

MINUTES OF WOORE PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2014

HELD AT WOORE VICTORY HALL

PRESENT

Cllr Clifford, Cllr Helen Blake, Cllr Malcolm Blake, Cllr Hammersley, Cllr Lightfoot, Cllr Moore (Cllr Moore joined the meeting at 7.20 p.m.) and Cllr Woodcock
The Clerk Mr S W Knobbs
SC Cadwallader (Cllr Cadwallader joined the meeting at 7.18 p.m.)

14064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Allison due to holiday commitments and Cllr Cartwright due to work commitments; these apologies for absence were accepted.

14065 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

14066 OPEN FORUM

The Chair proposed to suspend standing orders for the duration of item 14066, this was supported and the Chair declared the Open Forum open.

Mandy Joyce and Sue Titley - speaking on behalf of Woore Tennis Club and with regard to their recent Planning Application. Mandy Joyce said they had an event 8 or 9 days ago at the Victory Hall as a fund raiser. They said attendees have been very supportive and they were submitting a large funding application in the next 2 -3 weeks.

Given that there were no other Parishioners in attendance at the meeting, the Chair asked if there was any questions for the representatives of Woore Tennis Club with regard to their Planning Application.

Cllr Moore asked about opening hours because none had been declared on the application. Mandy Joyce said normally playing would be 365 days a year, 24 hours per day, but said they had suggested a curfew in the winter for no lighting after 10.00 p.m.

Cllr Helen Blake presented a letter from Mrs Watson of Blazefield Close who had written to Shropshire Council four years ago about the state of pavements but had not received a response; Cllr Cadwallader took the letter and said he would follow it up.

Cllr Helen Blake asked if a plaque was to be put on the benches recently purchased at St Leonards Way as the WI wished to put a plaque on the bench they had purchased, it was agreed there was no objection to the WI putting a plaque on their bench.

14067 TO CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING 8th SEPTEMBER 2014

Resolved to adopt minutes.

14068 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

14054 OPEN FORUM

Clerk spoke to highways and raised issue that speeding was a concern on Dorrington Lane from Irelands Cross to Knighton. Cllr Woodcock said that he has not witnessed speeding on that road as he has used it recently. Cllr Cadwallader said he has no more progress to report.

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Clerk spoke to Shropshire Council and they are checking their records to establish

exactly who cuts what in the Parish to ensure no areas are being missed by Shropshire Council or the Parish Council contractors.

14056 OPEN FORUM

MATTERS ARISING

13124 COMPLAINT TO LGO

Complaint made on behalf of Parishioner - Cllr. Moore, follow up chaser sent by Clerk.

13144/132 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk had referred the chasing up of response from Owen Paterson MP to SC Cadwallader. SC Cadwallader said he had no update to report. Clerk sent another request to Owen Paterson MP directly. Clerk to send a copy of this request to Cllr Cadwallader.

14025 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS

Public rights of way - The Clerk to check the records with the ex Clerk to see if anything missing, had not been possible in between meetings given holiday commitments, but would now be pursued.

14063 CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

Working pattern between the Clerk and the Chair - to be discussed under agenda item 14077 - Appointment of Clerk.

14069 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

SC Cadwallader reported that youth services funding is going to be made available. The Chair asked if this could help either the Tennis Club or the Cricket Club, Cllr Cadwallader said he was unsure.

Cllr Moore asked what the present situation was with Planning and why planning applications are being looked at again, but then being approved if the five year land supply was now in place. Cllr Cadwallader said all applications had now been approved, with none overturned and all now confirmed. Cllr Woodcock said developers were stating that the five year supply was not in place and the need was for five year supply plus 20%. Cllr Cadwallader said a briefing note was being sent out by Ian Kilby of Shropshire Council.

WOORE VICTORY HALL

Cllr H. Blake reported that there had been no meeting held recently and she was not aware of a planned meeting.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Cllr Clifford reported that LJC report had been distributed with the papers for the meeting. Cllr Moore wished to raise our internet capability, it was agreed to be included as an agenda item for the next meeting as Parish Council internet capability.

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Cllr M. Blake reported that it was still the same position that there was no Clerk and a future meeting had not yet been arranged.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Hammersley tabled September 2014 Neighbourhood Watch report, report to be included in Clerk's correspondence.

14070 TREE AND PARISH PATH WARDENS' REPORTS

Cllr Moore reported that the diseased tree in Pipe Gate had been removed, Cllr Woodcock thought that we should plant some replacements in its place. Cllr Cadwallader said that free trees were available from the woodland trust.

