

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday
30th January, 2013 at 7.30pm in Wall Village Hall.

Members Present:

M. J. Crowe – Chairman J. Linney C Rubisch

P. Sampson R Barker F. Ellett

In Attendance:

C. Dillow – Parish Clerk,

4 members of the public
(Including County Cllr Erica Bayliss,
District Cllrs Rita Hancocks & David
Salter)

Action

1. Apologies received

Apologies were received from Councillor A Ryman

2. Absence noted and approved

Apologies were noted and approved

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 28th November 2012

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 28th November, 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Item 11 - scaffolding in Watling St was taken down but has since gone back up due to the work not being completed properly. Drains outside No 61 have not caused anymore problems. Community Ice Busters Scheme has been used (brine) it proved Useful but only when covered in ice it does not get rid of snow. Clarification is needed if the scheme comes under public service? As it is unclear if the footpaths can be scraped? Cllr David Salter to send link across. Residents were happy with the help to clear their driveways.

Cllr DS

Cllr F Ellet requested that the clerk include the description on the planning decisions not just the application number.

5. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest

The Chairman requested that item 20 of the agenda be reviewed after Item 7/8 of the agenda due to the nature of the public session.

6. **The Chairman adjourned the meeting**

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7. Public session

1 member of the public attended the meeting to express their concerns re planning application no: 13/00034/FUL (item 20 of the agenda). The resident is concerned that the application is to erect a 3 bedroom bungalow on a site that was originally said to be used for additional parking for a bistro. The application would have an adverse affect on the residents property as it is adjoining & lower than the proposed bungalow, this would cause significant noise and light issues within the residents property. The resident has also sent a letter to Lichfield District Council planning department expressing their concerns, a copy was handed to the clerk.

8. **The Chairman reconvened the meeting**

20. Planning applications

13/00034/FUL – N H Planning, Former The Olde Corner House Hotel, Walsall Rd, Muckley Corner, Lichfield, Erection of a 3 bedroom detached bungalow with alterations to parking and associated landscape. The council agreed to object to the application on the grounds of over development and the adverse affect on the adjoining property. The clerk was asked to include a copy of the residents letter with the councils refusal.

Clerk 31/01

9. Clerk's report

The Clerk reported R Catmur has recorded £9.09 in leaflet sales

10. Correspondence

The clerk tabled an invitation for the Annual Dinner Dance – Lichfield DC

11. Councillor's business

Councillor Crowe reported that the community speed watch scheme would be up and running again shortly in the Wall, Shenstone, Little Aston and Stonnel areas. Councillor Crowe and Ellett will require refresher training and councilor Sampson has previously asked to come on board. The police commissioner wants to push forward with the scheme but a central contact point is needed. District Councillor Rita Hancocks will look into this and report back, Councillors agreed they are happy to continue with the scheme.

12. District and County Councillors report

Councillors have nothing to report at this time.

A special thanks was given to Councillor Sampson and his wife for being good neighbours and making the elderly residents ok during the winter and helping to clear the snow in the village.

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13. BKV Competition 2013

The council all agreed they wish to enter the competition for 2013 and suggestions for this year were made. Clerk to complete entry form and produce a new map, clerk and councilor Sampson to liaise

**Cllr PS
Clerk 31/01**

14. Damaged Inspection Cover (Junc Watling St & Main A5)

Highways incident response unit have made the area safe and a permanent repair will be programmed in, but we are not sure when this will be? need to keep chasing it.

**Cllr JC
Clerk 04/03**

15. Grassed area adjacent car park

This area was previously maintained by the district council but the Jubilee Milestone is in place now so it needs to be looked after. Also the grassed picnic area needs to be looked at and how we can maintain it ourselves. Currently the community pay back team has been up keeping the area, using the mower donated last year by a local resident. We have a labour force but we will need to allocate some funds to enable the areas to be maintained sufficiently. Costs have been requested, to be reported to the next meeting to give the council an idea of expected expenditure. Councillor Crowe asked for agreement in principal that the council takes pride and looks after the areas, Council are all in agreement.

Cllr FE

16. Damaged bench alongside bus shelter (remedial action taken)

Councillor Sampson reported that the concrete has eroded making the bench unsafe as it could be pushed over. In the short term, the back of the bench has been removed to help prevent this but ideally a replacement bench is needed. The clerk has been trying to source a replacement (foc) but will also look into the costs of a new bench.

Clerk 01/02

17. Parish Council Newsletter

The idea of producing a parish council newsletter a few times a year was presented to the council, this will enable the council to engage with the community better and to promote events such as the BKV Competition, Annual Parish Meeting, Chairman's annual report, Councillors & Clerks contact details as well as many other things. The council all agreed the newsletter is a good idea. The clerk will produce a template for consideration at the next meeting. Costs / No of copies / times per year etc will need to be determined.

Clerk 21/02

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18. Friends of letocetum – small grant meeting facilities

The group meets 2-3 times a year and all members are volunteers. Currently they have no funds available to cover the costs of hiring a venue for the meetings (usually the village hall @ £10.00 an hour). Councillor Sampson suggested a small grant be given to the group to fund future meetings, they usually have up to 30 people attend the meetings so a suitable venue such as the village hall is needed. Councillor Crowe proposed the parish council fund the hire costs for meetings up to the cost of £100.00 as a grant fund in any one 12 month period. The Council are all in agreement with the proposal.

19. Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated details of the current bank account, that indicated a favourable balance of £1,146.41

Cheques approved and signed at the meeting were

	<u>£</u>
Morgan Garden Services	£790.00
C Dillow	£290.74
Village Hall	£18.00 (this was amended to £58.00 to include funding for the FOL meetings)
N Power	£30.39
BKV	£15.47

20. Planning applications

Reviewed after item 7/8 of the agenda as requested by the Chairman due to the nature of the public session.

21. Planning Decisions

12/01135/FUL – Granted, The Gables Walsall Rd – Installation of 40 Ground mounted photovoltaic panels,
12/01136/FUL – Granted, John Brown nurseries ltd – Install Of 44 ground mounted photovoltaic panels
12/00726/FUL – Refused, Manor Farm, Wall Ln – Erection of 2 x 50kw windturbines
12/01177/FUL – Granted, Grange Farmhouse, Ashcroft Ln – Demolition of existing outbuilding & extensions to form kitchen, utility, bathroom & garage
12/01186/LBC – Granted, Pipe Hill House, Walsall Rd – Replacement of existing window on rear elevation of property.

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18. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 27th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Chairman

Date