

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF WALL PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at Wall Village Hall at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 23 January 2018

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a Meeting of Wall Parish Council to be held at Wall Village Hall, Watling Street, Wall, at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 23 January 2018** at which the following business will be transacted.



Peter Young
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
3. **Minutes:** To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 November 2017 (**Appendix 1**)
4. **Matters Arising on the Minutes**
5. **Policing Matters:** PCSO have been invited to attend.
6. **Meeting to adjourn for up to 15 minutes for Public Session. Meeting then to reconvene.**
7. **District and County Councillors' Reports** (if present)
8. **Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk** (including correspondence received)
9. **Highways and Open Spaces –**
 - a. Wall churchyard maintenance
 - b. Footpaths and verge maintenance - new contract
 - c. Community Payback Team
 - d. Parking in vicinity of Wall Village Hall
 - e. Thanks to Rev Denise Youngs, St John's Church, Wall

10. Planning

a. To consider planning applications:

17/01191/OUFMEI Deanslade Park 475 dwellings, etc Amended details

This application required a response by 5 January 2018. To endorse the following comments submitted on the application, as circulated to members:

The Council has considered the amended details for this application as of December 2017. The revised details only increase this Council's previous concerns about this development and in particular the increased traffic flows on the already overloaded Wall Island, and the consequential effects of Claypit Lane and Ashcroft Lane becoming a rat-run to avoid the overloaded Wall Island.

Wall Island

The traffic projections in the amended details show an additional 106 vehicle movements from the A5127 southbound onto Wall Island in the morning peak (and 25 extra northbound movements onto the A5127 from Wall Island).

The traffic projections for the pm peak show an additional 106 vehicle movements from Wall Island northbound onto the A5127 (and an extra 45 vehicle movements from the A5127 southbound onto Wall Island).

The Council believes these are a significant underestimate, because (as referred to by Highways England in its response) no allowance has been made for the effects of the completion of the Lichfield southern bypass which links into the A5127 Birmingham Road and which will generate considerable additional traffic movements southbound in the morning peak both from the large new residential development accessing the bypass south of Wordsworth Close, and from Lichfield City generally once the bypass link is established through to Birmingham Road. There will be corresponding increases in traffic movements northbound in the pm peak.

It should also be noted that the recent change from a dual lane to a single lane access southbound from the A51 London Road onto the Swinfen Island has considerably increased the morning peak queues at that junction, which will therefore encourage vehicles to seek an alternative southbound route via the new Lichfield southern bypass link and A5127 southbound, further increasing the am peak flows southbound at Wall Island.

The Council does not accept that the proposed addition of part-time am peak traffic signals on the A5127 southbound onto Wall Island will provide adequate amelioration. The additional delays caused by the phasing of the traffic light changes will only increase delays accessing the Wall island southbound in the am peak and generate additional delays northbound because of the proposed new traffic signals on the northern section of the island itself.

No measures at all are proposed to ameliorate the additional flows northbound onto the A5127 from Wall Island generally or in the pm peak. This is not acceptable. The northbound access from the Wall Island onto the A5127 is already overloaded and highly dangerous as the current traffic lights allow space for only 3 vehicles to queue before blocking the northern island itself.

Considerable remodelling of the Wall Island will be required to accommodate the increased traffic flows – the proposed tinkering with traffic lights at this junction will be counter-productive to traffic flows and add to the dangers at this island, which is already a major accident blackspot.

Claypit Lane and Ashcroft Lane rat-run

The traffic projections in the amended details still show absolutely no data for the effects on traffic flows on Claypit Lane and Ashcroft Lane. This data must be provided. The proposed new development accesses Claypit Lane via a roundabout, which will provide a much easier access to and from the development than the alternative route via a traffic light controlled T-junction onto the A5127 Birmingham Road. The Claypit Lane/Ashcroft Lane route also avoids the Wall Island because it has an underpass beneath the A5 and M6 Toll and so offers a highly desirable ‘rat-run’ alternative to the A5127/Wall Island route. It is inevitable therefore that there will be substantial increased flows on Claypit Lane and Ashcroft Lane. These are narrow and windy lanes, with the national speed limit applying for most of their length. Any additional traffic flows on these lanes will be highly dangerous.

A condition of the development must therefore be:

- a.) Comprehensive traffic modelling for the extra traffic flows on Claypit Lane/Ashcroft Lane.*
- b.) A roundabout junction access onto the A5127 instead of a T junction*
- c.) Deleting the current proposed roundabout junction onto Claypit Lane, and instead providing a roundabout junction directly onto Falkland Road*
- d.) Provision of substantial traffic calming, speed restrictions, or even closure of Claypit Lane. The Developer’s current suggestion that these are SCC Highway matters is simply untenable.*

b. To note decisions on previous applications:

11. Speed Watch Sign

To note that the Council has received a grant of £3,395 from the Community Foundation of Staffordshire Road Safety Grant Fund, to purchase a mobile speed watch sign with recording software.

12. Grant Application

To consider grant to St John the Baptist, Wall, towards costs of churchyard maintenance.

13. Budget and Precept 2018/19

A draft budget is attached as **Appendix 2** for consideration.

