Minutes of Woore Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting

**Monday 22nd July 2019**

**Held at Woore Victory Hall**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr M. Cowey (Chairman), Cllr G. Irwin (Vice Chairman), Cllr A. Allison, Cllr H. Blake, Cllr M. Blake, Cllr M. Carter and Cllr J. Higgin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr B. Morris, Clerk to the Council.

**PUBLIC:**

Anthony Gath and Helen Lightfoot attended the meeting.

**19121 Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Chell, Davies and Ford had sent their apologies for absence, which was for personal reasons. It was unanimously **resolved** to accept the apologies from Cllrs Chell and Davies and reject the apology from Cllr Ford.

**19122 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests.**

No Cllrs declared a pecuniary interest in respect of any Agenda Item.

**19123 OPEN FORUM – To last no longer than 15 minutes.**

Anthony Gath asked about who he could write to in connection with HS2 and Section 17 of the Town & Country Planning Act. He was advised to contact Clive Wright at Shropshire Council and was provided with an HS2 leaflet.

Snapes Bakery has won the County Artisan Bakery Award and it was agreed to send a letter of congratulations from the Parish Council.

Woore Cricket Club U15 are County Winners and it was agreed to send a letter of congratulations from the Parish Council.

**19124 PLANNING**

To consider and, if appropriate, to resolve on a response to the following planning application:

1. **19/02952/FUL** being an application for the erection of equipment store and maintenance shed with a pair of animal assessment buildings at **Land Off Watery Lane, Pipe Gate, Market Drayton, Shropshire**.

It was unanimously **resolved** that the PC should object on the grounds that the planning application lacks detail. For example, no details of landscape scheme, restricted hours for business, vehicle movements, number of vehicles using Watery Lane, hot & cold running water, welfare facilities. No details on ecology impact, 6 metre high building, bat flight paths, bird roosts. More details required on contaminated land. Some of these are already covered in the Priory Gardens Residents Group’s objection letter.

**19125 HS2**

To consider the latest information received and decide on whether to petition the Government in relation to HS2.

The requirements relating to petitioning the House of Lords in relation to the bill were discussed. We would need to advertise that the Parish Council intends to discuss whether to petition in relation to the bill with 10 days notice in one local paper. This is covered by Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972. There would then need to be a resolution to petition to object.

The Action Group is working on a submission for the Parish Council to petition the House of Lords.

Discussions were then held around Section 17, lack of risk assessments and culpability.

The House of Commons debate on HS2 was discussed. Antoinette Sandbach MP commented that HS2 were not open and transparent. Had non-disclosure agreements been signed with certain parties? It was then discussed whether Shropshire Council had signed such an agreement due to their lack of visibility in relation to HS2. Further letters are going to Owen Paterson and Clive Wright.

It was stated that Shropshire’s failure to attend meetings was worrying and HS2 will take a non-response on Section 17 of the Town & Country Planning Act as consent to use the roads.

The Council is not allowed to petition in relation to the Environmental Statements. Even though the lack of Euro 6 compliant trucks undermines those statements.

There were headlines in the paper that HS2 were pleading for an extra £30bn to deliver the project.

It was unanimously **resolved** to put an advert in the Shropshire Star to hold a meeting on 12th August to discuss petitioning the House of Lords in relation to the High Speed Rail (Midlands – Crewe) Bill.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Extraordinary meeting 12th August and the

9th September 2019 and October 14th (both @ 7.30pm)