

WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Monday 4th March 2019, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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| Present: | Councillors | Miss M Roberts ... Chairman |
| | | D Kinsey ... Vice Chairman |
| | | B Bond |
| | | Mrs M Bond |
| | | M Davies |
| | | A Peace |
| | | J Pike |
| | | R Reade |
| | | Miss D Tait |
| | | K Upton |
| | | R Williams |
| | | Mrs R Wright ... Clerk |

24/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - held from 7.15pm – 7.30pm

Vicky Bratt, Chairman of Wombourne Carnival Committee attended to request permission to hold the Annual Wombourne Carnival in the grounds of and inside Wombourne Civic Centre again this year, on Sunday 7th July. The theme will be Bringing Books to Life. The Carnival Committee are hoping the local mobile library will attend, and Councillor Davies has supported this request, as well as local authors. The WI show will be re-named the Wombourne Show and will promote the WI through the theme empowering women through literature. The Carnival Committee are currently liaising with South Staffordshire Council under the Town and Policing Clause with regards to road closures on the day.

Vicky also informed the Council that she had spoken to South Staffordshire Council with regards to grass cutting behind the Scout Hut in Mill Lane. As a Scout Leader, she has contacted the Council as it had previously been agreed to leave the grass long to deter anti-social behaviour, however, broken glass and needles had been found in the area, so it was believed to be encouraging the behaviour rather than deterring it. The Council have agreed to add it to their list of areas of cut.

25/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Hinton.

26/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Reade declared that he had an open mind in respect of any planning applications at this meeting and any future meetings.

27/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th FEBRUARY 2019, having been circulated to all Members for consideration were taken as read.

RESOLVED: The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:-

28/19 CIVIC CENTRE MANAGEMENT – 18th FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2019 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Civic Centre Management Committee held on 18th February 2019, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Bond as a true record of the meeting.

29/19 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – 18th FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2019 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee held on 18th February 2019, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Williams as a true record of the meeting.

30/19 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 25th FEBRUARY 2019

Councillor Mrs Bond informed Members South Staffordshire Council were going to consider the siting of a bin as suggested by Councillor Peace at the meeting on 25th February 2019.

Councillor Mrs Bond informed Members a request had been received for funding for room hire from Mrs Sarah Slater who had set up a local group Singing for Dementia. To allow the group to continue with their classes, Councillor Mrs Bond proposed a donation of £200 be given to Mrs Slater. Councillor Davies seconded this proposition.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2019 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 25th February 2019, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Mrs Bond as a true record of the meeting.

31/19 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Wombourne Carnival Committee

Councillor Peace advised the update the Council received from Vicky Bratt during public participation covered the items he wanted to raise.

b) Best Kept Village Committee

Councillor Peace informed Members five people attended the clean-up of Kirkstone Crescent on 7th February 2019, however, on 16th February 2019 seventeen adults and three children attended the clean-up of the footpath to the Wombrook. At the recent Committee meeting, the siting of litter bins, garden competition, poster and poetry competitions were all discussed. The Committee have applied for a grant from the Co-op and have been given a donation from McDonalds in Kingswinford. They are also working with local students studying for their Duke of Edinburgh award.

c) Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee

A consultation will be taking place on 7th March 2019 from 2pm to 7pm on the proposed plans for the Airport.

d) Councillor Davies reported that the County Council had been given a grant from the Government and he had been allocated £20,000 to spend on extending the asset life of road/pavements etc in the area. He urged all Parish Councillors to identify items for consideration to him in the next couple of weeks.

32/19 Financial matters

- a) To approve and sign off the payments for February 2019
- b) To approve and sign off the bank reconciliation for February 2019
- c) To approve and sign off the petty cash for February 2019
- d) To approve and sign off the payments made under delegated powers for February 2019.

RESOLVED: that the financial matters be approved by the Chairman and/or the Vice Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in accordance with the schedule distributed.

33/19 Clerk's report

The Clerk shared a report of matters that had been handled through the Parish Council Office in February, which included 1 report to the County Council, 2 reports to the District Council, 1 BKV enquiry and 9 website posts.

34/19 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Police crime and ASB report from 2nd February to 2nd March 2019 is available to view via the Clerk.

35/19 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

a) The Chairman reported she had attended the latest Locality 5 Forum where Inspector Mark Ward was in attendance. It is hoped Inspector Ward will be the speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting this year. The Chairman also attended the BKV litter pick and monthly Committee meeting.

b) The Chairman noted that the next meeting of Full Council would be held on Monday 1st April 2019.

c) It was agreed that Committee meetings would be held as follows:-

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| Planning and Development | - | Monday 11 th March 2019 – 7.00pm |
| Civic Centre Management | - | Monday 18 th March 2019 – 7.00pm |
| Finance and General Purposes | - | Monday 25 th March 2019 – 7.00pm. |

The meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.