

## WALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7:30 pm at Wall Village Hall

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

**In Attendance:** Peter Young (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr R Barker (apologies accepted).

**38. Declarations of Interest:** None.

#### **39. Minutes**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda were approved and signed as a correct record.

**40. Matters Arising on the Minutes:** None

#### **41. Policing Matters:**

No officers present.

Members commented on parking outside the Trooper at the junction of Green Lane/Watling Street which was creating a traffic hazard. It was felt that double yellow lines were needed at this junction.

**Action:** this item to be raised in forthcoming meeting with Mary Lee of Staffordshire Highways.

Members expressed concern about increasing rural crime and the apparent low priority given by the Police to investigating crimes and patrolling rural areas. **Action:** Clerk to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Ellis, expressing the Council's concerns.

**42. Public Session:** No members of the public present.

#### **43. District and County Councillors' Reports:**

County Cllr D Smith had submitted a written report which was read to members.

District Councillors for the Hammerwich and Wall Ward had been invited, but no reply received.

**44. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk:** The following matters were reported:

- a. Conservation Area Appraisal – this would now be considered by LDC in November.
- b. LDC was running two 'Be a [District] Councillor' sessions at the Frog Lane office on 10 October to encourage more people to stand for the local elections in May 2019.
- c. SPCA was running a course on 'Budgets, Precepts & Annual Returns' on 1 November at 7pm, and on 'VAT' on 8 November 7pm.
- d. The Community Council of Staffordshire had closed down on 20 August. The Best Kept Village Competition would in future be run by the Community Foundation for Staffordshire.
- e. Staffordshire Playing Fields Association's AGM was at Stafford, at 2pm on 17 October. Their Annual Report had been received.
- f. The next meeting of the Lichfield District Parish Forum was on 22 October at 7pm in the LDC Council Chamber. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were invited to meet the Leader and new Cabinet members at 6.30pm the same evening.
- g. Action on Hearing Loss were seeking a venue for advice/information sessions.
- h. The SPCA AGM was at 6.45pm on 3 December 2018 at Stafford. Motions for debate and nominations for the Executive Committee were invited.
- i. The walnut tree on parish council land by the old phone-box was in need of pruning.  
**Action:** Cllr Sampson to arrange works and any necessary Conservation Area consent.

#### 45. Highways & Open Spaces

- a. Wall Car Park: Members noted that it would be possible to introduce a 24-hour maximum stay parking restriction for the car park. An abandoned vehicle had been left in the car park for many weeks recently, but this had now been removed. It was agreed not to pursue a parking restriction at the current time as the car park was useful for residents on Watling Street to keep their vehicles off the road, but the matter would be reviewed if there were any more long-stay parking problems in the car park. There were occasional incidents of driving schools continuing to use the car park.
- b. Best Kept Village Competition: Wall had been awarded a 'Highly Commended'. The Clerk read out the judges' comments.
- c. Community Payback Team: Cllr Sampson reported. There were some staffing and continuity issues at present caused by cut backs in the service. Wall may no longer receive weekly visits.

#### 46. Speed Watch Sign

The deadline for spending the grant had been extended by six months to 14/03/19. County Councillor David Smith had provided budget costings for the shared scheme with other parishes. The four locations for the mobile sign in Wall had been agreed; two of which were on private land and two on highway land. The signs on highway land would require a licence from SCC Highways and a 'permit to dig', and the use of an SCC approved contractor. The costs of this were high, but County Councillor David Smith had indicated that he may be able to get the costs for the licence and permit to dig reduced.

The clerk circulated details of various signs from three different companies, together with prices. It was agreed to purchase a sign which collected traffic speed data, but that this should be a battery-powered sign rather than a solar-powered sign.

It was agreed that the Council should proceed to purchase its one sign to be used at the locations in Wall, and that other parishes/signs could be added at a later date if needed.

***Resolved: That delegated authority be given to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to purchase a speed sign and make the necessary arrangements for its siting at the agreed locations.***

#### 47. Car Park Light

It was agreed that the existing mains powered lighting column should be re-fixed at its current location but with a suitable barrier to prevent it being knocked by vehicles. A new LED light with associated works to the former phone booth, would also be installed as previously agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange the necessary works.

#### 48. Planning Applications:

- a. **New applications:** None.
- b. **Decisions on previous applications:** The following were noted:

Ref	Address	Details	Wall PC Comment	Decision
18/00632/FULM	Barn Farm, Cranebrook Lane, Hilton	Erection of agricultural building with lean-to canopy;	Recommend Refusal. non-conforming development in the Green Belt and unsuitable access down narrow lanes. <b>Additional comment</b> submitted 27/08/2018 about access onto A5	Awaited
18/00916/PND	Little Oaks Farm, Boat Lane	Change of use from agricultural to form 3 residential dwellings	No objections	Awaited
18/01006/COU	Grange Farm, Ashcroft Lane	Change of use to form a two-bedroom dwelling etc	No objections	Awaited
18/01050/FUL	The Bungalow, Grange Farm, Ashcroft Lane	Single storey extension to form lounge, kitchen, etc.	An innovative development but concerns as to whether it complies with Green Belt Policy	Awaited

**49. Accounts for Payment**

The bank reconciliation at 31 August 2018 was noted and

**Resolved: payment of the following:**

Date Paid	Chq No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
18/08/2018	745	P Sampson (re-imburse) Total £42.30	Unicorn restorations - glazing pin set	28.32
			Amazon - grass strimmer cord	13.98
19/09/2018	760	Unicorn Restorations	Door straps etc	65.76
19/09/2018	761	SJL Landscapes	Verge cutting Invoice 2955	144.00
19/09/2018	762	Wall Village Hall <b>Total £198.00</b>	Use by Payback Team 22/7/18 to 16/9/18	180.00
			Room Hire 18/7/18 Council	18.00
19/09/2018	763	P Young	Net Salary August/September + expenses	421.92
19/09/2018	764	HMRC	PAYE on salary	94.80
				<b>966.78</b>

**50. Dates of Next Meetings:**

Wed 21 Nov 2018, 7.30 pm at Wall Village Hall

Wed 9 Jan 2019, 7.30 pm at Wall Village Hall

***There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:55 pm***

Chairman: .....

Date: .....