



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 26th July 2021** at 7.00pm

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), Dan Kinsey, Vince Merrick, John Pike, Mary Roberts (Chairman).

Present – Non-Committee Members- None.

Clerk – Rachael Wright

38/21 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies, Daisy Tait, Robert Reade, and Reg Williams.

39/21 – Declarations of Interest

Councillors Mary Roberts and Dan Kinsey asked for it to be noted that they were both members of the Wombourne Best Kept Village Committee.

40/21 – Matters arising from 28th June 2021

32/21- The Clerk informed Members she had sought clarity from Mark Rabone of Pesticide Free Wombourne on business use, and he had advised he would be delivering flyers to businesses to try to raise awareness with them. He also confirmed the word pesticide is the umbrella term for all herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides, so it was correct to say he was trying to promote the replacement of weed killers such as Round Up for a more natural product. The Clerk reported an electric weed killer had been purchased to use at the Civic Centre.

41/21 – Budget Comparison Report Q1

Members reviewed the report, noting the significant increase in income on pitch hire, the £18, 000 coronavirus grant from the District Council, water rates for the Civic Centre were already almost at budget, the refund on rates for the Public Conveniences, and more than one quarters pro rata spend for Full Council contingencies owing to the paint purchased for BKV.

42/21 – Christmas Light Switch On

Members agreed the following:

- a) Date of the event – Friday 26th November 2021 at 6pm
- b) The firework display should proceed as normal, with notice given to the houses in Rookery Road
- c) St Benedict Biscop Primary School and Cherry Trees School would be invited to perform as school choirs
- d) Mince pies to be handed out after the lights had been switched on.

43/21 – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Members agreed for the Chairman to enquire with the Carnival Committee as to whether they would be willing to bring the Annual Carnival forward one month. If there were unable/unwilling to, Members agreed to put on a one-day event to mark the occasion, and to put a message on the website and social media to ask residents

what kind of event they would like to see. They asked the Clerk to inform the staff they may be required to help on the day given a long Bank Holiday weekend was planned.

44/21 – High Street Recovery and Rejuvenation Committee

Members agreed the spending to date.

45/21 – Memorial Bench

Members considered the response from Staffordshire County Council regarding the memorial bench and asked the Clerk to suggest the resident contact the Cricket Club to see if they have a need for a memorial bench around the perimeter of the cricket pitch.

46/21 – BACS payments

Members agreed to continue with the current procedure of dealing with payments (i.e., Clerk emails Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen or Council and Committee’s to approve, makes payment which is authorised by one Councillor and reported to Full Council).

47/21 – Parish Council email address

Members considered the guidance from SPCA and agreed for the Clerk to explore the cost of setting up Parish Council email addresses for those who don’t already have a District or County Council email address.

48/21 – S4S Foundation

Members agreed for Councillors Barry Bond and Dan Kinsey to meet with Barry Williams to find out more about the S4S Foundation and what they are trying to achieve.

49/21 – 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.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Signed:

Dated: