



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 3rd March 2025** at 7.00pm

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

Present – Committee Members -

Councillors: Mike Davies, Elizabeth Keeling, Dan Kinsey BEM, Vince Merrick, Martin Perry, Mary Roberts (Chairman), Ian Sadler

Present – Non-Committee Members - Councillors: Matt Powell

Clerk – Rachael Wright

06/25 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Evans.

07/25 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dan Kinsey BEM informed members as he was the Chairman of Wombourne BKV, he would leave the room for the discussion regarding the Joan Williams Award, given a number of his Committee members had been nominated.

Councillor Elizabeth Keeling informed members one of the nominators of the Joan Williams Award was her mother. Members agreed she could remain present during the discussion.

08/25 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 20th January 2025

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

09/25 – Matters arising from 20th January 2025

None

10/25 – Christmas Lights Switch On Event

- a) Members noted the email from a resident
- b) Members agreed Got 2 Sing Choir could perform before their chosen School Choir with the event starting earlier to accommodate this
- c) Members agreed the format should remain the same but asked the Clerk to enquire again about silent fireworks

11/25 – Christmas Parcels for the Elderly

Members thoroughly reviewed the matter and concluded that no new information had been presented since their previous discussion. As a result, they reaffirmed their decision not to proceed with the initiative.

12/25 – Railway 200

Members reviewed the correspondence and agreed to inform the recipient of the miniature railway at Baggeridge Park and share posts of the celebrations on social media when they arise.

13/25 – Boating Rally

Members reviewed the correspondence and asked the Clerk to obtain further information in relation to the litter disposal required, to see if this is something South Staffordshire Council can assist with.

14/25 – Q3 Comparison Report

Members noted the report.

15/25 – Parish Van

- a) Members noted the available budget
- b) Members agreed they should seek clarification from someone who had expertise in purchasing commercial vehicles, rather than decide on the specification themselves
- c) Councillor Matt Powell agreed to seek guidance from a friend who repaired commercial vehicles and report back to the Committee

16/25 – Budget and Precept Explained Document

Member approved the document for publication.

7.58pm - Councillor Dan Kinsey left the room

17/25 – Joan Williams Award 2024

Members discussed the nominees in detail and agreed Jane Evans should receive the award for 2024. It was noted that Jane spends countless hours at all times and in all weathers to improve the appearance of the village. Members agreed to ‘shout out’ the other nominees on social media after Jane had been presented her award at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May.

8.09pm – Councillor Dan Kinsey BEM re-entered the room

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Dated: