



## **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022** at 7.15pm**

This meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA.

#### **Present -**

Councillors: Barry Bond MBE, Jan Evans, Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey (Chairman), Claire McIlvenna, Vince Merrick, Martin Perry, John Pike (Vice-Chairman), Mary Roberts, Daisy Tait

**Absent without apologies** – Councillor Elizabeth Keeling

Clerk: Rachael Wright

Public: PCSO Phillip Millichap

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, welcoming Councillor Jan Evans to her first meeting and noting it was good to be back to a full compliment of Councillors.

#### **38/22 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies, Alan Peace, and Robert Reade.

#### **39/22 – Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Dan Kinsey noted he was a Member of Wombourne Best Kept Village.

#### **40/22 – Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **41/22 – Police Report**

PCSO Phillip Millichap provided the following update for Members:

*Burglary Business – 4 incidents reported since the last update to Council.*

09/03/22- At around 16:30hrs at Wombourne Recycling Centre there was an incident whereby a male was seen to be searching around the premises taking items from within. This individual was arrested at the scene by local officers. Pro-active operations focusing on this location.

Between the 23/03/22 after 17:00hrs and the 24/03/22 before approximately 8:30hrs Wombourne Recycling Centre was targeted by offender(s) that have taken a number of car batteries. Ongoing investigations are taking place in relation to this location and pro-active operations are being conducted.

Between the 02/04/22 and 04/04/22 a container within the new build Bovis site on Beggars Bush Lane was broken into and power tools were stolen from within. Local officers are paying attention to this location with a high visibility presence.

On 04/04/22 there was a report of a business being targeted on Heath Mill Road, Wombourne whereby offender(s) have attempted to break into the premises by peeling back the panels of cladding. Officers attended and conducted an area search. Ongoing investigations are being conducted in relation to this incident.

#### *Burglary Residential - 2 incidents reported since the last update to Council*

11/03/22- In the early hours of the morning, a property in Bearnett Drive, Wombourne was broken into and an untidy search was made. Officers attended and all enquiries were completed in relation to this, and advice and reassurance was given to the resident.

25/03/22- Between the hours of approximately 10:00hrs and 16:00hours, a property on Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne was broken into and an untidy search was made. Officers attended and conducted enquires. Crime prevention advice and reassurance was given to the resident.

#### *Vehicle Crime – 8 incidents reported since the last update to Council.*

A vehicle was targeted between 04/03/22 and 07/03/22 on Wombourne Enterprise Park, Bridgnorth Road whereby offender(s) have ripped all the wiring out from underneath the bonnet of the car, making it impossible to drive. Ongoing investigations are taking place and CCTV has been obtained in order to try and identify who these individuals are.

A Fiat Abarth Car was stolen off a driveway in Ounsdale Crescent, Wombourne on the 08/03/22 at approximately 23:00hrs. The vehicle has since been found and recovered by officers to conduct the necessary investigations. Local officers have provided crime prevention advice and reassurance around this to the victim.

On the 10/03/22 a numberplate was stolen from a vehicle parked on Mill Lane, Wombourne between the hours of around 18:15pm and 20:00pm. All enquiries were completed and the owner of the vehicle has been given advice and reassurance and also sent some Anti-Theft Screws as a preventative measure.

On the 13/03/22 a Ford Fiesta was stolen from Lamb Crescent, Wombourne at around 23:30hrs without keys. This vehicle has since been found and has been recovered for forensic opportunities. There were two males that have been arrested in connection with this incident.

On 14/04/22 in the early hours of the morning, a BMW car has had its windows smashed through on Uplands Drive, Wombourne by four males, who are thought to have travelled in a grey Audi. This is in relation to another incident whereby the neighbour's catalytic converter was being stolen and as the owners of the BMW challenged them and it was done in retaliation. Safeguarding and reassurance was given by officers and relevant enquiries were made.

A Smart Alert was sent out to inform local residents and to make them aware of reporting any suspicious vehicles and to call 999 if anyone is seen on their property.

On 16/03/22 a catalytic converter has been stolen off a Honda Accord vehicle in Banbury Drive, Wombourne, which has happened at some point within the evening. There is no time frame to suggest when this actually happened. Advice and reassurance has been given to the victim and all enquiries were conducted.

At around 23:40hrs on the 26/03/22 there was a catalytic converter taken from a Honda Jazz vehicle on Marlburn way, Wombourne. All enquires were completed and advice and reassurance given to the victim.

On the 08/04/22 a Yamaha Motorbike has been stolen from School Road, Wombourne at around 21:15hrs by two offenders. It went towards the West Midlands area as this bike is fitted with a tracker and has therefore been transferred to West Midlands Police for further investigation.

ASB hotspots –

- Wombourne Community Centre / Library – Reports of youths causing issues outside and inside location. Extensive work conducted by NPT to resolve this, alongside support from Library management team. There has been a real positive difference made at this location, due to extensive work with partner agencies and Wombourne High School.
- Dickinson Road – Reports of ASB and litter on garage area behind Dickinson Road. Local officers aware and have been visiting the location regularly.
- Bull Lane – Youths said to frequent garage area causing nuisance. Local officers aware and visiting location regularly.
- Mount Road- Reports of ASB from youths entering a vacant property and being disruptive. Local PCSOS have identified all involved and have been given Anti-Social Behaviour Warning letters, as well as being spoken to by parents.

Proactive news –

- Operation Cable targeting ASB hotspots and Operation Lightning targeting vehicle crime is up and running frequently, with officers utilising both marked and unmarked vehicles. Up-to-date information regarding these operations can be found on Twitter and Facebook.
- PCSP Phillip Millichap is looking to find volunteers to assist set up a youth café, which the Community Centre have offered space for. Councillor Barry Bond MBE agreed to consult with Phillip on this as he has been working with Churches Together to try to set up a youth project. Councillor Dan Kinsey agreed to offer his assistance with the project.

