

# WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at 7.30pm in Wall Village Hall.

## Members Present:

M. J. Crowe – Chairman      F Ellett      C Rubisch

A Ryman                      J Linney      R Barker

## In Attendance:

C. Dillow – Parish Clerk,

3 members of the public  
(Including District Councillor Mr D Salter  
and County Councillor Mr D Smith)

## Action

### 1. Apologies received

Apologies were received from Councillor P Sampson

### 2. Absence noted and approved

Noted

### 3. Declaration of interests

Councillor J Linney, J Crowe and F Ellett declared an interest in item  
13 of the agenda

### 4. Approval of minutes of meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

The clerk reported that regarding item 4 & 11 of the last minutes the  
Bollard on the A5 has now been replaced, the verges on the A5 have  
been reported but are still uncut, the electricity sub-station doors have  
been reported and the clerk is waiting on the local team to contact her.  
grass cuttings on the Butts will not be taken away as it is Bromfords  
Service level agreement, they say it is greener for the environment and  
is known as mulch mowing. The Lichfield District Council sign has  
been reported as damaged but no further information is available as yet.  
The clerk has spoken to the Acting Collections Manager at Royal Mail  
re the post box being repainted, he says there is a 3yr maintenance  
programme and unless the box is vandalised they will not come and  
paint it outside of the maintenance programme, he is going to try and find

out when Wall is schedule in. It was noted that the landowner's hedges in Ashcroft Lane are overhanging the footpath.

6. **The Chairman adjourned the meeting**

7. **Public session**

None

8. **The Chairman reconvened the meeting**

9. **Clerk's report**

The Clerks report was tabled and it was noted that R Catmur has recorded £41.16 in leaflet sales, the clerk reported Wall has been awarded Highly Commended in the Small Village category of the Best Kept Village Competition. The clerk informed members the Annual Return has been received back from Grant Thornton with no comments.

**Correspondence**

- Watchman Letter – Tamworth Borough Council for Information
- Community Council of Staffordshire AGM 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Communities Councils & Clerks July Newsletter
- Electoral Review of Lichfield
- Staffordshire Playing Fields Association AGM 16<sup>th</sup> October / Annual Subscriptions for 2013/14
- Staffordshire Police Change of local policing team commander
- Nominations for executives – Staffordshire Parish Council Association

All of the above were noted, **Resolved** Clerk to write letter of support to Tamworth Borough Council and write to the Electoral Boundary Review to comment Wall Parish Council wish to remain with the current arrangements it was noted that Wall is never included on the Staffordshire Police letter headings, Clerk to write to them asking if we can be added. **Clerk**

10. **Councillor's business**

Councillor Linney reported there are 3 potholes on The Butts, Councillor Ellett reported the sign at the end of the Service Road east end just above the layby is damaged and needs replacing. **Resolved** Clerk to report to Highways. Councillor Crowe reported there has been a lack of footpath maintenance on Muckley Corner which is causing access problems. **Resolved** Clerk to report to Rights of Way Officer. **Clerk**

**11. District and County Councillors report**

Councillor D Salter congratulated the Parish Council on its achievement in the Best Kept Village Competition. It was noted there is an Action of Staffordshire event on 14<sup>th</sup> October in Hints Village Hall and The Highways Agency are still reviewing Plans for Wall Island. Councillor D Smith reported that he is looking at many issues such as Hospitals, car boot sales, Springhill Cemetery. He informed members that any applications to the Community Fund Need to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**12. To receive update on Wall Car park project**

In Councillor Sampson's absence Councillor Crowe reported that the Project is near completion and thanked the Ryman family for their Help.

**13. To receive update on Wall Village Hall Shed Project**

Councillor Crowe reported the project is now complete, the shed just needs a few shelves to go up, it is being used to store the tools. Thanks will be passed on to Mr Sampson for his help in the project.

**14. To receive update on Bench donated by Councillor J Linney**

Councillor Crowe reported the Parish Council is very grateful to Councillor Linney for his kind donation, the plaque has now been fitted and is in remembrance of Mr Linney's late wife Joan who worked very hard in the village, 'it is very fitting'. Councillor Linney thanked everyone involved in the work carried out to fit the bench.

**15. To agree item for Lengtmans Scheme and approve of work**

Councillors will check the Parish for works required and prioritise, Councillors to report back to the Clerk.

**16. To receive presentation on parish / neighbourhood plan - Clerk**

The Clerk gave a presentation on neighbourhood & Parish plans, highlighting the benefits to the Parish and the difference between the two types of plans, there is also a grant available from the Government up to £7000.00 to help fund the cost of developing a neighbourhood plan County Councillor Smith also reported the benefits of having a neighbourhood plan in place and the processes involved.

Councillor Salter informed members that Shenstone Parish have a neighbourhood plan meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October should anyone wish to attend to for information purposes.

**Resolved** the council wish to proceed with developing a neighbourhood plan for the Parish, Clerk to let Lichfield District Council know in the first instance and make the application for a grant.

**17. Clerk financial report – Appendix 2**

The Clerk circulated details of the current bank account, that indicated a favourable balance of £1978.95

Cheques approved and signed at the meeting were -

Wall village hall	18.00
C Dillow	377.42
Grant Thornton	120.00
P Sampson	187.13
Greenlands	398.00
Wall Village Hall	20.00

**17. Planning applications – Appendix 3**

None received.

**18. Planning Decisions – Appendix 3**

13/00914/LBC – Listed Building Consent – Mr N Misselke  
Pipe Hill House, Walsall Rd, Pipehill, Lichfield - Works to listed building to enable refurbishment and repair of existing windows and installation of new steel casements and glazing and the reinstatement of external door - **GRANTED**

13/00626/FUL – Mr L Friend – The Glade, Walsall Rd, Muckley Corner, Lichfield - Retention of balustrades to single storey rear extension - **GRANTED**

13/00385/FUL – St Johns Church, Green Lane, Wall – Single storey side extension to form meeting room, WC and Lobby – **GRANTED**

**19. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Meeting closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm



Chairman

27th November 2014

Date