

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH, 2021

PRESENT:

(Chairman)
Cllr. A. Newell

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie	Cllr. R. Myatt Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. A. D. Smith Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington
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188/2021 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Dabbs, Cllr. A. Pearson and Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood.

189/2021 MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd February, 2021 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

190/2021 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman congratulated all present who were involved with the extremely successful roll-out of the Covid19 Vaccination Programme. Everyone has worked incredibly hard to ensure the success of the operation which was now working like clockwork. This was noted by Members.

191/2021 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE REPORT

There were no representatives of Staffordshire Police Service present on this occasion.

192/2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public had joined the virtual meeting but did not address the Parish Council on this occasion.

193/2021 CLERK'S REPORTS

(a) Re-Opening of the Memorial Garden

Following discussion Members agreed that the Memorial Gardens would be re-opened on 5th April, 2021.

The re-opening of The Gardens would obviously be on the proviso that all appropriate signage would be clearly displayed. Such signage to include the need to observe social distancing.

As this matter was under discussion Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that the Parish Council had still not held the discussion that it had promised the Members of FROG it would have regarding the future plans for the Memorial Gardens. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Cllr. R. Myatt in his capacity as The Chairman of FROG with a request that he advise the Parish Council on behalf of FROG what their intentions were for the Gardens over the next 12 months.

Cllr. R. Myatt was present at the meeting and advised the Parish Council that the Members of FROG's aim was purely to support all Parish Council initiatives. If there was anything any different, and currently there was no intention of working towards any new projects, plans would be put before the Parish Council for agreement prior to any action being taken. Cllr. Myatt concluded that general maintenance of the work which had already been done was the main objective. This was noted by Members.

Following discussion the Parish Council voted to hold a separate meeting to discuss this matter and requested the Clerk to arrange a virtual meeting at some point prior to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr. R. Myatt was to respond to the Clerk in due course.

194/2021 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she did not have anything to report to the Parish Council at the present time other than those matters which had already been discussed earlier in the meeting. Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the amount of Council Tax which had been proposed to be levied by Staffordshire County Council of which she had advised Members at the last meeting had now been ratified by Staffordshire County Council. This was noted.

195/2021 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that South Staffordshire Council continued to work very hard to keep all Members up to date with the business being conducted by the Local Authority.

Cllr. Mrs. Johnson advised the meeting that South Staffordshire Council was looking forward to opening its Leisure Centres' Outside Gyms on 29th March. It was expected that the Leisure Centres would continue to hold their online classes. Cllr. Mrs. Johnson advised the Parish Council that the Covid Volunteers were a marvellous group of people and she couldn't thank them enough for their hard work.

Cllr. Mrs. Johnson advised the meeting that the District Council was presently looking into the possibility of postal voting for the forthcoming elections which may well be the safest way of ensuring that all voters were able to cast their votes. This was noted by Members.

The meeting was also advised that Staffordshire Police had now moved into their accommodation in the Community Hub at the Council Offices at Codsall and the handover of the new Council Chamber was expected to take place in April.

In conclusion Cllr. Mrs. Johnson was delighted to say that the Covid figures were now coming down which was giving everyone fresh hope for the future.

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier advised the meeting that she had experienced considerable difficulty in establishing exactly where residents were supposed to visit in order to have a test taken in Great Wyrley; the information online had been quite ambiguous. This was noted by Cllr. Mrs. Johnson and she was to advise Mr. M. Jenkinson of South Staffordshire Council that the website needed to be amended to reflect the exact location to avoid confusion.

196/2021 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the meeting that he felt it was very important that the group of people, which included Cllr. Alan Kelsey, who had been ensuring that Testing Centres such as the Scouts and Guides Centre should be thanked for all

their good efforts towards ensuring that the Test Centres could be operated efficiently. This was fully supported by all Members.

197/2021 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

GREAT WYRLEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the Parish Council that there may be a possibility that the Carnival could go ahead in the Summer but that this would obviously depend on the restrictions in place at the time. Presently the matter was being held in abeyance until such time that a considered decision could be taken on whether or not it would be safe to do so. This was noted by Members.

WYRLEY DEFIBS

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the meeting that of the eight Defibrillators which had been installed in the village it would appear that, in absence of any evidence to say that the devices had been used, two had actually gone missing which was a suggestion that they may have been stolen. The PCSOs have agreed to be vigilant in this regard and if anyone noticed that a defibrillator appeared to have gone missing the Community Heartbeat Trust would very grateful if you would report your findings to Cllr. R. Myatt. This was noted.

198/2021 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/00985/FUL – FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION OVER EXISTING GARAGE AT 1 LIME CLOSE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL

21/00105/FUL - PROPOSED LOFT CONVERSION AND EXTENSION AT 19 HUTHILL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

199/2021 REPORT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

A report on the outstanding accounts for authorisation for payment was presented to Council and it was **resolved** that the report be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

200/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted that the public and press be excluded and that they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 12.

201/2021 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Following discussion the Parish Council unanimously **resolved to** support the recommendations included in the Clerk's Confidential Report.

The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Chairman