

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley

Present: Councillors R Breeze
 N England
 J Loveridge
 M Randle
 A Watkin

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk)
 Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary, taking the minutes)

Public Open Session

There were two members of the community present at the meeting.

Mr Brian Edwards came along to witness the Parish Council in operation at a Committee and Mr Arron Perry attended to explain the operation of his Bee Colony and Hives located at the Parish Allotment site.

Mr Perry stated that he had 6 hives at the site which were used to house the 3 colonies and manage their activities. He commented that bees swarmed naturally but he attempted to minimise the swarming and reduce the effects on other plot holders wherever possible.

Cllr Watkin said that, as a fellow plot holder, he had recently been stung. Mr Perry stated that no one had reported any issues to him regarding the bees. The Deputy Clerk stated that 2 weeks ago, 2 people had reported stings and two people had witnessed the swarming and had had to move to the poly tunnel to escape the bees.

Cllr England explained the natural benefit of bees but accepted the issues present and suggested that a risk assessment be made and report back to the next meeting. Cllr England also suggested that the Parish explore the levels of good practice, in keeping bee hives etc, with the national beekeeping association (NBA)

Mr Perry stated that he had the appropriate insurance with the NBA and was asked by the Deputy Clerk to furnish the Parish with a copy to file.

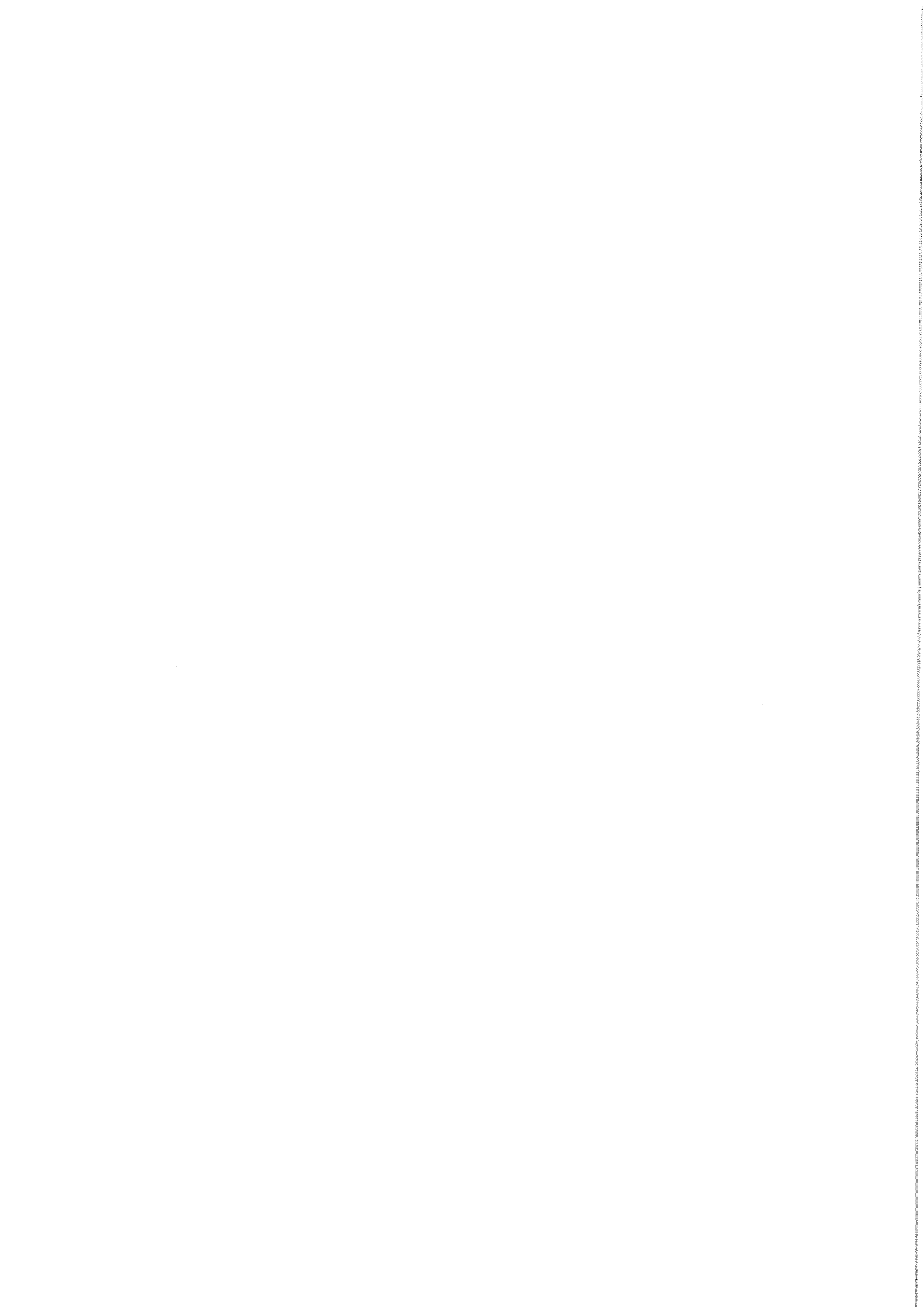
The Deputy Clerk agreed to obtain information relating to the relevant insurance level, a risk assessment exercise and levels of good practice at other hives.

