

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 6:00pm,
at the Sambrook Centre, Storchley

Present: Councillors A Watkin (Chair)
 R Breeze (Vice-Chair)
 T Bate
 J Loveridge
 S Parr
 M Randle
 G Sinclair
 S Vaughan-Hodkinson

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk)
 Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary, taking the minutes)

Mr STAN HARRIS

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair invited the Committee to observe a minutes silence in mark of respect of local resident and former Parish Councillor, Mr Stan Harris, who had recently passed away. Stan was an active member of the local community who was well respected by all.

Note –

Public Open Session

There were no members of the local community present.

CE/18/47 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (T&W commitments) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/18/48 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 2nd October 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/18/49 MATTERS ARISING

Minute – 18/42 – Traffic Speed Devices had been spotted in Brookside.

CE/18/50 COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Committee receive a report of the Community Events Officer that outlined a number of recent and planned events in the community. They included :- the summer newsletter, the Storchley Family Fun Day on 4th August, parking issues at Beaconsfield Bungalows, the valuable service provided by library volunteers and the Windmill Community Garden.

Members welcomed the content of the report.

CE/18/51 BECKBURY DRIVE PLAY AREA

Members gave consideration to works required at the Beckbury Drive Play Area. The Deputy Parish Clerk stated that Cllr T Bate had been heavily involved with the resident group at Beckbury Drive to ascertain the needs of the local families for the children's play area. Cllr Bate stated that the Group hoped to be able to make a bid for financial assistance from Veolia.

CE/18/52 MADEBROOK LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

The Deputy Parish Clerk gave an insight as to the ongoing site management required at the Madebrook Local Nature Reserve and sought a councillor to volunteer to undertake some of the site management.

Alec Connah had offered, on a voluntary basis, to occasionally walk the site and report any issues. However it would be of additional merit to have a Councillor volunteer to monitor use of the site also.

Cllr R Breeze expressed an interest in the site and a willingness to walk the site and monitor usage and report back.

Cllr J Loveridge requested that a letter be sent to Alec Connah expressing the Committee's thanks and appreciation for all the work on the site during his times with the Parish Council and STROWP.

Cllr G Sinclair also suggested the formation of a "Friends of" Group and that was welcomed as a possible future development on the site.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge , and seconded by Cllr S Parr, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that Cllr R Breeze be appointed Volunteer Councillor for the monitoring of the Madebrook LNR.**

CE/18/53 FOOTPATH DIVERSION ORDERS.

Consideration was given to two footpath diversion orders that had been forwarded to the Parish for consultation. The sites were on two separate underpass areas on Randlay Avenue. Members raised no objections but were mindful of the need for alternative safe crossing areas.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze, and seconded by Cllr S Parr, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no objection be raised to the two Footpath Diversion Orders but the Borough Council be requested to provide alternative safe crossing measures.**

CE/18/54 GRIT BINS

The Deputy Parish Clerk referred to a Parish map that indicated the location of all the grit bins in the area and asked all Councillors present to comment upon their location and use.

The schedule of Grit Bin locations was tabled and Councillors volunteered to inspect the bins in their areas and to report back to the Parish Office.

CE/18/55 PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY

Members considered a request for supplementary funding to support a bid for “Pride in the Community” funding for replacement fencing at the Culmington Ball Court. The level of funding requested was between £1-2k

The Deputy Parish Clerk informed the Committee that there was sufficient funding within the current PET budget for such matters and Members suggested a grant of some £1500 towards the project.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze , and seconded by Cllr M Randle , and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that £1500 be allocated to the Pride in the Community project for the replacement fencing at the Culmington Ball Court.**

CE/18/56 REVIEW OF POLICIES

The Committee considered revisions to the Grants Policy and its application form.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the revise Grants Policy and application form be approved.**

The Committee also gave consideration to a revised Allotment application form and tenancy agreement. Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson suggested that an additional requirement be inserted requesting that no items, such as refuse bins etc, be sited next to the exterior fencing, thereby preventing unauthorised entry to the site by climbing over the fence. Furthermore the entry code to the site gate lock should not be made visible to unauthorised people.

It was proposed by Cllr S Vaughan - Hodkinson , and seconded by Cllr M Randle, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the revised Allotment Application Form and Tenancy Agreement be approved subject to the inclusions suggested above.**

CE/18/57 GRANTS

To consider any grant applications s137 of the Local Government Act 1972:- **None**

CE/18/58 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

The Committee received details of and consider the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council.

- a) **TWC 2018/0867 - Chipmunks Nursery, The Lakeside Centre, Stirchley Centre, Grange Avenue, Stirchley**, - Erection of 2.4m high steel wire mesh security fence and gate around the garden/play area.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no Objection be raised to the application.**

- b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda. **TWC 2018/0812 – 27 Boscobel Close, Stirchley –** Erection of a two storey side Extension - Amended red line boundary

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr S Parr, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no objection be raised to the application.**

- c) To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish.

TWC 2018/ - None

- d) To consider any Pre-Application Enquiries received - None

CE/18/59 **CORRESPONDENCE** – To receive any relevant correspondence - None

CE/18/60 **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The Committee received Councillors’ reports on matters relevant to the Committee.

Cllr G Sinclair re-requested a grit bin at Wroxeter Way.

Cllr T Bate emphasised the need for a future “Friends of” group for the Beckbury Road Play Area.

Cllr J Loveridge reported a problem with unauthorised blockages to access roads at Briarwood. And unauthorised vehicle repairs – Parish Clerk to report to T&WC

Cllr R Breeze – pleased at cancellation of proposed bonfire at Rose n Crown Public House for safety reasons and parking issues. Pub Landlord offered training course on event management by TWC. Positive solutions to issues would be welcome.

Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson stated that the law had changed relating to HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation) and there was a need to make landlords and tenants aware via say the issue of a flyer or newsletter in the community. Possibly obtain relevant information from TWC to circulate in the community.

Cllr S Parr reported parking issues at Briarwood and Beaconsfield.

Cllr A Watkin reported siting of some “white arrows” on pavements in Stirchley Village – suggested it be reported to the Police.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.13 pm

Signed

Dated