

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Adrian Warwick (Chairman), Richard Hawcutt, John Hawkins and Bill Silvester.

In attendance: Jackie Essex (Clerk)
Rachel and Matthew Dore – Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator

Apologies: Councillor Jas Guraya and Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day

69/20 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting. A minute's silence was held in memory of the late David Lloyd who had recently passed away and who had been a former Chairman of the parish council. The Chairman also took the opportunity to thank and pay tribute to Councillor John Hawkins for all his support and wished him well in his continued recovery. He also thanked Councillor Hawcutt for his help and support over the past few weeks.

70/20 Declarations of Interest and Grant of Dispensation

Councillor Warwick declared an interest in Wolvey Baptist Chapel and in any matter by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council. Councillor Hawkins declared an interest in any matter relating to Wolvey Playing Fields Trust.

71/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

72/20 Public Participation

No matters were raised.

73/20 Fly Tipping

The Chairman read out a letter sent to Mark Pawsey MP from a young Wolvey resident expressing her concerns over the impact of fly tipping in Bazzard Way on the environment and the danger it posed to wildlife. The parish council was encouraged and pleased that young people were taking an interest in such matters.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the concerns over the increase in fly tipping in the area be reported to Rugby Borough Council to see what action could be taken to address this problem; and

- (b) the Clerk write to the young resident thanking her for her interest and for raising her concerns in this matter.

74/20 Rugby Borough Council – Update

Borough Councillor Chris Pacey-Day was not present at the meeting.

75/20 Warwickshire County Council – Update

County Councillor Adrian Warwick reported on the following

- (a) Warwickshire County Council was currently undertaking a consultation on its Fire and Rescue Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2020 – 2025, which set out the Fire Authority's vision and priorities for the next five years.
- (b) Warwickshire County Council would shortly be considering proposals to abolish the county, district and borough councils and establish a unitary authority in order to make substantial financial savings.

76/20 Community Speed Watch

Rachel Dore reported that she was still waiting to hear back from the Police regarding Community Speed Watch operations.

There were still continuing concerns over speeding motorbikes and the number of HGVs and lorries driving through the village

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

77/20 Wolvey Wetland – Update

Councillor Hawkins reported that he had received a quote from WS Gardens to carry out the strimming/mowing work on the Wetland in accordance with the Management program at a cost of £175 + VAT per day. This was the same price as last year.

Due to health issues, Councillor Hawkins had arranged for a few tidying up projects to be carried out, but under the current circumstances minimum work was currently being carried out at the Wetland.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update be noted; and
- (b) approval be given for WS Gardens to strim the Wetland at a cost of £175 + VAT per day (estimated 2 days work).

78/20 Wolvey Playing Field – Update

Councillor Hawkins reported that his recent health issues had significantly impacted on the Playing Field Trust and the Cricket Club. During the last 7

weeks, members of his family had been maintaining the playing field and cricket square and were prepared to continue doing so until the end of the growing season. In addition, Councillor Adrian Warwick had been assisting with gate duties. These interim arrangements, however, could only continue in the short term. Councillor Hawkins would not be able to resume as Groundsman for a minimum of 6 – 12 months, and after that he would only be able to resume light duties.

The Wolvey Playing Field Trust Committee was meeting on 21 September to discuss the situation. Councillor Warwick would also attend this meeting.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update be noted and the parish council's thanks and appreciation be extended to the Wolvey Playing Field Trust for all their work and involvement in maintaining the playing field over the past few weeks; and
- (b) those parish councillors who were able to provide assistance with playing field duties would discuss this with Councillor Hawkins.

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Planning

- (a) The following new planning applications were considered:

- (i) R20/0651 - Bayton Lodge, 4 Withybrook Road, Wolvey - substitution of house type for Plot 2 of approved planning permission R18/0688 dated 22 June 2018.

RESOLVED that the parish council has no comments on the above planning application.

- (ii) R20/0561 - Trelanmex Limited, Coalpit Lane, Wolvey - demolition of existing detached structures to be replaced with five new detached dwellings and associated parking.

