



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on **Monday 7th February 2022** at 7.15pm

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

Present -

Councillors: Barry Bond MBE, Mike Davies, Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey (Chairman), Claire McIlvenna, Alan Peace, Martin Perry, John Pike (Vice-Chairman), Robert Reade, Daisy Tait.

Clerk: Rachael Wright

Public: 3 members of public plus PCSO Phillip Millichap and Rhys Rockley.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting noting it was great news to see members of the public present.

13/22 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Cheryl Davies, Vince Merrick and Mary Roberts.

14/22 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mike Davies declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 21/01319/FUL. Councillor Alan Peace noted he was a member of BKV Committee and Wombourne and District Community Association, and Councillor Dan Kinsey noted he was also a member of Wombourne BKV.

15/22 – Public Participation

- a) PCSO Phillip Millichap provided an overview of the crime from 17th January to date. He informed Members there had been 4 burglaries/attempted burglaries at Boxley's Butchers, Cranwell Green, Wooten Drive and Wombourne Recycling Centre. There had been 3 incidents involving vehicles (two thefts and one where panels were scratched), and 4 incidents of anti social behaviour, including ongoing incidents at Wombourne Library/Community Centre where several youths had been given ASB letters and their parents spoken to. He reported joint operations with other forces had seen a reduction in the theft of catalytic converters and from June 2022 a new operating model would be coming into place whereby response officers would be based in Codsall, with some offices working from Wombourne, rather than Cannock. Councillor Martin Perry asked if they were aware of the incidents of graffiti popping up across the village over the weekend, PCSO Millichap confirmed they were and they would be making enquiries into the tag left to see if the offender(s) could be located.

19.29PM – Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow public participation to continue.

- b) Resident from Stoneybrook Leys – The resident informed Members she was concerned about the speed limit on Bridgnorth Road especially following the road traffic accident last month, and wanted to seek the

Parish Council's support in starting a petition to extend the 40mph speed limit past the entrance to the new estate.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would assist the resident in starting a petition to issue to Staffordshire County Council to deal with the speed limit on the road.

Councillor Mike Davies agreed to pursue the matter with Staffordshire County Council, but in the mean time, Councillor Mark Evans agreed to liaise with the resident to gain signatures for a petition to issue to Staffordshire County Council.

- c) Resident from Jenks Road – The resident asked why her knitting group could not use the Day Centre once per week to meet. Councillor Dan Kinsey informed the resident the Parish Council would discuss the long term arrangements for the Day Centre with the Senior Citizens Group, who before the pandemic were using the room full time, and would let her know the outcome.

19.34pm – Standing Orders resumed.

16/22 – Approval of Minutes

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 17th January 2022 having previously been distributed be signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

17/22 – Reports from Committees

- a) Recreation and Amenities - Councillor Davies thanked Members for appointing him as Chairman of the Committee following Ken Upton's resignation from the Council. He informed Members that the installation of new CCTV system at Brickbridge Playing Fields was underway. 4 residents attended an open session to discuss the future of Brickbridge Playing Fields, and the feedback from all stages of the consultation would be collated during the month for the Committee to consider in March. He informed Members he was reviewing the ROSPA reports to provide an update to the Committee, and was pleased that S106 money would be forthcoming to assist in improvements needed to the community facilities.
- b) Planning and Development – Councillor Alan Peace informed Members they were now waiting on the feedback from the consultation on the Local Plan from South Staffordshire Council. The Committee had reviewed 5 plans at their last meeting, 3 they had no objections with. He wanted to mention the other two, firstly 21/01349/FUL plans to develop parking off Poolhouse Lane which the Committee were pleased to see to alleviate parking issues residents at The Meadlands had been concerned about, and secondly 21/01319/FUL the installation of air source pumps which the Committee supported, noting that renewable energy should be used wherever possible.
- c) High Street Recovery and Rejuvenation – Councillor Daisy Tait informed Members South Staffordshire Council's deadline for the submission of invoices for all projects was 18th March, with payments needing to be made by 31st March. This meant the Spring event planned for 26th March could go ahead. South Staffordshire Council had also informed the Clerk that the split between events and static items wasn't rigid and therefore the Committee would be looking at what funding remained once the costs of the event on 26th March were known. It was hoped an upcycling event by Peony Lane would be held on the same day in the Council Chamber. The event would be split across Common Road (11am-2pm) and the village centre (11am-3pm) with circus acts, face painters, a trail in the village centre and a poster competition at Common Road, as well as tea and coffee being served. Posters and Facebook advertising would be used to promote the event. The Committee would consider planters once permission had been gained by Staffordshire County Council.

18/22 – Reports from Members appointed to Outside Bodies

- a) Wombourne and District Community Association – Councillor Alan Peace had shared a report with Members with the agenda as follows:

'The executive committee met on Tuesday 18 January 2022.

