WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Monday, 3rd December 2018, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:	Councillors	Miss M Roberts Cha D Kinsey Vice B Bond Mrs F M Bond M Davies M Green A Hinton A Peace J Pike Miss D Tait J Tudor R Reade K Upton R Williams	
		Mrs R Wright	Clerk

PCSO Paula Wilkes and Sgt Jason Dorrington.

109/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - held from 7.15pm - 7.30pm

Sgt Jason Dorrington provided Members with an update on the latest crime report for Wombourne.

He confirmed, unfortunately, car crime is becoming an almost daily occurrence and Staffordshire Police work closely with West Mercia and West Midlands Police to investigate these crimes.

Common areas of anti-social behaviour are still being patrolled and twelve youths were recently searched, with two found in possession of drugs.

Issues with 2.5 tonne trucks travelling to the Seisdon quarry seemed to have tailed off.

110/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Thistle.

111/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Davies declared an interest in planning application 18/00864/FUL.

The Chairman reminded Members it was their responsibility to update their disclosable pecuniary interests and urged everyone to ensure they were up to date.

112/18 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th November 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018, having been circulated to all Members for consideration were taken as read.

RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:-

113/18 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – 12th November 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2018 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee held on 12th November 2018, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Williams.

114/18 RECREATION AND AMENITIES - 19th November 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 19th November 2018, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Davies.

115/18 CIVIC CENTRE MANAGEMENT – 19th November 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Civic Centre Management Committee held on 19th November 2018, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Bond.

116/18 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 26th November 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2018 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

94/18 Councillor Mrs Bond thanked all Members who attended and volunteered at the Christmas Light Switch on 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 26th November 2018, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Mrs Bond.

117/18 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

a) <u>Wombourne Best Kept Village Committee</u>

The Chairman reported the Committee had signed up 15 new members at the showcase event following the Christmas light switch on. The recent Mill Lane tidy up wasn't particularly well attended, however, the tidy up around Westfield Primary School proved popular with excellent results which can be seen on the Best Kept Village Facebook page.

b) Parish Champion Update

The Chairman advised the Dementia Friendly team were currently working to gather thoughts on how best to interact with residents.

c) Wombourne and District Community Association

Councillor Peace reported 21 local organisations were in attendance at the showcase event at the Community Centre following the Christmas light switch on. It is estimated many hundreds of people visited to listen to the school choir and to see what was on offer inside the Centre. The numbers resulted in overcrowding at times, and therefore Councillor Peace suggested in future the Association and the Parish Council discuss how the evening as a whole is organised.

Some debate followed this suggested, however, it was agreed by all the Civic Centre is only a base for the initial switching on of the Christmas lights due to many factors including the safety of the public during the firework display, and also functions held at the Centre the following day.

d) Wombourne and Swindon Relief Fund

Councillor Davies advised 3 items had recently been signed off, including assistance with funeral expenses. He advised this was a hardship fund, and Members could refer local residents to the fund at any time.

118/18 Financial matters

- a) To approve and sign off the payments for November 2018
- b) To approve and sign off the bank reconciliation for November 2018
- c) To approve and sign off the petty cash for November 2018
- d) To approve and sign off the payments made under delegated powers for November 2018.

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

119/18 Clerk's report

The Clerk shared a report of matters that had been handled through the Parish Council Office during the past month, which included 1 report to the District Council, 1 report to the PCSO, 1 BKV enquiry, 9 website posts and 14 actions.

120/18 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

121/18 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

a) The Chairman advised she had attended the Inner Wheel afternoon tea, as well as the WW1 exhibition and Remembrance Sunday Service. She had also visited 3rd Wombourne Brownies during Parliament week and had been to a meeting with the Clerk at Barclays bank to discuss how the local branch interact with the Community. The Chairman gave thanks to Members and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the organisation of the Christmas Light Switch on that she had attended, and advised Members she had also visited all of the 27 businesses who had signed up to Small Business Saturday this year.

b) It was agreed the next Full Council meeting would take place on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm owing to the Budget and Precept meeting for the Finance and General Purposes Committee taking place on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.00pm.

c) Members agreed that no Committee meetings would take place in December, but Chairmen of Committees would have delegated authority to deal with any matters during this period.