

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020 AT GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

PRESENT:

(Chairman)
Cllr. Ms. H. R. Snape

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Dabbs Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. M. McKenzie Cllr. R. Myatt	Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. A. Pearson Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. A. D. Smith Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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98/2020 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. S. Toddington.
Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE would be in attendance later in the proceedings as she had a prior engagement at another Parish Council within her County Division.

99/2020 MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January, 2020 be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. J. C. Jones enquired of the Chairman whether the Parish Council was now in possession of more information relating to the collection of green refuse.

Cllr. A. Pearson advised the meeting that he had a copy of the South Staffordshire Review which included a feature on the operation of the Green Bin Service. The Clerk was to obtain a copy of the information for future use.

100/2020 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised the meeting that she now had a response to the question relating to the total amount of the insurance claim following the flooding incident. The claim amounted to £157,000.

FRIENDS OF LANDYWOOD STATION – PLANTERS

The Chairman advised the meeting that she had received a communication from South Staffordshire Council informing the Parish Council that it had been approached by Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay Community Group, with a proposal to site up to four timber planters around the Station Car Park. The Planters would be simple box shaped planters - approximately 1.2m x 800mm and planted up with a selection of attractive shrubs/flowers. The District Council intended to site them where the telephone box once stood, and (dependent upon clearance of vegetation) adjacent to the ramp up towards Platform one.

The Parish Council resolved that it did not have any observations to make on this proposal and felt that it would enhance the appearance of the area in general. Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that it was his hope that the planters would be vandal proof. Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson felt that it was important to clarify at this juncture who was to be responsible for the maintenance of the planters in the future. Cllr. R. J. Perry felt it was important to ensure that care was taken as

to the species to be planted in the containers and reminded Members that the Parish Council had been replacing plants/shrubs which had been stolen from the planters on Walsall Road for some time. This was noted by Members.

101/2020 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE REPORT

PCSO K. Terry was unable to be present on this occasion. Accordingly, copy of the report is appended to the minutes at **Appendix A** for Members information.

102/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no representations from the public gallery on this occasion.

103/2020 CLERK'S REPORTS

(A) MILLENNIUM GREEN

Members recalled that at the last meeting of the Parish Council the matter of the Millennium Green was discussed, but more particularly the pathway which leads through the Green. An amount of £1,500 was placed into earmarked funds as part of the budget process in order to replace the existing footpath which was thought to be in need of remedial works.

Since the Parish Council's last discussion the Clerk had had the opportunity to research further the condition of the footpath in Millennium Green and considered that what it required was new shuttering to the edges of the footpath and a possible top coat of golden shale or other suitable surface material.

The Beacon itself had now been repainted and Great Wyrley Art Club had kindly offered to provide a new image of the Great Wyrley Coat of Arms. Members were more than happy with the progress being made with the refurbishment of the Millennium Green.

The Clerk was instructed to say a special thank you to the two Grounds Staff for all the good work they had carried out in order to improve the appearance of the Millennium Green.

(B) DATE FOR THE ANNUAL BONFIRE EVENT

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to hold the Annual Bonfire Event on Saturday 7th November, 2020.

(C) UPDATE ON FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had hosted a meeting on 29th January, 2020 with Mr. Andrew Brett, the Flood Risk Officer for Staffordshire County Council. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE, Cllr. J. C. Jones and members of the public who had been liaising with Mr. Brett over the previous twelve months regarding flooding issues were also in attendance. Unfortunately only seven members of the public were in attendance, however, the progress being made with the project was excellent.

Mr. Brett had given the meeting a brief explanation of the reason why the flooding was directly affecting the properties in Lingfield Drive and explained how they were intending to resolve the issue. These works included the creation of an earth bund on the playing field, the installation of a 300mm Berco drain and a new gully on land within the Co-op car park; extension of dropped kerbs in Landywood Lane and additional 300mm Berco Drainage grids; an upgraded French drain in the playing field and a new head wall and trash

screen on the pipework on land in the ownership of Network Rail.

Mr. Brett had already submitted a proposal to the Environment Agency and was in the process of putting a business case together for submission to DEFRA in April 2020.

