



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 28th June 2021** 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, Dan Kinsey, Vince Merrick, Robert Reade, Mary Roberts (Chairman), Ken Upton, Reg Williams.

Present – Non-Committee Members- Councillor Claire McIlvenna

Clerk – Rachael Wright

23/21 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies, John Pike and Daisy Tait.

24/21 – Declarations of Interest

None.

25/21 – Appointment of Vice-Chairman for 2021/2022

Councillor Barry Bond proposed Councillor Mike Davies be appointed Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. Councillor Vince Merrick seconded the proposal and all Members were in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mike Davies be appointed Vice Chairman for 2021/2022.

26/21 – Matters arising from 15th March 2021

15/21 – The Chairman advised the Parish Council need to decide whether they require any of the staff to be on duty since at present the celebrations are taking place over a Bank Holiday weekend, and therefore they would not be at work. It was agreed to put the item on the next agenda for discussion.

27/12 – Open Space Improvement Scheme

Some discussion had taken place with Wombourne BKV and Friends of Wombrook regarding wildflower hedges, and a meeting had been arranged with Ryan Taylor from South Staffordshire Council to look at possible locations, to include land off Tollhouse Way.

28/21 – Code of Conduct

Members agreed to wait for South Staffordshire Council to adopt the new Code of Conduct before doing the same, given there is another phase of consultation.

29/21 – A Councillors Workbook on the local pathway to net zero and showcasing project

Councillor Mike Davies provided an overview of the workbook. Members agreed it should be noted only at this stage.

30/21 – Social media

Members agreed to the setting up of an Instagram page for the Parish Council.

31/21 – Dementia Singing Friends

Members agreed since their ambition was to become a dementia friendly village, they were happy to support the group. They agreed for the Clerk to find out more information about the awareness information session and defer to the Civic Centre Management Committee.

32/21 – Pesticide Free Wombourne

Members agreed before they to support the initiative in principle to ask the Clerk to seek clarification on elements of the group’s policies, noting that we are a rural community with some residents relying on pesticides to make a living.

33/21 – Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Members agreed to support the initiative if it was only room hire that was required, in lieu of the usual donation to the school holiday play scheme.

34/21 – Terms of Reference for High Street Recovery and Rejuvenation Committee

Members agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference.

35/21 – 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 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated:

