- James Hyde

24/00772/FUH - (Full Application (Householder) Applicant: Mr & Mrs George Clarke
Location: School House, Market Lane, Wall Proposal: Erection of an outbuilding for 2 car parking spaces and a glass link building connecting the outbuilding and main dwelling. Any comments to be made within 21 days of the date of the letter.

Both these above applications were studied in detail by Councillors. Following discussion, it was agreed that no comments needed to be submitted by Wall PC

DECIDED

24/00015/COU - (Change of Use) Applicant: Mrs Amanda Edmondson
Location: Hope Cottage Farm, Pouk Lane Proposal: Construction of a 40M x 20M horse arena/menage Pending consideration.

Resolution: After viewing both applications Councillors had agreed that there were no objections from Wall PC Approved 5th June 2024

ONGOING APPLICATIONS

SCC/23/0122/VOC Greener Composting Watling Street Wall. Currently awaiting more information from applicant to address matters raised during consultation process.

24/0001/REF (21/00883/FU) Retention of 6 shipping containers Muckley corner
Determination 16th July 2024

22/01386/FUH Moat Bank Farm The case officer has confirmed that the application is still current. Before this application could be determined, there were conditions on a previous permission which needed to be discharged. It is possible to now move this application forward. At the end of the month a new site notice will be put up for the application and everyone will be consulted again due to the amount of time that has passed since the application was submitted

Update to **23/01004/FUL** There is nothing further to report on Fairfields Farm Raikes Lane vehicle movement.

36 The next meeting of Full Council was confirmed as Tuesday 17th September at 7.30 Wall Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed: Councillor Paul Sampson
Chairman

Date: 17th September 2024

Payments and expenditure May 2024, June 2024

MAY 2024

Payments and expenditure MAY 2024						
		Accounts brought forward	c/f			
		Lloyds Bank	£29,415.78			
				System	debit	credit
						VAT
07-May-24	debit	Admin Employee PAYE HMRC	BACS	£118.80		
07-May-24	debit	Admin subscription Parish Online	BACS	£384.80		£64.00 Vat 296312096
07-May-24	debit	Admin Clerk Salary	BACS	£475.98		
07-May-24	debit	Maint. Equipment service Bull Plant	BACS	£513.29		
17-May-24	credit	Admin HMRC VAT Refund	BACS		£688.24	
22-May-24	debit	Admin Professional fees AJGIBL	BACS	£375.98		
22-May-24	debit	Admin Professional fees Bradley Acc.	BACS	£120.00		£20.00 No 660821151
22-May-24	debit	Admin refill dog gloves JRB Enterprises	BACS	£76.68		£6.49 No 312944219
22-May-24	debit	Maint. Sanding belts refund Chair	BACS	£17.46		£2.91 No 972672094
22-May-24	debit	Maint Leaflet dispenser refund Chair	BACS	£38.97		£6.49 No 312944219
22-May-24	debit	Maint spray paint refund Chair	BACS	£9.89		£1.65 No 186876246
22-May-24	debit	Admin Hire Wall Village Hall Payback	BACS	£540.00		
22-May-24	debit	Admin Hire Wall Village Hall PC meet.	BACS	£45.00		
		Lloyds Bank	c/f	debit	credit	VAT
		Closing balance	£27,387.97			

Payments and expenditure JUNE 2024						
		Accounts brought forward	c/f			
		Lloyds Bank	£27,387.97			
				System	debit	credit
						VAT
13-Jun-24	debit	Admin LDC Dog bin emptying- Annual	BACS	£194.69		£32.45 No. 11200652
13-Jun-24	debit	Maint grass cutting SJL Landscapes	BACS	£157.52		£31.25 No115104665
13-Jun-24	debit	Admin subscription SPCA/NALC Annua	BACS	£152.95		
28-Jun-24	debit	Maint fuel refund Cllr Rubisch	BACS	£15.10		£2.52 No 115116459
28-Jun-24	debit	Maint Paint,wood oil etc refund Chair	BACS	£265.41		£45.82 see casbook
28-Jun-24	debit	Admin Clerk expenses + allowance	BACS	£113.99		
28-Jun-24	debit	Admin professional fees Toplis Ltd	BACS	£202.92		£33.82 No6705710825
28-Jun-24	debit	Admin hire Wall Village Hall APM	BACS	£45.00		
		Lloyds Bank	c/f	debit	credit	
			£26,210.39	£1,177.58	£0	£145.86
		Closing balance	£26,210.39			

Payments for approval JULY 2024

Payments and expenditure JULY 2024

PENDING APPROVAL

	Accounts brought forward		c/f			
	Lloyds Bank			£26,210.39		
			System	debit	credit	VAT
July-24	debit	Admin Employee PAYE HMRC	BACS	£119.00		
July 24	debit	Admin Clerk Salary	BACS	£475.78		
July 24	debit	Admin: Clerk expenses & allowance	BACS	£63.05		
July 24	debit	Maint Bedding Plants P Sampson	BACS	£38.93		£6.16 No 245108428
July 24	debit	Maint: metalwork & ceiling paint P Sampson	BACS	£11.34		£1.89 No727255821
July 24	debit	Maint. Paintbrush x 2 P Sampson	BACS	£10.10		£1.68 No363660686
July 24	debit	Maint UV protection oil 2.5 Lt P Sampson	BACS	£88.48		£14.75 No332245335
July 24	debit	Maint: Wood protect Treatment P Sampson	BACS	£31.75		£5.29 No371377779
July 24	debit	Maint: weed brush - patio remover tool	BACS	£11.99		£2.00 No167079733
	debit	Prof fees Mapping software Geoxphere	BACS	£60.00		£10.00 No296312096
		Lloyds Bank	c/f	debit	credit	VAT
		Closing balance				

Closing figures on the 2024/2025 ledger

JUNE: £27,387.97

32	DI - main account	13/06/2024	BACS	footpath,lighting,maintenance	dog bin emptying	Expenditure	LOD	£194.69	
33	DI - main account	13/06/2024	BACS	footpath,lighting,maintenance	grass cutting	Expenditure	SJL Landscapes	£187.52	£31.25
34	DI - main account	13/06/2024	BACS	administration	subscription NALC SPCA	Expenditure	SPCA	£152.95	
35	DI - main account	28/06/2024	BACS	footpath,lighting,maintenance	fuel for machinery	Expenditure	Clr Rubisch refund	£15.10	£2.52
36	DI - main account	28/06/2024	BACS	footpath,lighting,maintenance	paint, oil, brushes, various	Expenditure	Clr P Sampson refund	£265.41	
37	DI - main account	28/06/2024	BACS	administration	expenses/home allowance	Expenditure	P Salter	£113.99	
38	DI - main account	28/06/2024	BACS	audit fees	end of year audit	Expenditure	Toplis Associates Ltd	£202.92	£33.82
39	DI - main account	28/06/2024	BACS	administration	Wall Villaoe Hall hire	Expenditure	Wall Villaoe Hall	£45.00	

Debit:£1,117.58 Credit:£0.00

Closing balance:£26,210.39

JULY 2024

JULY Opening balance: £26,210.39