Mr. Brett had explained to the meeting that this was a long term project which, if successful, could commence in April, 2021. The Parish Council was, of course, aware of the ever present flooding problem and planned to continue with the installation of the low barrier/wall between the playing field and the Community Centre. The Parish Council noted that the works to the French drain were already taking place.

104/2020 (D) LIST OF WORKS – ENHANCED FLOOD PROTECTION AND RECONFIGURATION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE GARAGE

The Clerk had now received an update from the local builder who was working with the Parish Council towards achieving its long term plan for the items set out above.

The Clerk had already clarified with the Flood Risk Engineer that the carrying out of any of the works described in the report would not impact on the effectiveness of the long term flood defence project. This was noted.

(E) LAND AT STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

Members recalled that at the last meeting of the Parish Council the Clerk had tabled a request from South Staffordshire Council for Members to consider whether they would wish to express an interest in purchasing a parcel of land situated in Station Road, Great Wyrley. Unfortunately, the information received from South Staffordshire Council was incorrect in as much as the plan denoted a far larger area of land than is actually on offer. The Clerk had now received confirmation from the District Council that the area on offer was the very small area of land on the corner of Station Road and not the car park. The small corner area had already become the subject of an application from an adjoining neighbour, however, the applicant was prepared to allow the Parish to purchase a small area directly on the frontage to the plot to facilitate planting and signage for a specific sum. Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** that the purchase of the land would serve no useful purpose to the Parish and should not purchase the land. It was carried.

(F) REPAIRS TO NEW BUS SHELTER IN GORSEY LANE

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that she had received confirmation from Commutaports Limited (the contractors who supplied the new bus shelter) that their operatives would revisit the site and reposition and repair the bus shelter as soon as possible, however, in the meantime it had been confirmed that the structure was not posing any risk of danger to the public. Due to exceptional workload it may be end of February before the work could be carried out. This was noted by Members.

(G) PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Parish Council had now secured its new website under the auspices of Staffordshire County Council. The Silver Package had been bought into which also provides an additional level of security. The website provision had come in considerably under budget and represented a saving of £250 per year. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the Parish Council meeting that once the website went live it would be beneficial to advertise the fact that there was a new website via all available media and on all Parish Council Notice Boards. This was noted.

104/2020 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Mrs. K. M. Perry was unable to make a report on this occasion as she did not arrive at the meeting until later in the proceedings.

105/2020 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Johnson advised the meeting that Mr. David Pattison had now left South Staffordshire Council and that Mrs. Lorraine Fowkes would be replacing him as Monitoring officer. Mr. Pattison would be very much missed by Great Wyrley Parish Council as he had been a strong source of support to the Parish Council over a number of years.

106/2020 **REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

**DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN BENTONS LANE – KERB CLEARANCE
IN OLD HALL LANE**

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood raised the issue of the lack of double yellow lines in Bentons Lane and asked when these would be installed. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Wood also requested that action be taken to clear the kerbs in Olde Hall Lane of the accumulation of detritus which is presently strewn in all its gutters. District Councillors Janet Johnson and Ray Perry kindly offered to report this matter to the District Council.

CARS PARKED IN BEAUMONT ROAD AND LINGFIELD DRIVE

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he was very concerned regarding the number of cars now being parked in Beaumont Road and Lingfield Drive presumably due to the various parking restrictions imposed on the car parks within the village. Cllr. Jones was aware that there were no legal powers to stop this practise, however, it was still cause for concern. This was noted.

DEFIBRILLATOR COLLECTION SCAM

Cllr. R. Myatt advised the Parish Council to be aware that at the present time a scam was being carried out within the village relating to collection of money to provide defibrillators. This was noted.