RESOLVED that whilst the parish council did not object to this planning application, it did have concerns it did have traffic safety concerns at the junction to the site because vehicles will leave the site onto a busy road.

- (b) The following concerns would be reported to Rugby Borough Council Enforcement Team:

- (i) The caravan parked outside 2 Pipers End.
- (ii) The lorry parked in the Square
- (iii) The lorry container which has been parked on the front drive of a residential property in Bulkington Road for past 12 months.

80/20 Financial Matters

The parish council considered the financial matters relating to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a)
- (e) The unqualified audit report from PKF Littlejohn for the external audit of the parish council's accounts for 2019/20 be noted and the Clerk be thanked for her work on this.

81/20 Draft Wolvey Neighbourhood Plan

The parish council considered the amended Draft Neighbourhood Plan following the statutory seven-week pre submission consultation process. Comments made during the consultation had been taken on board and the plan had been

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amended to reflect comments received where it was considered appropriate and relevant.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the amended Draft Neighbourhood Plan be formally approved, following comments received from the pre submission consultation and the Neighbourhood Plan be submitted to Rugby Borough Council; and
- (b) the parish council's thanks be extended to members of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee, YourLocale and Julie Warwick for all their work in producing this document.

82/20 Dog Fouling

The parish council considered a request from a local resident for dog fouling signs and an additional dog bin to be sited in Wolds Lane. Councillors felt that the three dog bins already in the vicinity of Wolds Lane were sufficient and an additional dog bin was not necessary.

RESOLVED that no action be taken to install an additional dog bin in Wolds Lane but Rugby Borough Council be requested to supply additional "No Dog Fouling" signs containing a penalty notice.

83/20 Memorial Bench in The Square

The parish council considered a request from the family of the late Violet Watson for a memorial bench and plaque to be sited in the Square. As there was already a bench in the Square, councillors felt that there was insufficient room to accommodate an additional bench. It was suggested that one way round this could be for the family to re-imburse the parish council for the cost of this bench

and then take ownership of it. If this offer was declined, then a suitable alternative location for a new bench would need to be discussed with the parish council.

RESOLVED that the family of the late Violet Watson be offered the opportunity to re-imburse the parish council for the full cost of the existing bench in order to take ownership of it.

84/20 Christmas 2020

The parish council considered arrangements for this year's event. In light of the uncertainty and restrictions around Covid19, it was decided that this year's event would be a low-key affair compared to previous years. It was hoped that Covid19 guidelines would permit representatives from the parish council, village organisations and Wolvey School to attend the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights and Reverend Jonny Vaughan would be invited to say a few words. The event could be streamed live so any interested villagers could watch the lights being switched on. There would be no festivities held inside the Village Hall this

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year.

Councillors also considered the quote from WS Gardens for the putting up and decorating and the taking down of the Christmas tree in the Square.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the above proposals for this year's Christmas tree light switch on event be agreed;
- (b) the quotes from WS Gardens for the putting up and decorating the Christmas tree at a cost of £300 + VAT and for taking it down at a cost of £100 be agreed; and
- (c) a donation to a charitable cause which could be made from the money saved from the 2020/21 Christmas budget be considered at the next meeting.

85/20 Boardwalk – Update

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

86/20 Village Sign – Update

Renovation of the village sign was nearing completion. Quotes from approved contractors for its installation were still being sought.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

87/20 Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED that due to the current restrictions around Covid19, it was agreed to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting until restrictions were lifted and it was

deemed safe to meet in person.

88/20 Streetlight Renewal Programme - Update

Councillor Hawcutt reported that the last few outstanding works remaining for the replacement of street lights would be shortly completed.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

89/20 Environment Matters

The parish council considered the quote of £375.00 from WS Gardens Ltd. for the tidying up of the ground at the bottom of Church Hill.

RESOLVED that the quote from WS Gardens be agreed.

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90/20 Items for the Next Meeting

- (a) Community Grant Applications
- (b) Grass Cutting Maps
- (c) Charity Donation from 2020 cancelled Christmas event

91/20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 19 October 2020

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____