

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley

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

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

Public Open Session

There were no members of the local community present.

CE/18/101 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (planning matters) which were accepted unanimously.

Cllrs T Bate and S Parr were also unable to attend.

CE/18/102 MINUTES

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

CE/18/103 MATTERS ARISING

Whilst referring to the minutes a number of update comments were made , including:-

- Allotments site – no comments had yet been received from the Allotments Association following the recent meeting with Parish representatives.
- Claverley Drive – ongoing research by the Parish Clerk
- Refuse vehicles using Stirchley Lane – more detailed information required to forward to T&WC
- CPRE being invited to the June meeting.
- Lights on Queensway – back working
- Bin outside Rose & Crown PH – Clerk and Dep Clerk meeting with David Ottley T&WC
- Titan Swing – work ongoing with need for a new qualified contractor
- Poor parking reported at the allotment site.

CE/18/104 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

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

Allotments - All the application forms, including the Privacy Policy had now been received at the Parish Office. 1 plot was vacant, tree works had been completed and a rubbish skip had been provided.

Appendix A.

Gardening Scheme - The Parish Environmental Team had started this year's Gardening Scheme and "id verde" contractors were conducting litter picking and park duties. The Team would be undertaking works around Madebrook, Holmer Lake and the Brookside roundabout. (during discussions on the item, Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson Declared an Interest in the matter). Members also wished Environmental Maintenance Supervisor, Arron Kitson, a speedy recovery from a recent hospital operation.

The Play area at Culmington, Stirchley would be resurfaced by Telford and Wrekin as part of the Pride in Your Community project.

The Grit Bin has been installed at Wroxeter Way.

It was **RESOLVED** that the next meeting scheduled for 7th May be cancelled due to the implications of the election timetable.

CE/18/105 GRANTS

To consider any grant applications s137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

The Committee gave consideration to an application from the **Telford Visually Impaired Group** for a grant of £150 towards events and trips for the Visually Impaired members from Telford.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr M Randle and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED** that a grant of £150 be awarded to the **Telford Visually Impaired Group** towards the cost of transport to events and room hire.

CE/18/106 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

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

a) **TWC 2019/ - none.**

b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda.

TWC 2019/0282 – 24 Tadorna Drive, Stirchley – Erection of a first floor bedroom above the existing garage.

It was moved by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson and unanimously **RESOLVED** that no comments be made on 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 – **PE/2018/2019/0214 - Grange Park Primary School, Calcott, Stirchley, TELFORD, TF3 1YQ** – Erection of 51 dwellings on the vacant site of the former Grange Park Primary School.

Members expressed a number of concerns regarding :-

- Overall density of the development on the site
- Numbers of parking spaces per property
- Absence of a turning circle for vehicles
- Suitable drainage required for the site.
- A suitable play-area for children was required on the site.

The Deputy Clerk agreed to forward the comments of the Committee to the officers at Telford & Wrekin who were dealing with the Pre-Application Enquiry.

CE/18/107 **CORRESPONDENCE** – To receive any relevant correspondence :-

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had received an E-Mail from Angie Astley, Assistant Director – Customer & Neighbourhood Services, Telford & Wrekin Council, regarding the TWS Ltd contract for dog warden service that ended on 31 March. As a result, the council had undertaken a separate procurement process for the collection and kennelling of stray/roaming dogs. As from Monday 1st April Hilbrae Kennels were now providing the service. Hilbrae were a local kennels and had been the kennelling provider during the TWS contract. Hilbrae will also be the provider of dog waste bags and these can be ordered via the council's 'Report it' page <https://my.telford.gov.uk/reportit> or via the T&W contact centre but **not** direct with Hilbrae.

The Deputy Clerk also received a communication regarding the Telford 50 mile trail proposed and a meeting scheduled for 16th April – Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson stated that she was to attend the meeting and would represent the Parish Council.

CE/18/108 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted by the Committee that the next meeting, scheduled for 7th May 2019, had been cancelled due to the implications of the local elections timetable.

CE/18/109 **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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

Comments were expressed on the following matters:-

- Trees felled at corner of Brookside Avenue & Stirchley Road without suitable reason expressed by the T&W officer Mr M Seabrook – Dep Clerk to investigate.
- Parking issues causing obstructions at the playing fields at Stirchley Road/Grange Avenue – Dep Clerk to report to local PCSOs
- Bag of litter deposited at Grange Fields playing fields

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.46 pm.

Signed

Dated