PCSO Phillip Millichap informed Members there was a consultation process ongoing at present around ANPR cameras and their infrastructure. He encouraged Members to get involved, and to contact him if they wanted more information.

#### **42/22 – Approval of Minutes**

Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meetings on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

#### **43/22 – Reports from Committees**

- a) In the absence of Councillor Mike Davies, the Clerk read out the following report from him:  
‘First may I pay tribute to the members of the R & A Committee for both their support and positive contributions. During our last meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March the installation of the CCTV at Brickbridge Playing Fields was discussed, and we look forward to its installation and the benefits it will bring to this valued public facility. An approach has been made by Dangerous Sheep Limited to hold a talent event at Brickbridge, but the committee agreed that before any final recommendation is made more detail and information regarding the event is required. It was agreed that a recommendation to Full Council be made that the renewal of the lease should remain with the Parish Council and be available for all residents of the Parish. Members agreed to the closing of the parks be moved forward by one hour from 7pm to 8pm as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Repairs have been undertaken to the uneven surface around the

trampoline on Bratch Park Play Area and my thanks to Councillor Peace for overseeing this remedial work.

The Poolhouse Play Area is now due for refurbishment and hopefully with funding secured via the Section 106 Agreements with housing developers who have agreed to conditions forming part of their approved planning permission.”

- b) Councillor Dan Kinsey provided an update in Councillor Alan Peace’s absence, whereby he informed Members the planning applications recently considered were all minor applications, however, there was one objection.
- c) Councillor Mary Roberts informed Members whilst not at the last Committee meeting, she had received an update from Councillor Mike Davies and via the minutes, and informed Members Dangerous Sheep had outlined their plans for the Jubilee concert. Parish Councillors will be required to volunteer to help on the day and leading up to it. Dinner Dance tickets went on sale today. The Clerk is still waiting on some invoices to enable her to complete the virements. Councillor Mary Roberts praised Councillor Daisy Tait and her Committee for all their hard work on organising the High Street Recovery and Rejuvenation events, which had now come to an end. She also informed Members a working group was forming to look at the newsletter.

#### **44/22 – Lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields**

Councillor Barry Bond MBE explained the Recreation and Amenities Committee’s decision was the continue with the lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields (although no detail had yet been agreed on how the lease would be managed and by whom in the future). He proposed that negotiations are now entered into with South Staffordshire Council in respect of the lease. Councillor Mark Evans seconded the proposal and all Members were in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would now enter negotiations with South Staffordshire Council with regards to the lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields.

#### **45/22 – Reports from Members appointed to Outside Bodies**

Councillor Mary Roberts reported there was a Carnival meeting next week, so she would have an update at the next meeting.

Councillor Vince Merrick reported Detective Chief Inspector Dave Wain would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

#### **46/22 – Parish Council Finances and Administration**

Members approved the payments for March 2022.

#### **47/22 – Planning applications**

Members noted the responses to planning applications made to South Staffordshire Council in lieu of a meeting.

#### **48/22 – Correspondence**

- a) Email from South Staffordshire Council asking the Parish Council to put forward two nominees for Brian Edwards MBE Awards. Members agreed to refer the matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.
- b) Email from a resident in Penkridge applauding the Parish Council for their openness in relation to their finances, budget setting, and precept requests.

## 49/22 – Chairman’s Business

- a) The Chairman gave a breakdown of his whereabouts as follows:
- i. Each week he had attended Friendly Faces Cafes with the exception of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 when he attended and spoke at Alderman I A Kelly’s memorial.
  - ii. 11<sup>th</sup> March he donated 30 litter pickers to children at St Bernadettes Primary School, who are working on a sustainability project.
  - iii. 16<sup>th</sup> March he attended the BKV Committee Meeting.
  - iv. 19<sup>th</sup> March he assisted in the Wombourne Cricket Club pre-season clear up and the same evening attended the Civic Reception to celebrate the word of the resolute volunteers in the village.
  - v. 25<sup>th</sup> March he assisted BKV volunteers and the Clerk in planting up the new village planters.
  - vi. 26<sup>th</sup> March he attended Woodford Riding Stables with the agreement of the Chairman at Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council, where he officially re-opened the stables after a period of closure. He later visited shops in the village as the Spring Fling took place. He passed on his thanks to Councillor Daisy Tait and other Councillors who assisted on the day.
  - vii. 27<sup>th</sup> March he took part in a Wombourne Community Speedwatch outing, noting he is often working behind the scenes reporting back to the Police on the findings from the group.
  - viii. 1<sup>st</sup> April he went along to the Police community bus event and also visited Taylors Greengrocers to wish David and Debra Taylor well in their retirement. He passed on the thanks of the Parish Council for all of their community work by presenting them with a bouquet of flowers.
  - ix. 3<sup>rd</sup> April he attended a fundraiser for Ukraine where £2500 was raised before matched funding.
  - x. 8<sup>th</sup> April he attended Wombourne High School to watch a performance of Annie, nothing it was exceptional and there are some incredibly talented students within the cast. He gave thanks to Vice-Chairman Councillor John Pike for attending the District Council Chairman’s Civic Dinner at Himley Hall on his behalf.
  - xi. 10<sup>th</sup> April he attended another Wombourne Community Speedwatch event.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** the next date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** the next date for the Annual Parish Meeting will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** the date for the Committee meetings would take place as follows:
- a. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm – Civic Centre Management
  - b. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 after Civic Centre Management – Finance and General Purposes

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....