

WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2017 at 7.30p.m in West Felton Methodist Church Hall.

Present:- Parish Cllrs: Chairman Ed Nicholas, Vice Chair Marian Hesketh, Carole Coles, Roger Hampson, Dianne Barnes, Pat Mabe, Kay Kynaston, Chris Jones and David Curtis.

Also Present:- Clerk: Claire Ball and Residents, Chris Jones, Mr and Mrs Snell and Mr and Mrs Griffiths.

With approval of the meeting, the Chairman brought forward agenda items 53.17a)i) and 53.17c) to the Public Participation Session.

46.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Agenda Item 53.17a)i) – Planning Application ref: 17/02865/FUL was discussed at length with participation from residents of the parish. There were concerns raised regarding the increased traffic on the lane used to access the site, drainage and water pressure for residents. It was agreed that an extension of time for comments should be requested from the Planning Department at Shropshire Council and that the Clerk invite Planning Agents, Forge Property Consultants, along to the next parish meeting to answer any further questions and respond to concerns raised by the Council and residents.

Agenda Item 53.17c) – Planning Correspondence regarding 16/05336/REM. There was much discussion with participation from Resident Chris Jones regarding the reserved matters for the potential development for the land at The Cross. It was agreed a strongly worded letter should be put together to the leader of Shropshire Council following on from our previous letter dated 21st July 2017, outlining the Council's anger at how this has been handled by the Planning Department at Shropshire Council. Stated in the letter will be that we consider that the deadline for the first batch of reserved matters had been exceeded by at least 10 weeks, and thus the application had surely timed out and should be refused immediately.

47.17 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – David Walker and Alison Ollier.

48.17 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- a) Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests –Chris Jones made a declaration of pecuniary interest regarding the Proposed Residential Development Land at The Cross, West Felton.
- b) To consider any applications for dispensation – None.

49.17 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11.07.17

Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the above minutes as a true record; the Vice Chair was instructed to sign them as such.

50.17 REPORTS

- a) Police – no Police representative present however the Clerk read out a report of the past month's police incidents and crimes were at a very low level.
- b) Shropshire Council – Councillor Steve Charmley was not present.

51.17 FINANCE

- a) Council **AGREED** the Bank Reconciliation as at 12/07/17 and the current bank statement was signed by Roger Hampson.
- b) *Cheque Signatories* - A review of our current Cheque Signatories obtained from Natwest Bank took place. It was agreed that former Clerk Ian Hutchinson is removed.
- c) *External Audit* - The Clerk gave a brief update of the position of the external audit which is currently being assessed by Mazars.
- d) *Income* - None Received.
- e) *Payments* - After discussion and agreement from Council, minor amendments were made to the payment amounts to Greenfingers Groundforce Ltd, Clerk's Salary and Clerk's Salary Tax

Payment. Council then **RESOLVED** to pay the following invoices, instructing Cllrs Coles and Hampson to check the supporting paperwork to the cheques raised before authorising payment:

- i) Greenfingers Groundforce Ltd. (Payment for July) (£212.90) (VAT £35.48) (Direct Debit)
 - ii) Clerk's salary for July (£384.13) (Cheque No. 1454)
 - iii) Clerk's Salary Tax Payment for July (£96.20) (Cheque No. 1455)
 - iv) Reimbursement to Clerk for payment of Printer/Scanner/Copier (£174.00) (VAT £29.00) (Cheque No. 1456)
 - v) Fundamentals for Councillors Training Course (Alison Ollier) - SALC (£25.00) (Cheque No. 1457)
- f) No other income or invoices were received after the agenda was sent out.

52.17 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING

Discussion took place with regard to the Parish Council Finances. Many ideas were put forward for consideration, LED Street Lighting, hanging baskets in the village, burial ground maintenance and replacement of playground equipment. The Clerk was asked to put this on next month's agenda for further discussion.