14. Accounts for Payment and bank reconciliation:

To approve bank reconciliation at 31 December 2017, and the payment of accounts – list to be circulated at meeting.

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 March 2018, 7.30pm Wall Village Hall.

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Appendix 1

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 7:30 pm at Wall Village Hall

Present: Cllr M J Crowe (Chairman) and Cllrs R Barker, J Linney, C Rubisch, A Ryman, P Sampson, R Saxton.

In attendance: Peter Young, Clerk.

Apologies: None: all members present.

16. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Cllr A Ryman applied for and was granted a dispensation to run until the annual meeting of Council in May 2019 permitting him to speak and vote on matters relating to St John the Baptist, Wall, in which he had a disclosable interest under Part B of the Council's Code of Conduct, as a member of the PCC.

17. Minutes

Cllr R Saxton to be added to the list of members present. Subject to this amendment the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 September 2017 as circulated with the agenda were approved and signed as a correct record.

18. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- a. Minute 36b - The gullies in Raikes Lane still needed to be emptied. **Action:** Clerk to report again to SCC.
- b. Minute 36f - There were continuing problems at the northern Wall Island for vehicles exiting to the A5127. **Action:** Clerk to write to Christopher Pincher MP seeking action.
- c. Minute 40d - The Wall Village Hall Management Committee had now purchased a screen and had a long-term loan of a projector. These could be made available for meetings of the Parish Council, so there was no immediate need for the Council to buy these items.
- d. Minute 41d – SCC had reported that the overgrown hedge opposite the bus shelter at Muckley Corner had been cut. **Action:** Chairman to check that the work had been done.

19. Policing Matters: PCSOs had sent apologies that they were unable to attend.

20. Public Session: No public present.

21. District and County Councillors' comments:

All had been sent the agenda notifying them that this item was on the agenda and asking for a reply if unable to attend. No responses had been received and no District or County Councillors were present.

22. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk (including correspondence received)

- f. A member reported that the area by the new fence which had been put up by Bromford Housing at the Butts was now overgrown. The Chairman agreed to investigate.
- g. A member reported that dog poo bags were being left in Market Lane. It was agreed that an item should appear in the next parish newsletter on this.
- h. Members reported that at the top end of Market Lane, and on Cranebrook Lane onto the A5 the lanes were now very narrow because the embanked verges needed cutting back. **Action:** Clerk to report to SCC.

23. Highways & Open Spaces

- a) **Churchyard Maintenance:** It was reported that the compost bin was full. Cllr Sampson in liaison with Cllr Barker and Cllr Ryman agreed to arrange for emptying and disposal of the bin and consider possible future involvement of the Community Payback team. Members also considered whether purchase of a mulching mower would reduce the amount of cuttings that needed to be composted. Members felt there needed to be closer liaison between the Parish Council and PCC on the churchyard maintenance e.g. on works required, and what works could be undertaken by the Community Payback Team.

b) SCC Revised Maintenance Priorities for Rights of Way:

SCC was currently undertaking a consultation which involved classifying public rights of way into 3 categories: 'A' where the majority of resources would be focussed, 'B' where some of the resources would be used, and 'C' which would be supported when resources allowed. A map showing the category proposed for each public right of way in the parish had been sent to members with the agenda, and was noted

c) Footpaths and verge maintenance:

The Clerk had prepared a draft verge-cutting contract. It was agreed that this should be for verge-cutting only, and that any other non-routine works should be arranged separately. **Action:** The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to make sites visits to agree the area of verge cutting required.

d) Mapping software:

Related to the above, the Clerk had arranged a free trial of online mapping software from Parish Online. This provided the ability to add a layer to maps to show the areas to be cut. It also had a number of other features such as Land Registry data, which would be useful for the Council.

Resolved: That the Council arrange to purchase the online mapping.

[Net cost £30 per annum, plus a one-off set up fee of £20 in first year]

e) Community Payback Team: It was noted that this was now operating again.

24. Planning

a. New applications: None.

b. Decisions on previous applications: The following decisions were noted:

Ref	Address	Details	Wall PC Comment	Date	Decision
17 02 823 W	Greener Composting, Wall	Vary condition 13 to allow the site to receive waste 7 days a week	No objections	23/06/2017	Granted 5/10/17
17/00624/FUL 17/00625/LBC	Wall Farm, Green Lane	Two storey rear extension, etc	No objections (with comments)	26/07/2017	Approved 12/10/17
17/01010/OHL	Pipe Hill	Overhead line, Pipe Hill	No objections	26/07/2017	Determined by DTI 26/9/17
17/01191/OUFMEI	Deanslade Park Project South of Falkland Road	475 dwellings, etc	Various comments re Claypit Lane etc	27/09/2017	Awaited
17/01036/COU	Springhill Farm Walsall Road	Change of use from agricultural building to form mausoleum	Recommend Refusal	27/09/2017	Approved 14/11/17
17/01188/OUT	Cranebrook Cottage, Pouk Ln	Erection of a single dwelling	Recommend Refusal	27/09/2017	Refused 02/11/17

25. Speed Watch Sign

a. A grant application had been submitted on 12 September to the Community Foundation of Staffordshire Road Safety Grant Fund, for a grant of £3,395 to purchase a mobile speed watch sign with recording software. No response to date from the grant application.

b. A member requested that the usual location for the speed camera van on Claypit Lane needed to be changed. **Action:** Clerk to contact Marisha Place.

26. Proposed changes to Parish Council Local Council Tax Support Grant from 2018/19

It was noted that Lichfield District Council at its meeting on 17 October had confirmed that no local council tax support grant would be paid to parishes with effect from 1 April 2018. The amount of support grant received by the Council in the current year was £457, which represented 4.4 % of the total precept of £10,500.

It was noted that the 2018/19 tax base for the parish (the amount of income raised for each £1 of Band D Council tax) would be £193.88, an increase of 1.1% on the 2017/18 tax base of £193.88. The Council's 2018/19 budget would be set at its January meeting.

27. General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk outlined to members the scope and implications of the General Data Protection Regulations which would take effect from 28 May 2018 and considerably extend the scope of current Data Protection legislation. The Chairman and Clerk had attended a recent SCC seminar on this matter.

28. Grant Applications

- a. **Resolved: That a grant of £100 be made to the Beatus Choral Group towards costs of their concert at St John the Baptist Church on 8 December 2017.**
- b. Members considered details supplied by St John's PCC of their churchyard maintenance costs for 2017 to date. It was agreed that further consideration needed to be given to these figures and the matter would therefore be considered at the Council's January meeting.

29. Future /Meeting dates

The following meeting dates were confirmed. All meeting at 7.30pm at Wall Village Hall.

Tuesday 23 January 2018 (budget setting meeting)

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Wednesday 16 May 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Council Meeting)

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Wednesday 19 September 2018

Wednesday 21 November 2018

Wednesday 16 January 2019 (budget setting meeting)

Wednesday 20 March 2019

Wednesday 15 May 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Council Meeting)

(NB Council election date scheduled for Thursday 2 May 2019)

30. Accounts for Payment and bank reconciliation:

- a. Members noted the receipts & payments schedule and bank reconciliation at 31 October 2017.
- b. **Resolved: payment of the following accounts:**

Date Paid	Chq	Payee	Details	TOTAL
05/10/2017	709	ACW Arb (replaced chq 704)	Make oak tree safe - loose limb	100.00
05/10/2017	710	Greenland Garden Services	Grass Cutting - Invoice 79 (3 October cut)	200.00
13/10/2017	711	Wall Village Hall	Room Hire 27/9/17	18.00
29/11/2017	712	Morgan Garden Services	Drain clearing, sweeping, etc	340.00
29/11/2017	713	M J Crowe	Mileage and parking expenses	31.14
29/11/2017	714	P Young	Net Salary Oct/Nov 2017 + expenses	390.57
29/11/2017	715	HMRC	PAYE on salary	93.00
29/11/2017	716	Wall Village Hall	Room Hire 29/11/17	18.00
29/11/2017	717	Beatus	Grant re concert on 8/12/17	100.00

31. Confidentiality: Resolved: That by reason of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting.

32. Staffing matters

An employment contract/job description for Mr P Young to become Parish Clerk from 1 Dec 2017 had been circulated to members. This was confirmed and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

Appendix 2

Draft Budget 2018/19

	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Actual at 31/12/17	2017/18 Projected Actual	2018/19 Draft Budget
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
PRECEPT	7,435	10,043	10,043	10,600
Local Council Tax Support Grant	565	457	457	0
Lengthsman and grass cutting	0	2,359	2,360	950
Transparency Fund grant	798	0	0	0
Community Paths Initiative	585	0	0	0
Phonebox Project	400	0	0	0
Community Speedwatch sign grant	0	3,395	0	0
Wall Leaflets	177	140	150	150
Balance adjustment	1,893	0	0	0
VAT refunds	0	0	460	100
Gross Receipts	11,853	16,394	13,470	11,800

PAYMENTS

Employee Costs	2,023	1,832	2,770	2,830
General Administration	1,558	814	1,320	1,450
Lengthsman and grass cutting	3,904	2,005	2,770	3,000
Community Paths Initiative	123	0	0	0
Phone Box Project	196	88	300	100
Community Speedwatch sign	0	0	3,395	0
Other Projects	325	307	505	520
Grants Paid out	1,682	100	1,700	1,700
Car park light	175	142	180	2,000
VAT on payments (refundable)	230	103	120	100
Gross Payments	10,216	5,390	13,060	11,700

BALANCES

Opening Balance 1 April	3,614	5,251	5,251	5,661
Profit (Loss) on year	1,637	11,005	410	100
Closing Balance	5,251	16,256	5,661	5,761

COUNCIL TAX ANALYSIS

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	% increase
Precept (excluding LCTSG)	7,435.00	10,043.00	10,600.00	5.5%
Local Council Tax Support Grant	565.00	457.00	0.00	-100%
Apportioned Tax Base	193.60	193.88	196.10	1.1%
Resultant Band D Tax	38.40	51.80	54.05	4.4%