

WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Monday 1st April 2019, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:	Councillors	Miss M Roberts ... Chairman
		D Kinsey ... Vice Chairman
		B Bond
		Mrs M Bond
		M Davies
		A Hinton
		A Peace
		J Pike
		R Reade
		Miss D Tait
		K Upton
		R Williams
		Mrs R Wright ... Clerk
		2 members of the public

36/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - held from 7.15pm – 7.30pm

The members of the public had attended the meeting to observe, however, they asked for it to be noted what an excellent job Wombourne's BKV Committee are doing in and around the Village with the tidy ups and motivating local residents to take part.

37/19 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

38/19 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.

Councillor Davies declared an interest in planning application 19/0099/FUL.

39/19 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 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:-**40/19 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – 11th MARCH 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee held on 11th March 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.

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41/19 CIVIC CENTRE MANAGEMENT – 18th March 2019

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Civic Centre Management Committee held on 18th March 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.

42/19 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 25th FEBRUARY 2019

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 18th March 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.

43/19 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Best Kept Village Committee

Councillor Peace reported the regular litter picks are continuing and a Committee meeting was held on 20 March where it was noted residents are noticing the difference that the BKV are making around the village and very positive comments are being made on social media. Local café businesses such as Coffee 212 and Country Cuppa are continuing to offer support by providing free drinks for people taking part in the litter picks.

Ten people including the Parish Council Chairman and myself attended a photo call for the South Staffordshire Review on Friday 15th March when the District Council donated some equipment to BKV.

Over 50 people attended the Mill Lane clear up on Saturday 30th March, 30 people stayed at Mill Lane where 17 builders bags and an 8 yard skip were filled and a the further 20 people litter picked around the Village.

b) Wombourne Carnival Committee

Councillor Peace reported that planning is continuing and stall bookings will be opened in April. A new layout is to be trialled within the Civic Centre to make better use of the space. The timing of judging the various W.I. competitions is also being changed so that the Civic Centre can be opened to the public earlier.

Competitions for local primary schools are being organised by the Wombourne Readers and Writers Groups to fit in with Key Stages 1 and 2.

It was agreed that the Parish Council could have a stand either inside the Civic Centre or outside.

It was hoped that the mobile library could attend however, theres been some difficulty in them agreeing due to their working hours. Councillor Davies confirmed unfortunately despite his requests to the library service, it wasn't going to be possible to have the mobile library service in attendance.

c) Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Peace reported a consultation exercise was held at Bobbington Village Hall on Thursday 7th March which was very well attended and a consultative committee meeting held on Wednesday 13th March. No one was present at the meeting from owners MCR so an additional meeting has been arranged for 8th May in order to receive and discuss the results of the consultation exercise.

Aircraft activity during 2018 was consistent with recent years with approximately 43,000 movements but complaints received were down from 20 to 13.

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Following the severe disruption caused by drone use at Gatwick airport in 2018, new regulations came into effect on 13th March 2019 prohibiting the use of drones within 3.71 miles of an airport plus an additional 1 mile extension of runway approaches without special permission, however, it was noted that the difficulty with the regulation will be its enforcement.

44/19 Financial matters

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

45/19 Clerk's report

The Clerk shared a report of matters that had been handled through the Parish Council Office in March, which included 1 report to the County Council, 3 reports to the District Council, 3 miscellaneous reports, 2 BKV enquiries and 7 website posts.

46/19 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Wombourne Best Kept Village Committee – letter of thanks for the Parish Council's recognition of their recent efforts.
- b) Wombourne Best Kept Village Committee – letter of thanks for the donation of £278 for the Committee to purchase tools and equipment.

47/19 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

a) The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their efforts in arranging the evening and Councillor Kinsey for acting as MC. She reported she had received many complimentary remarks about the Civic Reception, and read out a card received from the Townswomens Guild thanking her for an enjoyable evening, noting the caterers had provided an excellent meal, the speakers were enthusiastic and informative and how reassuring it was to see younger people involved in Village life.

The Chairman noted she had attended the first Bereavement Hub at the Library which will now take place on the first Monday of the month from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. A few people had attended who had seen it advertised in the Grapevine magazine.

She also noted two funerals had taken place in March of former Parish Councillors; Eileen Powell who had been Chairman in 1994 and Betty Gough who had been a longstanding Parish Councillor.

b) The Chairman noted that the next meeting of Full Council would be held on Monday 13th May 2019.

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

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| Planning and Development | - | Monday 8 th April 2019 – 7.00pm |
| Recreation and Amenities | - | Monday 15 th April 2019 – 7.00 |
| Civic Centre Management | - | Monday 15 th April 2019 – following Recreation and Amenities |
| Finance and General Purposes | - | Monday 29 th April 2019 – 7.00pm. |

d) Reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm. Sargent Kelly Wareing would be in attendance to complete a presentation and answer questions on policing in Wombourne.

The meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.

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