LITTER PICKING

Cllr. Ms. H. R. Snape advised the meeting that up to 10 bags per day were being left at the Community Centre by a number of different organisations within the village who had started litter picking on a regular basis. This was extremely heartening, however, it now fell to the Parish Council to attempt to manage this activity more closely as it was now impacting on the Parish Council's refuse collection regime. Cllr. Snape suggested that it may be beneficial to all if the Parish Council purchased a supply of refuse sacks to be given to the various organisations and once that supply had been depleted all people asking for bin bags be signposted to South Staffordshire Council for replenishment. It had also become necessary to request the District Council to increase its collection from Great Wyrley Community Centre in order to dispose of all the litter which was presently being left at the Community Centre and filling its refuse bins so quickly that it no longer had the space to accommodate

its own refuse generated from bookings at the Centre etc. The Parish Council **resolved** to act on the Chairman's recommendations.

107/2020 **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr. A. Newell advised the meeting that Great Wyrley History Society was planning to unveil its Memorial Stone in the Memorial Gardens on 8th April, 2020 at 12.00 noon. This was noted.

108/2020 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/00943/FUL – REMOVAL OF CONDITION 4 OF PERMISSION 19/00433/FUL (ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING SPACES) AT GREAT WYRLEY DENTAL PRACTICE, 2 SOUTHFIELD WAY, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00790/OUT – ERECTION OF 2 NO. 2 BED BUNGALOWS AT 70 WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE. THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THIS PROPOSAL ON HIGHWAY GROUNDS.

20/00018/FUL – STORAGE (RETROSPECTIVE) LAND SOUTH WEST OF SOUTH CANNOCK FARM, JACOBS HALL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS PROPOSAL ON GREEN BELT GROUNDS.

20/0009/FUL – SECOND STOREY SIDE EXTENSION OVER GARAGE AND FRONT PORCH AT 1 LILAC LANE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

19/00877/ADV - 3 FREESTANDING SIGNS AT LANDYWOOD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOLLY LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL

19/00985/FUL – PROPOSED SECOND STOREY SIDE AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSIONS AT 109 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL.

109/2020 **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.

110/2020 **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.

111/2020 **STAFF REVIEW**

The Parish Council **resolved** to follow the recommendations contained in the Clerk's Report on this matter.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and concluded the business before the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.47p.m.

Chairman



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CRIME REPORT.

Public bodies can only disclose information if they have the power to do so. Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act provides a power to exchange information where disclosure is necessary to support the local Crime Reduction Strategy and Partnership in achieving the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and objectives outlined within it.

The degree of disclosure that takes place must be proportionate and relevant to the level of social ill or criminality it is intended to counter or prevent.

The information is only to be processed in relation to crime and disorder purposes. Information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and any other relevant legislation governing disclosures and will ultimately be disposed of in a secure manner.

Report from 08/01/2020 till 03/02/2020

Main headlines since the last meeting:

Robbery reported on 25th Jan. 3 youths getting off the train at Landywood were approached by group of 7/8 youths who demanded their man bags. No weapons seen but offenders pointed to their waistbands. Officers flooded the area but could not find offenders.

- Attempt break at Medical centre where offenders have attempted to gain entry via a window, nothing stolen
- Vehicle crime... Van was stolen from Ash Lane which was found next day in Essington. Tools stolen from vans in Wardles Lane and Manor Avenue. On Walsall Road a van break with 2 sat navs and change taken. 2 attempt breaks of vans in Holly Lane and Telford Avenue.
- ASB...No youth ASB reported and only 2 neighbour disputes reported, both of which are being dealt with by housing. Male riding a quad bike has been spoken too and suitably advised.

Due to increase in vehicle crime in Featherstone, officers from CMPG, response and neighbourhood teams have been flooding the nearby villages including Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay overnight.

there are any areas you would like checking, please let Sian know so I can add it to the list.

Incidents are been put out on smart alert and surgeries are advertised on Twitter and now Facebook

On Friday night police officers and PCSO's from shift 2 will be running Op Cable. This is where officers and PCSO will be targeting ASB hot spot areas, drug use and any other issues that arise. They will be in a marked police carrier and also officers will be in plain vehicles/clothes. This week the focus will be Great Wyrley/Cheslyn Hay. PCSO Terry will be liaising with clerk so if there are any areas you would like checking, please let Sian know so I can add it to the list.

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