The sleigh collections including the Christmas lights switch on and Shop Local events totalled £2,309.65p with expenses totalling £822.55p meaning a net income of £1,487.10p. Grants given out are listed in the Treasurers report including a grant of £1000 to Wombourne URC towards a new boiler. In return for this the URC have granted the WDCA free use of the facility for meetings during 2022 which is much appreciated and is a good example of groups helping each other.

Amazon Prime have a scheme where charitable groups can receive donations from customers who nominate them at no cost to the group and it was decided that WDCA should enrol in this.

John Reynolds resigned as equipment officer after many years and his service and commitment was recognised. Alan Peace will undertake sorting out the garages at Penn and it is hoped that Rotarian Tony Brown will also be involved and possibly take on the role of equipment officer. Requests for grants were received from Blakeley Heath Primary school for the purchase of Raspberry P.I. devices for extra-curricular activities and it was agreed to donate £500. Kingsway Church requested a donation towards the estimated cost of £40k for a new kitchen and building alterations. It was agreed to pledge £500 if/when the project is underway.

Feedback from the AGM/Cheese and Wine meeting held on 2 December in the Allen Memorial Hall was very positive so it was decided to hold the next AGM in a similar format.

The next full meeting of the Association will be on Thursday 3 March at 7.00pm in the Allen Memorial Hall of the URC when the Sleigh Committee Chairman will hopefully be there'.

- b) Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee – Councillor Alan Peace had shared a report with Members with the agenda as follows:

'Wednesday 19 January 2022

Even with the pandemic, the airport had its busiest year since records began with some 53,000 aircraft movements.

The fuel pumps and fuel bowser were being upgraded at a cost of approximately £30k.

Future planned events include;

21 May - a static Jaguar car event with 200-300 vehicles anticipated

19 June - the last Project Propeller event for veteran aircrew due to the dwindling number of survivors. There is a possibility that the event will make national television.

3 May - Brian Rawlings has been in contact with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight to see if they will do a fly past as part of the Queen's Platinum Anniversary. He is awaiting a response. There may be a family day of some sort at the airport and he is also offering the airport facilities to local parish council's to host an event there if they wish.

Coventry Airport is due to close down but it is not yet known how much extra traffic may come to the airport as a result.

A new aircraft maintenance facility is due to become operational in the next few weeks.

A "PC12" aircraft (a bit like an Uber taxi!) is using the airport and a "PC24" is due to commence as well.

There is no update on the airfield development plans as additional information regarding the business viability is apparently still required by South Staffs Council.

The re vamped airport café is doing well with excellent feedback and comments being made'.

- c) Police Liaison – Unfortunately, Councillor Merrick was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Dan Kinsey informed Members the incidents on graffiti in the village over the weekend had been reported to the Police and South Staffordshire Council’s Street Scene team. He also informed Members Councillor Merrick was looking into reports from a resident in Walk Lane who has a guide dog of cars being parked on the pavement along Planks Lane preventing her from safely walking her children to school.

19/22 – Parish Council Finances and Administration

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that the finances for January 2021 be authorised.

20/22 – Correspondence

None.

21/22 – Chairman’s Business

- a) The Chairman gave a breakdown of his whereabouts as follows:
 - 22nd January he attended the grand opening of a new shop in the village – Bake My Day – he reported buying several cakes and enjoying them and encouraged Members to visit.
 - i. 29th January he assisted in the BKV clear up of the alley between Mill Lane and Rookery Road. He reported lots of positive feedback had been received with the waterfall now being in plain sight.
 - ii. 5th February to assisted the BKV tidy up of the overgrowth on the wall opposite the vets in Rookery Road. The wall has been thoroughly cleared making the visibility and space much better for pedestrians and motorists.
 - iii. Each week since the last meeting he had attended the Friendly Faces Café.
 - iv. He informed Members Wombourne’s Community Speed watch had been out in the village today and caught a car in Planks Lane travelling at 43mph (in a 30mph zone).
 - v. Finally, he noted he had joined Twitter and encouraged Members to follow him to see what he was up to around the village.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** the next date for the Full Council Meeting would be Monday 7th March 2022.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** the date for the Committee meetings would take place as follows:
 - a. Monday 14th February 2022 at 6pm – High Street Recovery and Rejuvenation
 - b. Monday 14th February 2022 at 7pm – Recreation and Amenities
 - c. Monday 14th February 2022 to follow Recreation and Amenities – Planning and Development
 - d. Monday 21st February 2022 – Civic Centre Management
 - e. Monday 28th February 2022 – Finance and General Purposes
- d) Members are reminded to respond to the invitation to the Civic Reception by 25th February 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Signed:

Dated: