

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley

Present: Councillors A Watkin – Chair
 J Loveridge – Vice Chair
 R Breeze
 L Hogger
 S Parr
 M Randle
Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Clerk)
 Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk, taking the minutes)

Cllr J Loveridge, in his capacity as Vice-Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting - as Cllr Watkin was running late.

Public Open Session

The meeting was attended by members of the community who wished to present their objections to planning application TWC 2017/1018 Land adjacent to 4 Tunnel Cottages, Aqueduct Lane, Stirchley.

Cllr A Watkin arrived at 6:15pm and took the Chair.

Residents were pleased that highways had objected. It was agreed that the application seemed to be speculative, this plot of land has a history of failed planning applications. One resident had been encouraged to enter into negotiations with Wrekin Housing Trust to purchase the land and had incurred legal fees. Some of the residents were meeting with Friends of Telford Town Park tomorrow.

Since the last application, which was withdrawn, the area immediately adjacent to the land had been projected by the green guarantee.

It was agreed to move the agenda item CE/17/61 to the beginning of the agenda.

CE/17/61 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

a) TWC 2017/1018 - Land adjacent 4 Tunnel Cottages, Aqueduct Lane, Stirchley -

Outline application for the erection of up to 2no. dwellings with all matters reserved
The chair advised that as the Parish Council had previously objected to the application and there were no new material considerations, previous objections stand. For clarity these were:

- Inadequate visibility
- Drainage: the road is sinking in places
- Removal hedgerow
- No off street parking
- Over development

Cllr Parr advised that there were inaccuracies in the design and access statement. There was a brook within 30m of the site and the area regularly flooded.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Council object to planning application TWC 2017/1018 on the grounds listed above and request that the application be considered by TWC Planning Committee.

- b) There were no further planning applications
- c) Application TWC 2017/0957: 14 Stirchley Road – Approved

CE/17/55 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T Bate (work commitments) and Cllr Mrs Jackie Loveridge (planning matter) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/17/56 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge and seconded by Cllr M Randle and subsequently **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 5th December be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.**

CE/17/57 ACTION

Cllr Breeze was still waiting for a response from Town Park and Planning officers regarding delays to the work to the meadow at the rear of Northwood Terrace.

Cllr Parr reported that Randlay Colts had had to abandon their games as Stirchley playing fields were waterlogged.

CE/17/58 CLERK'S REPORT

1. Allotment Path

Members discussed comments received. It was agreed that the resurfacing with reinforced concrete was excessive and would be extremely costly. Works will be carried out by the PET team as previously discussed.

2. Trees at the Allotments

Work as previously authorised will start 10th January.

3. Repair to Titan Swing

RESOLVED – to replace the titan swing at a cost of £386

4. Pantomime

The annual trip to the pantomime will be on Friday 12th January

5. First Aid Course

Aaron was undertaking his First Aid refresher course to ensure he remained qualified.

CE/17/59 PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Members discussed the partnership support programme proposal in respect of Beckbury Drive play area and subsequently **RESOLVED – that Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council accept the proposal with regard to Beckbury Drive play area.**

CE/17/60 GRANTS

- a) **FRIENDS OF HOLMER LAKE** – application for funds towards the purchase of the first Community Notice Board for Holmer Lake

There was only £100 of unspent funds in the committee budget for grants. After discussion it was **RESOLVED that the grant application (for £200) be considered by Full Council and under the General Power of Competence.**

CE/17/62 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- a) Cllr Breeze congratulated TWC on clearing fallen trees following the recent snow and high winds. He has noticed an increase in general littering and fly tipping. He noted how in some cases rubbish had obviously been carried some distance to be tipped.
- b) Cllr Randle attended the Telford Scouts birthday event which was excellent. It was a shame that some other young people tried to spoil the event with anti-social behaviour including throwing stones at people.
- c) Cllr Loveridge reported that there was a garage which was full of rubbish on Beaconsfield and another on Burford where it was thought that someone had been living – also reports of rats. He has received information and reported to Police regarding some residents involved in drugs and knife attacks.

d) Cllr Parr gave his apologies for meetings from 25th January as he was having an operation on his knee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:10pm

Signed

Dated