CE/19/01 ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Cllr M Randle was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge and seconded by Cllr N England; and Cllr A Watkin was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr A Watkin, and after a show of hands, it was **RESOLVED – that Cllr M Randle be elected to the position of Chair of the Community & Environment Committee for 2019/20.**

CE/19/02 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIR

Cllr R Breeze was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr M Randle; and Cllr A Watkin was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr N England; and after a show of hands subsequently **RESOLVED – that Cllr R Breeze be appointed to the position of Vice Chair of the Community & Environment Committee for 2019/20.**



CE/19/03 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T Bate (work commitments) and Mrs J Loveridge (T&WC commitments) which were accepted unanimously.

Cllrs S Parr and G Sinclair was also unable to attend

CE/19/04 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 9th April 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/19/05 ACTION

Cllr Breeze, in referring to minute 103 asked of any progress regarding the provision of a bin near the Rose & Crown Public House – the Deputy Clerk agreed to obtain a quotation for the work.

Cllr Breeze also commented following minute 104, regarding the iD Verde contract and the overgrowing foliage and branches at Northwood Terrace and Stirchley Lane. The Deputy Clerk stated that she would take the opportunity to report the matter to the Ideverdi representative that was to attend the Working Lunch at the Parish Centre the following day.

CE/19/06 COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND

Mr Conner Furnival was unable to attend the Committee to make a presentation regarding the merits and value of membership of the CPRE to the local environment.

The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

CE/19/07 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Deputy Clerk reported upon :-

Parks - Telford and Wrekin Council had made improvements to Calcott Park and the Parish had also had the remedial work on the equipment at Redgra completed. The play area now needed a top up of bark and the Skate Board Park at Brookside was showing signs of wear and tear.

Eatwell Holiday Club - Telford and Wrekin Council was offering the chance of funding to reduce holiday hunger for children who receive school meals during term time. Along with other partner including Big Local, Baden Powell scouts and Funzone, the Parish had submitted a bid to provide food and activities.

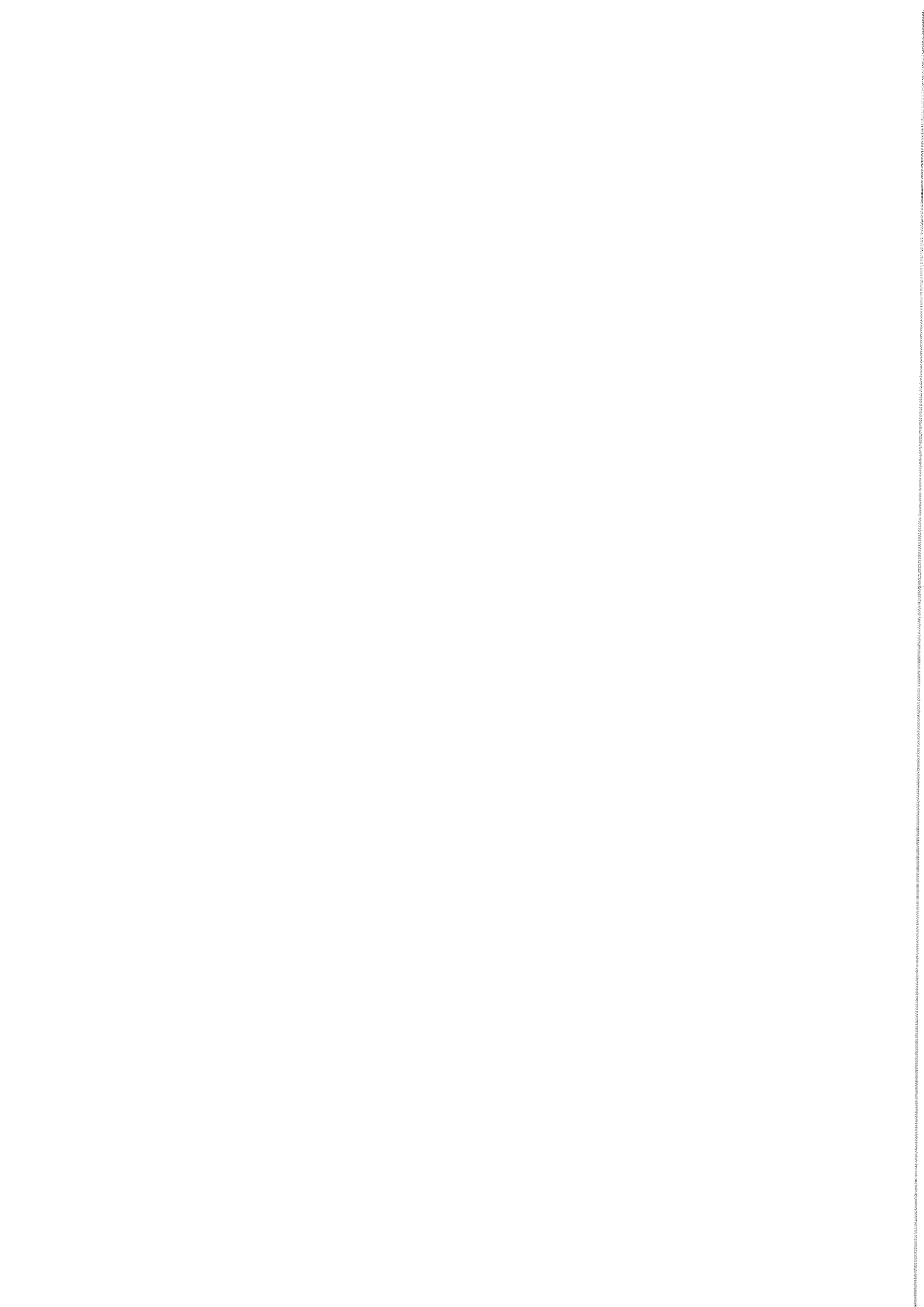
The Youth Club had started in Brookside and was running well with 2 sessions a week.

Working Lunch - Next Working Lunch is on 5th June, all welcome.

The id verde contract had been running a few weeks and there have been some teething problems that had been reported.

CE/19/08 COMMUNITY EVENTS – Pot Your Own Day

The Deputy Clerk commented upon the impending Pot Your Own Day planned for the weekend and appealed for volunteers to assist on the day on Saturday 8th June 2019 at 11am until 1pm. All Cllrs present offered to help if their diaries allowed.



CE/18/09 **BEES AT THE ALLOTMENTS**

The Committee was invited to discuss the merits of the views of the public that were expressed earlier in the Public Open Session element of the meeting.

Cllr Breeze whilst stating the need for bees in the environment, suggested that the Parish explore accepted practice elsewhere. Cllr England reemphasised the need for a risk assessment

Cllr Watkin commented upon the responsibilities of the Parish Council having knowledge of the issues caused by the bees and that minimum delay in the decision process was needed.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr M Randle, and subsequently **RESOLVED – that the Deputy Clerk be requested to obtain further information and report to the next meeting.**

CE/18/10 **GRANTS**

The Committee consider the following grant applications under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

Cinderloo project – application by email but with insufficient detail to be considered. When a full grant application had been received at the PC Office it would be included on the agenda for the next available meeting.

CE/19/11 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –The Committee received details of and considered the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council:-

- a) **TWC 2019/ - none**
- b) Any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda - **TWC 2019/ - none**
- c) Any information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish – **TWC/2019 - none**
- d) Any Pre-Application enquiries received - **PE/2019 - none**

CE/19/12 **COUNCILLORS REPORTS** Councillors' reports were made on matters relevant to the Committee as follows:-

Cllr J Loveridge commented that the Brookside Centre fridge was being supplied by Liddel AIDi and CoOp . Furthermore at a recent christening event at Brookside some litter from another barbeque event outside the Centre had attracted complaints from iDverde staff and the matter was required to be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Cllr Randle commented upon potholes at Bishopdale.

Cllr Watkin commented on an incident of children throwing stones at a vehicle

Cllr England informed the Committee that the Borough Councillor Pride funding of £2000 per Member was now available for allocation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.03 pm

Signed

Dated