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14071 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Neighbourhood Plan - The Chair reported that he had spoken again to Martin Parrish of the Planning Group two weeks ago who said they expected to come back in about two weeks with greater details of the work for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk said the grant application for funding of £7,000 would be submitted in the next two weeks, he understood the approval process was two weeks and there had to be a commitment to spend by 31 December 2014.

b. To discuss the following planning application as received and distributed:

14/03970/FUL

Land off London Road, Woore - Change of use of land to use as a tennis club including associated works. Cllr Helen Blake who acted as first Councillor for the application said neighbours and the Victory Hall were in support of the application. The Chair said there was no opposition and it was a village activity being retained and encouraged. Cllr Woodcock said his only comment was that the light stands should be matt black and not galvanised. Cllr Moore wondered why opening hours had not been declared. After further discussion, it was resolved to support the application on the grounds as the resolution.

c. To receive update on representations made at recent Area Planning Meetings by Cllr Malcolm Blake and representative from the Planning Group - representations on 13/02698/OUT - Land West of London Road, Irelands Cross, Woore - Outline application for the erection of 10 No. dwellings (to include access and layout). Cllr Malcolm Blake said it was not worthwhile as they were being passed anyway. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Ian Kilby of Shropshire Council to express concerns that the applications were being looked at again, but were not actually being looked at again and merely passed, this action does not inspire confidence from the Parishioners. A formal response to be requested from Ian Kilby. Separately the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council to complain about service provision. Cllr Hammersley to investigate complaining from social media particularly twitter.

14072 RECREATION

The Clerk reported that the planning application submitted for the adult exercise equipment at Woore Victory Hall was currently awaiting validation at Shropshire Council, validation was expected soon and it should be with us in about two weeks.

It was reported that the invoice to be paid at the meeting for Tony Seabridge does not include the cost of installing the benches at St Leonards Way. Cllr Malcolm Blake said that he had spoken to Tony Seabridge, who said that the cost of turf and soil at the play area where the hedging had been cut back would cost about £400.00 and the cost of mole protection would be about £70.00.

The Clerk said that the Christmas Tree for the Methodist Church needed to be arranged, Cllr Hammersley said that she would speak to Paul Hawkins to see if he had another tree available this year. If not, it was resolved that the Clerk could purchase a tree if necessary through Tony Seabridge.

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14073 SPEED SIGNS

Cllr Malcolm Blake reported that the code of practice for the mounting of the speed camera had now been written by Shropshire Council but there are still issues to be resolved before

the speed sign can be purchased and mounted on signs. Cllr Cadwallader said he would come and see Cllr Malcolm Blake to try and understand the position more fully. Cllr Malcolm Blake reported that he had obtained prices for potentially a notice board at St Leonards and different options for signs to advertise meetings, it was agreed these different choices would be brought to the next meeting and consideration given to whether the mounting of the signs is covered by the same restrictions as the speed signs.

14074 CANDLE LANE

Cllr. Woodcock reported that issues of speeding of traffic in and out of the village, the junction on Candle Lane and drainage on Candle Lane had been reported to him by a Parishioner. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Highways (with a copy to Cllr Cadwallader) stating that a weight restriction on Candle Lane would be a good idea and raising concerns of flood waters running off the camber on the A51.

14075 STREET LIGHTS

The Clerk reported on the current backlog on repairs of street lights, he said he had been in contact with Eon on the day of the meeting who had said that the repairs would be undertaken in ten working days.

14076 DOG FOULING - GRAVENHUNGER LANE

Cllr. Woodcock raised the issue of dog fouling in Gravenhunger Lane and the removal of dog dirt. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would request that the dog warden places a new collection box approximately halfway along the length of Gravenhunger Lane.

14077 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

The Chair said that following the resignation of the Clerk dated 19th September 2014, a job advert and schedule of Clerk's duties had been circulated. Cllr Hammersley thanked the Clerk for his work in the post and was sorry to hear of his resignation. Cllr Malcolm Blake said that he might wish to apply for the position, so left the meeting for the confidential discussion about interviews at the end of this agenda item, together with Cllr Helen Blake. After discussion, it was agreed that interviews would be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 commencing at 7.00 p.m., open to all members, who should attend from 6.30 p.m., the Clerk to book the Victory Hall for the interviews, and receive and brief candidates before interviews, on the night of the meeting. Members discussed and agreed the schedule of working duties and relations between Chair and Clerk, prepared and presented by Cllr Clifford and Cllr Malcolm Blake as agreed at the previous meeting. A discussion about interview questions took place between remaining Members at the conclusion of the meeting, in closed session. The Clerk also offered to withdraw but was asked to remain.

14078 MEETING DATES 2015

The Clerk based upon previous year's schedule proposed 2015 meeting dates as: 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April (Annual Parish Meeting), 11th May (Parish Council AGM), 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December. A meeting is likely to be required in January 2015 to discuss Precept 2015 - 2016, if information is provided by Shropshire Council too late to be considered at 8th December 2014 meeting. Shropshire Council timing is that their decisions will be made at the Cabinet Meeting of 10th December 2014 and letters notifying Parish Councils to be sent out on 19th December 2014. After discussion, it was agreed to hold a January 2015 meeting (if required) on 19th January 2015, meeting to be restricted to an agenda of Precept and Planning (if required).

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14079 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Lengthsman	Quarter ended 30 September 2014	£300.00
Tony Seabridge	Gardening Services	£930.00
S W Knobbs	Expenses - September 2014	£210.81

S W Knobbs	Salary - October 2014	£313.25
HMRC	PAYE - October 2014	£78.31

Resolved to pay accounts.

14080 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Clerk's resignation letter to Chair - 19 September 2014, circulated.
- 2) Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter - October 2014, circulated.
- 3) Email from Mick Sturland re Community Speed Watch Scheme - October 2014, circulated.
- 4) Email re Police and Crime Commissioners Survey - October 2014, circulated.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00 P.M.

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