

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Storchley

Present: Councillors A Watkin (Chair),
 R Breeze (Vice-Chair),
 J Loveridge,
 S Parr
 M Randle,
 Miss S Vaughan-Hodkinson,

Also Present: Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk)
 Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary, taking the minutes)

Public Open Session

There were no members of the local community present.

CE/18/91 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T Bate (work commitment), and Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (illness) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/18/92 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 5th February 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/18/93 MATTERS ARISING

Whilst referring to minute CE/18/84, the Clerk stated that the work on the trees at the allotments site was scheduled to commence on Friday next.

CE/18/94 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Parish Clerk presented a report that outlined the following matters:-

Allotments Meeting - a meeting was held on Saturday 23rd February 11am at the Sambrook Centre with the Allotment holders to discuss the general running of the site. Both the Parish and the Allotment holders updated each other with current events.

Newsletter Spring 2019 – The Newsletter had been widely distributed to schools, shops, and community buildings etc and was now in open circulation across the Parish.

Youth Club - The Youth Club had started in Brookside.

Working Lunch - Next Working Lunch was to be held on 6th March, all were welcome.

Pot your own - Pot your own day was to be held on 8th June, and volunteers were always needed.

CE/18/95 MEMORIAL SAFETY POLICY

The committee gave consideration of the existing Memorial Safety Policy pertaining to the condition and general safety of the memorial stones at St James, (closed) churchyard at Stirchley. Members supported the policy and

It was proposed by Cllr A Watkin and seconded by Cllr R Breeze and unanimously **RESOLVED – that the updated Memorial Safety Policy be approved.**

CE/18/96 ALLOTMENTS SITE

The Committee considered a request from the Allotments Association to allow the holding of bonfire at the Allotments site.

Members expressed some concerns regarding uncontrolled burnings of materials creating excessive smoke that may travel across adjacent roads – the A442 Queensway primary route through Telford, and the Stirchley Avenue road bordered by houses.

The Clerk stated that on previous occasion's fires at the site had contained material brought from plot holders domestic residences. It was suggested that the Association be asked to document a proposal and how to enforce it and that it be brought back to the Council for further consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr S Parr and following a vote of three votes to two it was **RESOLVED that the Allotments Association be made aware of the Committee's concerns, as expressed above, and be asked to come forward with a proposal for the holding of fires at the Allotment Site that could include the use of approved garden Incinerators (not open fires or the use of converted oil drums), and furthermore how the proposal could be enforced. Also the Association should be asked as to why they didn't compost the material or take it to the nearby recycling site in Halesfield.**

Cllr A Watkin abstained from the vote on the above item.

CE/18/97 GRANTS

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

CE/18/98 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

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

- a) **TWC 2019/0120 – 3 Claverley Drive Stirchley** – erection of a two storey side extension and installation of a bay window to the existing part of the dwelling (Retrospective)

Members expressed some concern that the development had been built without first obtaining planning permission.

A suggestion of a state of "Deemed Consent" seemed present with the applicant and the retrospective application. Some Members suggested that the Parish Council should take the matter further to higher authorities but the Clerk sought time to research the matter further and report back.

Members were also concerned in the fact that the development would have presumably been approved and inspected by the Building Regulation Officer of the Council and hoped that appropriate notification had been given to the Planning Section of the Council. Presumably why the retrospective application was sought from the applicant.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Clerk be requested to research the matter further and register the concerns of the committee.

- b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda.
TWC 2019/0174 – 20 Wroxeter Way, Stirchley – erection of a single storey front extension in association with the conversion of the garage to a habitable room –

It was moved by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr M Randle and unanimously **RESOLVED that no comment be made on the application.**

TWC 2018/0743 – 7 Ludbury Close, Stirchley – Installation of a driveway and steps and conversion of existing garage to a habitable room (Retrospective)

Members expressed some concern that the development had been built without first obtaining planning permission and had subsequently been refused such by Telford & Wrekin Council. The Parish Council had now been notified that an appeal had now been lodged with the Sec of State.

The Clerk stated that the Planning Inspector, representing the Secretary of State, was due to inspect the site on 18th March 2019.

- 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 – **PE/2018/. – None**

CE/18/99 **CORRESPONDENCE** – To receive any relevant correspondence – none to report.

CE/18/100 **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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

Comments were expressed on the increased incidents of fly tipping in Brookside.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

Signed

Dated