

**WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the meeting of **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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

09/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Held from 7.15pm – 7.30pm)

PCSO Update

PCSO Jamie Buzzard provided Members with an update of the latest Police Crime and ASB Report, which is available for viewing via the Clerk.

10/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peace, Reade and Mrs Thistle.

11/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12/18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, having been circulated to all Members for consideration were taken as read.

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

13/18 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Mrs Bond.

14/18 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Williams.

15/18 CIVIC CENTRE MANAGEMENT – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read.

09/18 – Councillor Bond reminded Members that Spotlight on Wombourne was taking place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and asked for support at the event, particularly from 6.00pm in readiness of doors opening to the public at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Civic Centre Management Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

The minutes were signed by Councillor Bond.

16/18 PARISH PRECEPT 2018/2019

Councillor Mrs Bond provided Members with a summary of the outlined budget for 2018/2019 that was agreed at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Councillor Mrs Bond reported that, in considering the Parish Council's precept requirements for 2018/2019, the Committee had agreed to set aside funding for new play equipment, particularly for Bratch Park and ongoing maintenance at the Civic Centre. The Committee had been cautious in anticipating the income from the ex-Registrar's office which is still to let.

Councillor Mrs Bond advised Members the Committee had agreed to put the Parish Precept request for 2018/2019 to a vote of either remaining at £189,079 and therefore a 0% increase on last year's Parish Precept request, or £192,861 which would reflect a 2% increase on last year's Parish Precept request.

The Chairman asked Members to vote on either a 0% or 2% increase to last year's request. Members voted unanimously for a 0% increase and a Parish Precept of £189,079.

South Staffordshire Council will therefore be asked for a Parish Precept of £189,079 would be equivalent to £38.91 p.a. or 75p per week for a Band D property.

17/18 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Miss Roberts advised Members she had attended a meeting of the Carnival Committee where it was confirmed this year's Carnival would take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July with the theme 'Animal Antics'. Ounsdale High School have asked to be involved this year to assist their A Level students in their studies. The Committee will now be looking for local animal trainers to participate in the Carnival.

### 18/18 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: that signatures to cheques be approved in accordance with the schedule distributed.

### 19/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Bartlams – advising of an offer for part of the accommodation previously used by the Registrars. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next Civic Centre Management Committee meeting.

The Churches of St. Benedict Biscop & The Venerable Bede – thank you letter received for the donation made towards lighting and general maintenance of the Churchyard.

Community Council of Staffordshire – requested information regarding major festivals and events orientated towards fund raising for community projects. Details should be passed to them no later than 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

South Staffordshire Council – invitation to Code of Conduct Training for Parish Councillors which will take place on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Wombourne. Members should let the Clerk know if they wish to attend.

### 20/18 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

a) It was agreed that committee meetings would be held as follows:-

Planning and Development	-	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 7.00pm
Civic Centre Management	-	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 7.00pm
Recreation and Amenities	-	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 7.00pm
Finance and General Purposes	-	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – following Recreation and Amenities

b) The Chairman noted that the next meeting of Full Council would be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, with public participation from 7.15 p.m.

c) The Chairman advised Members he had attended a Library Consultation along with Councillors Davies and Peace as well as a meeting regarding the Wellbeing Café's.

The Chairman asked Members to agree a 6 month leave of absence for Councillor Tudor whilst he continues his studies in Korea. Members agreed this.

The Chairman also reminded Members of Spotlight on Wombourne taking place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and asked for Members to support this event.

The meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.