



## **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022** at 7.50pm

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

#### **Present – Committee Members-**

Councillors: Barry Bond MBE, Mike Davies (Vice-Chairman), Jan Evans, Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey BEM, Vince Merrick, Martin Perry, Daisy Tait

#### **Present – Non-Committee Members- N/A**

#### **Absent without apologies – N/A**

#### **Clerk – Rachael Wright**

**Members of the public** – Kevin and Michelle Taylor from Dangerous Sheep (left the meeting after item 77/22)

#### **73/22 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors John Pike and Robert Reade.

#### **74/22 – Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **75/22 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

#### **76/22 – Matters arising from 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

None.

#### **77/22 – 2023 events**

Kevin and Michelle Taylor set out their ideas for Wombourne's Got Talent Event which they hoped to start, and finish in Wombourne, taking in villages from across Staffordshire. They would like to host the event at Brickbridge Playing Fields, which would be a walkable venue which they hoped would mean would attract a large crowd. They would secure a temporary events notice, have full security on site including bag searches and there would be an investment plan of how they could put some funding into the site. They also explained they would like to find a smaller venue to host a silent dementia disco as well as a large scale event for the King's Coronation next year, which would include hiring in large screens for the public to watch the Coronation.

The Chairman asked Kevin and Michelle to write into the Parish Council with their proposals for further consideration.

#### **78/22 – Newsletter**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to email the draft newsletter out to all Members and agreed the working group would meet on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November to discuss it further.

### **79/22 – Christmas Light Switch On**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to send out a rota to all Members of duties for the evening, which would include 2 marshals for the front of the car park, one at the side of Room10 in the Civic Centre, and the others to be posted at the rear of the Civic Centre for the fireworks.

### **80/22 – Parish Council van**

Members considered the quotations for used vehicles, but agreed due to the fluidity of the market, what they needed to do was to agree a criteria and for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk to source the vehicle to that specification. They agreed a budget of £13,500, and a petrol vehicle with no more than 50,000 miles.

### **81/22 – Small Business Saturday**

Councillor Daisy Tait informed Members she had prepared an elf trail for the shops in the village. The Clerk confirmed Bluebird Belles had been booked to perform (£450), Got 2 Sing Choir were also performing (£50), and Santa Sleigh via the volunteers. Members agreed to hire 2 x elves to tour the village at a cost of £500.

### **82/22 – Kings Coronation**

Members agreed to set a total budget of £8000, and Councillors Dan Kinsey BEM, Jan Evans, Martin Perry and Mary Roberts agreed to form a working group to formulate a plan for the celebrations.

### **83/22 – Civility and Respect Project**

Members noted the premise of the project and requested the Clerk make enquiries as to whether they would have to put any additional policies into place in order to sign up.

### **84/22 – Q2 comparison report**

Members noted the report and had no questions or comments to make.

### **85/22 – Legal fees**

Members agreed to appoint Bevan Brittan Solicitors, as recommended by South Staffordshire Council, to deal with the renewal of the lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields.

### **86/22 – Trustee appointment**

Councillor Mike Davies proposed Councillor Jan Evans be appointed as a Trustee of the Village Hall, Councillor Barry Bond MBE seconded the proposal and all Members were in favour.

### **87/22 – Correspondence**

None.

### **88/22 – Exclusion of the Public and Press**

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

### **89/22 – Staffing**

- a) Members noted the NJC pay award for 2022 to be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and 1 extra day holiday from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 applicable to Judith Vasiljevic, Rachael Wright and Samantha Berry.

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm.**

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:** .....