

## **MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**  
**HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Helen Blake, Cllr Malcolm Blake, Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Hammersley, Cllr Lightfoot, Cllr Moore and Cllr Woodcock (Cllr Woodcock joined the meeting at 7.25 p.m.)  
The Clerk Mr S W Knobbs

### **13182 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Allison due to illness and Cllr Ford due to work commitments, these apologies for absence were accepted.

### **13183 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **13184 OPEN FORUM**

The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of item 13184, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open.

Robin Rigby said that the grids were not being cleared out near to his property at the Rookery, London Road, Woore and that the drain cover opposite his property needs to be raised because the mountings have dropped. Cllr Moore said that the drain behind the coal yard in Pipe Gate is blocked. The Clerk to report the matters raised to highways.

Doreen Horton spoke about the play area plans for St Leonards Way and said she was surprised that they did not have any measurements on them.

Andy Stapleton of 27 St Leonards Way, Woore said that he as the resident living next door to the play area was particularly concerned by the challenger frame that on the plan was shown very close to his garden wall. He understood the height of the frame was 7 feet and if a child was on top measuring 4 feet, he asked did his garden wall have to be 11 feet high to prevent his property being overlooked?

Cllr M Blake said that the challenger frame is 8m wide with an additional 1m either side needed for clearance.

Andy Stapleton said it was difficult to agree to a plan if dimensions were not shown, he said he was in support of the plan if equipment could be sited in the right position.

Cllr Woodcock said he would not support the plan as it is without the full dimensions on.

The Chair closed the open forum at 7.30 p.m. and said that given the ongoing conversation he would propose to open agenda item 13190 to allow the near neighbour to speak further.

### **13185 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014**

Resolved to accept subject to amendment under item 13144/134 Cllr Lightfoot amendment of "Cllr Lightfoot reported she had encountered contractors examining the issue on site." changed to "Cllr Lightfoot reported she had encountered contractors examining a new instance of the issue on site."

## **13186 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

### **13170 OPEN FORUM**

The Clerk wrote to highways about Audlem Road.

Recycling - Swan public house - The Clerk made contact with the company and they said they would empty the facilities more regularly which appears to have happened.

The Clerk telephoned the enforcement officer and left messages about the advertisement sign for the property owned by Mr. Iqbal.

### **13171 MATTERS ARISING**

### **13144/132 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk has spoken again to his office and Owen Paterson MP is still awaiting clarification from Shropshire Council, the Clerk to write again pointing out that Shropshire Council should have replied to him within fourteen days.

### **13144/134 SEWAGE - PIPE GATE**

The Clerk has spoken to Severn Trent on a few occasions since the last meeting of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, to obtain a response in writing. They have now said the only records they have are general maintenance call outs which give little information. It was agreed that Councillor Woodcock would provide the Clerk with greater background of the history of the problems and the Clerk to go back with that information to try and gain a fuller response.

### **13144/137 BANNER ADVERTISING MEETINGS**

Banners now being sourced by the Clerk but not ordered and printed in time to advertise the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### **13124 COMPLAINT TO LGO**

The Clerk has chased again, complaint is being looked at again and the Clerk has been assured that a written response will be received within 20 days.

### **13173 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

It was understood that discussion on the Place Plan at Norton in Hales resulted in being chased for a late response on 2013, not a fresh one.

### **13175 PLANNING**

The Clerk has spoken to SALC and in summary their verbal advice was that the Councillors would legally be able to attend the planning committee meeting on the application but it would probably be unwise.

The Clerk has spoken to SALC about how Shropshire Council has dealt with Irelands Cross versus Station Yard and their verbal response was that the speed at which Irelands Cross was dealt with seemed "rather fast".

### **13176 RECREATION**

All near neighbours had been circulated.

### **13181 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk wrote to planning about the footpath at Irelands Cross.

## **13187 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

Given that SC Cadwallader was not in attendance no Shropshire Council report was presented.

### **WOORE VICTORY HALL**

Cllr H. Blake reported that the next Woore Victory Hall meeting has been rescheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Cllr Woodcock said he would measure the plot for adult play equipment to submit a detailed plan to the Woore Victory Hall Committee.

### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Clifford reported on his LJC report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting. A discussion was held on the future of the LJC and neighbourhood plans. Cllr Woodcock fears that a wider neighbourhood plan would delay things and we should concentrate on our own. Cllr Moore thinks LJC should lobby for how the 75% retained CIL money is spent.

### **SALC**

No report presented.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No report presented.

### **13188 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS**

Cllr Moore said that he had reported the dangerous tree as you leave Pipe Gate but had not had a response as yet.

### **13189 PLANNING MATTERS**

a. Following the previous meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Community Hub Designation was discussed. Cllr Moore thought that by choosing a Hub or Cluster it would always result in more development. The Chair said at the time in 2010 the only choice was between a Community Hub or Cluster and Parish could not have been designated as open countryside given the amount of building that was known to be happening. Cllr Hammersley agreed and said that if Woore had been designated on its own it could have given rise to even more developments. Cllr Woodcock said that it appeared in 2010 that if we did not support a Community Hub Designation we would not receive our fair share of recreation monies and said we are now being failed by the rolling five year land supply.

The Chair said in hindsight we perhaps should have chosen a Cluster designation because planning applications for open spaces between settlements are less likely to be given permission.

Cllr Moore acknowledged it would probably now be a futile gesture to seek to change from a Hub to a Cluster, but it would make a political point. Cllr Moore thinks the five year supply will never be achieved but may if it is achieved give better protection if we were designated a Cluster or open countryside.

Cllr Hammersley said she is getting a jaded view of Shropshire Council despite what the Parish Council is trying to do and has tried to do.

Cllr Lightfoot said that she thought we want more building but more control over it and perhaps a neighbourhood plan is the way forward and we have community land.

The Chair asked for a resolution off Cllrs Moore and M. Blake given that it was their suggestion to put this item on the agenda, the question was do we wish to be a Hub or Cluster given that Shropshire Council have not lived up to what they should have.

Cllr Moore said that 230,000 houses need to be built every year but since 1945 this has never been achieved and only in two years since 1945 have over 200,000 houses been built.

After further discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be written withdrawing our support for a Community Hub or Cluster designation as detailed in the resolution. Letter to be circulated prior to approval at meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014, or earlier meeting if called.

b. To receive report from Planning Working Group meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and to discuss Neighbourhood Area Status.

After discussion it was agreed that Neighbourhood Area Status would be advantageous. Cllr Moore thinks the process is quite simple and a form just needs filling in, The Clerk to contact Hayley Deighton at Shropshire Council to progress.

Cllr Moore thinks we need to have a Neighbourhood Plan to at least financially gain from the 25% CIL monies.

### **13189 PLANNING MATTERS (continued)**

After discussion, it was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan should be explored and details of the quote received from The Planning Group Limited were outlined by the Chair. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the Clerk at Much Wenlock and SALC to try and obtain alternative quotes to The Planning Group Limited for help in the planning and preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. We should proceed independently of but offer support for an LJC Area Plan, and if it was progressed speedily retain the option of subsuming our Plan within a wider one.

c. To discuss the following planning applications as received and distributed:

14/00180/LBC	Land West of Oak Farm, Dorrington Lane, Woore - Repairs and alterations affecting a Grade II listed building - Resolved to support the application. Cllr M. Blake who acted as first Councillor for the application said there were no objections from neighbours.
14/00266/FUL	Oak Farm, Dorrington Lane, Woore - Creation of new agricultural access - Resolved to support the application. Cllr M. Blake who acted as first Councillor for the application said there were no objections from neighbours. Members were concerned we had been refused an extension long enough to be useful.
14/00068/FUL	Bearstone Fuel Pumping Station, Beambridge - Installation of CCTV camera columns. Given that the date for submission for comments had now passed, the application had only been circulated for information.
14/00735/FUL	Grange Cottage, Gravenhunger Lane, Woore - Erection of a timber storage shed. Cllr Cartwright was acting as first Councillor but has not been able to speak to all neighbours yet or circulate to all Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to gain an extension to 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 for the application to be considered at a planning meeting on 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.

It was agreed that given the ongoing issues with Shropshire Council planning department the Clerk investigate the formal complaints procedure.

### **13190 ST LEONARDS WAY - ADDITIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT - FINAL DECISIONS**

The Chair said a decision needed to be made on the siting of the play equipment and allowed parishioners to speak on the subject.

Cllr M. Blake said that to date he had only received positive comments about the proposed scheme.

Andy Stapleton said he had looked online and the challenger frame was suitable for up to adult age, Cllr M. Blake said the equipment was being sourced to be for primary school children up to 11 years of age not older children.

Cllr Woodcock said it would be best to go to the play area and mark the area out and decide upon the most suitable positions for the siting of the play equipment. It was agreed for this to be on the evening of Tuesday 11 March 2014 at 6.00 p.m. and as many Councillors would be in attendance as possible.

### **13191 RECREATION**

Other Recreation was briefly discussed and it was agreed that the adult play equipment potentially at Woore Victory Hall would be progressed next.

### **13192 MISSION STATEMENT**

The existing mission statement as previously circulated was discussed and it was agreed to amend wording from “, and to improve the quality of life of local residents....” to “, and to improve the quality and safety of life of local residents....” and to amend wording from “Strive to manage council affairs in accordance with the principles of ‘Quality Parish Council status’” to “Strive to manage council affairs in accordance with the principles of ‘Quality Parish Council status: governance, democracy and communication’”

The benefits of having Quality Parish Status were discussed following the paper as circulated by Cllr Hammersley. Cllr Hammersley does not think that it would give real tangible benefits to the Parish Council.

### **13193 SPEED SIGNS**

Cllr M. Blake reported that the speed sign as approved for purchase at the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 had not been ordered because currently permission was being sought by highways to site the speed sign on their lampposts which had not yet been given.

Cllr M. Blake asked if we have to purchase our own posts where would we site them? The Chair said that Cllr M. Blake should progress between meetings when answer is known.

### **13194 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Play Quest	St Leonards Way - Play Equipt. - 30% deposit	£4,621.08
S W Knobbs	Expenses - February 2014	£207.11
S W Knobbs	Salary - March 2014	£299.21
HMRC	Tax - March 2014	£74.80

Resolved to pay accounts and to pay Play Quest a further £8,986.45 + VAT on satisfactory completion of the work.

### **13195 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Neighbourhood Watch report February 2014, circulated.
- 2) Email from Frank Woodcock re Planning dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014, circulated.
- 3) Email from Councillor Mike Moore re Phoenix Field - dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, circulated. Cllr Lightfoot thought the reference in the letter from Councillor Mike Moore to the November 2013 meeting was not as minuted at the meeting and wondered why the correspondence had been circulated. It was explained that the correspondence had been received by the Clerk from Councillor Mike Moore and had therefore included it in Clerk's correspondence.
- 4) Email from SALC re Information Bulletin March 2014 - dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, circulated.
- 5) Email from Shropshire Town Council re National Planning Policy Framework - dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, circulated.
- 6) Email from Councillor Mike Moore re Neighbourhood Plan: Getting Established - dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, circulated.
- 7) Email from Councillor Mike Moore re Community Hub/(Cluster) letter - dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, circulated.

Those expected to give written reports to the Annual Parish Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 would be notified of the details by email.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 10.25 P.M.**