53.17 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) The Council considered the following Planning Applications:
- i) *Please see Agenda Item 46.17 Public Participation Session.*
Reference: 17/02865/FUL (validated: 21/07/2017)
Address: Racing Stables At, Tedsmore Hall, Tedsmore, West Felton, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4HD Proposal: Alterations in connection with conversion of existing stables and menage building into 13 residential dwellings Applicant: Tedsmore Hall Ltd (Tedsmore Hall, Tedsmore, WEST FELTON, SY11 4HD)
 - ii) Reference: 17/03205/REM (validated: 24/07/2017)
Address: Land North Of Tedsmore Lane, West Felton, Shropshire Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to permission 13/01221/OUT for the erection of two commercial units Applicant: The Tedsmore Estate (C/o Balfours)
Council **AGREED** to make no comment.
 - iii) Reference: 17/02605/OUT (validated: 01/08/2017)
Address: Agricultural Building NW Of Tedsmore Lodge Farm, West Felton, Shropshire Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the conversion of former agricultural building into two "live/work" dwellings Applicant: Tedsmore Hall Limited (Tedsmore Hall, Tedsmore, West Felton, Oswestry, SY11 4HD)
Council **AGREED** not to object to the application on the condition that the pine trees on the site are protected.
 - iv) Reference: 17/03553/FUL (validated: 21/07/2017)
Address: Little Sutton Rednal West Felton Oswestry Shropshire SY11 4HX
Proposal: Erection of agricultural building for storage and livestock housing
Council **AGREED** not to object to the application on the condition that the building is not converted into commercial units or residential dwellings in the future and that the building is in keeping with its surrounding environment.
- b) Notification of Planning Decisions made by Shropshire Council – None.
- c) Planning Correspondence
Please see Agenda Item 46.17 Public Participation Session.
i) Amendments to 16/05336/REM Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) pursuant to 14/00133/OUT for residential development of 25 houses (inclusive of 2 affordable) Location: Proposed Residential Development Land at The Cross, West Felton.
- d) Woodhouse Estate – No Further Update.

54.17 'WE DON'T BUY CRIME PROTECTED BY SMARTWATER'

The Smartwater initiative was discussed again and after a show of hands, seven Councillors were for undertaking the scheme and two were against and therefore it was **AGREED** that the matter should be

taken forward. The Clerk is to contact Rachael Oakley at SmartWater Technology Ltd to ask some further questions regarding how it is to be rolled out and whether volunteers will be required.

55.17 HIGHWAYS

- a) Community Speed Watch – The clerk reported that having joined forces with Ruyton, we now have enough volunteers to take the Community Speed Watch forward. The clerk will liaise with Sue Hackett, clerk of Ruyton, who is already liaising with West Mercia Police regarding possible dates for the training to take place.

56.17 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Greenfingers Contract – There were further concerns raised regarding the moss in the gravel on the burial ground car park. Clerk agreed to contact Greenfingers regarding this matter.
- b) Burial Ground Maintenance – The Clerk was asked to contact Greenfingers for a quote to weed kill and have the soil stack cleared and fresh soil replaced. She was also asked to make contact with Scottish Power regarding the transformer and whether it is still live and in use. If not, she will ask for this along with two poles to be removed from the burial ground.
- c) Annual Inspection of Playground and apparatus and necessary repairs – Kay Kynaston agreed to meet with Martin Mee from Shropshire Council in order for him to go through his concerns.
- d) Goalposts for playing field – Kay Kynaston reported that she had arranged for Ringway to mark out the football pitch on the playing field. The goalposts can then be fitted, however the Clerk reported that according to 'itsagoal', there could be a three week wait.
- e) Obstructed footpaths – It was agreed that Shropshire Council should be contacted if there are any issues regarding obstructed footpaths as they have responsibility to make sure footpaths remain accessible. They will require specific addresses as to where the problems of overgrown hedges are occurring.

57.17 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Possible hearing aid solutions were discussed for future parish meetings including installing a hearing loop or the possibility of purchasing a Conference Discussion System. The Clerk was asked to gather more information regarding the Conference Discussion System as this appeared to be the most favoured option.

58.17 NEXT MEETING

Council **NOTED** the date of the next meeting be held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 in West Felton Methodist Church Hall at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50pm

Chairman's Signature.....*E.P. Nicholas*..... Dated.....*12-9-2017*.....