

## WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm in Wall Village Hall.

### Members Present:

M. J. Crowe – Chairman      F Ellett      C Rubisch

P Sampson      R Barker      A Ryman      J Linney

### In Attendance:

C. Dillow – Parish Clerk,

1 member of the public

**ACTION**

1. **Apologies received**

None received

2. **Absence noted and approved**

None.

3. **Declaration of interests**

None declared.

4. **Approval of minutes of meetings held on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

Cllr Sampson commented that the blue box and sand bag had now been moved.

6. **The Chairman adjourned the meeting**

7. **Public session**

1 member of the public commented that there had been recent evidence of a large amount of dog fouling within the parish especially on the pavements from the Butts to the Church and along Watling Street. The Chairman commented the matter will be irritated in the next issue of the Wall Parish Council newsletter along with any other means of

highlighting the matter.

**8. The Chairman reconvened the meeting**

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**ACTION**

**9. Best Kept Village Competition and Results**

The Clerk reported the results of the competition being Wall had been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the small village category and also read out the judges comments. The comments were noted and taken on board for next years competition. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sampson for all his hard work and involvement.

**10. Highways and Open Spaces**

- **Verges maintenance rural roads**  
 Cllr Ellett reported some of the lanes within the Parish have now been mowed, but it appeared to be too late in the year. **RESOLVED** Clerk to write to Staffordshire County Council Highways Department expressing the Parish Council appreciates the need for conservation but the need for safety throughout the Parish should not be dismissed. **Clerk**
- **Churchyard and Surrounding areas**  
 It was noted the Church are planning on carrying out various maintenance and access issues within the Church surrounds and would appreciate any help from the Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** the Parish council would need to see a long term plan before any decision could be made. Cllr Barker added he has a 2 gates that he is happy to donate to the Church to help with the immediate access issues.
- **Wall Island issues since completion**  
 It was noted some of the immediate complications in regards to the back up of traffic have now been rectified. Since the new road layout there have been 3 reported accidents. Cllr Ryman reported there still appears to be some confusion with the lanes and the left hand lane should solely be a single lane. **RESOLVED** Cllr Crowe to contact Lichfield District Cllr's and confer with Shenstone Parish Council for a joint conclusion to the issue. **JC**
- **Warning signage for Railway Bridge in Watling Street**  
 Cllr Crowe reported the warning signs for the low bridge are insufficient and in the wrong position for vehicles, particularly HGV'S entering the location. The signs ideally need to be replaced or moved back towards the cross roads before vehicles enter the road. **RESOLVED** Clerk to write Staffordshire County Highways to request better signage. **Clerk**

**Neighbourhood Team**

It was noted the NHT team will be visiting the Parish next week and any areas of work need to be reported to the Clerk . Cranebrook Lane up to Commons side was identified with the verges and over hanging trees in need of cutting back as well as the other areas of interest already reported to the Clerk.

## **11. Councillors reports**

Cllr Rubisch commented on the amount of litter on the A51 to Muckley Corner that has been exposed since the central reservation has been cut. It was noted the District Councillor has been informed and it was RESOLVED for the clerk to write to Lichfield District Council with our concerns and ask them to clear it. **Clerk**

Cllr Rubisch also reported there is still a problem with dangerous parking outside the Trooper Inn. The cars are parking on the white lines too close to the junction, causing visibility problems when trying to pull out. RESOLVED to contact PCSO Brian Harbon and ask him to raise the issue of safety with the owners. **Clerk**

Cllr Ryman commented on an email received from the Clerk regarding the Community Paths Initiative bid and the request for the Landowners permission to replace stiles within the Parish with kissing gates. It was noted some of the stiles have already been removed. RESOLVED to defer the item to the next agenda as there is a need for further clarification and priority.

Cllr Sampson tabled some designs of village signs and asked for clarification of design so approval and costs can be determined. Members decided on two designs that where suitable and in-keeping with the village. RESOLVED Cllr Sampson to obtain definitive costs and speak to County Highways regarding permissions to be reported at the next meeting. **PS**

## **12. District & County Councillor's comments**

None present.

## **13. To received Clerk's report & Correspondence – Appendix 1**

### **Clerk's Report**

- Sale of Leaflets - £43.07
- To receive update on mobile enforcement - Nothing further to report
- CiLCA bursary update – The Clerk informed members the bursary scheme is no longer running for this year and the CiLCA fee has increased to £250.00. It was RESOLVED to fund the Clerk's training and split the fee with the Clerk's other employee (Longdon parish Council) providing they are happy to do the same.

- Neighbourhood Planning

The Clerk reported nothing further has been done at this stage and a date for a drop in session needs to be determined, along with finding volunteers to join a working group. There is a need for the Councillors to come on board at this point to help find volunteers and some of the Councillors would need to be

part of the working group on a long term basis.

**ACTION**

It was RESOLVED to produce a newsletter advertising the drop in session and advertising for volunteers, to be distributed to all households in the Parish as soon as possible. It was noted information needs to be obtained to be presented at the drop in session.

**Correspondence**

- Community Council of Staffordshire – AGM
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust – Financial Report
- Staffordshire Playing Fields Association – Membership Renewal & AGM
- SPCA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gazette

The above correspondence was received, no further action required.

**14. Clerk's Financial report – Appendix 2**

The payments approved for payments were:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
24/09/2014	Greenland Garden Services	199.00	000553
24/09/2014	Mrs C Dillow (Salary & Expenses Aug – Sept)	339.97	000554
24/09/2014	Wall Village Hall (Room Hire Sept)	18.00	000555
24/09/2014	N Power	39.54	000556

**Current Bank Account details as at 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	£	6718.12	£
<b>Add receipts:</b>			
Leaflet sales		0.00	
Grass Cutting		475.15	
<b>Less Cheques:</b>			
Wall Village Hall			18.00

C Dillow	339.97
N Power	39.54
Greenlands	199.00

Balance C/F	6596.76
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ACTION

14. **To receive planning applications & decisions – Appendix 3**

None received.

14. **Date and venue of next meeting**

Wall Village Hall – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm

**Meeting closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

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Chairman

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Date

