

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 6:00pm,
at the Sambrook Centre, Storchley

Present: Councillors A Watkin (Chair)
 J Loveridge
 S Parr
 M Randle
 S Vaughan-Hodkinson

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

Public Open Session

There were no members of the local community present.

CE/18/61 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (illness), and Cllr R Breeze (illness) which were accepted unanimously.

Cllrs T Bate and G Sinclair were also unable to attend.

CE/18/62 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 6th November 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/18/63 MATTERS ARISING

Minute – 18/60 – white arrows on pavements – now appear to indicate properties where dogs were present. Need to report to the authorities.

CE/18/64 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Deputy Clerk reported that there were no further items to report other than those on the agenda.

CE/18/65 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2019/2020

Members gave consideration to the 2019/2020 Budget for the Committee. The Clerk tabled an updated version for consideration, together with a 5 year projected budget.

Youth work funding would cease in 2022/23 and future funding would need to be addressed. Expenditure on STROWP previously funded with a total of £5,000. Draft budget includes £2,000 for rights of way / open spaces.

The Environmental Apprentice Scheme had previously been paid by TWC as part of the PET scheme agreement and would be coming to an end. Members considered continuing the programme. The Clerk would be talking to “idverde” to discuss how we might operate an apprenticeship in partnership. However, if the scheme was not continued there would still need to be funding for an additional worker for the gardening scheme.

The estimated costs would £10,000, which would be a full time worker at apprenticeship salary of £3.90 per hour, plus 10% of training costs and PPE.

The Environmental Services Team undertook environmental services work (bus stops, St James churchyard, play areas, allotments etc) including gardening service from April – October and the Parish employ an Environmental Supervisor – full time and a Seasonal Worker – 40 hours per week April - October

Members were reminded that Funzone delivered 3 youth sessions a week in the Sambrook Centre and two sessions a day over three weeks of the summer holiday. The scheme comprised a Part time leader and 2 x part time workers

There was a Community Project Officer supporting community groups, arranging community events, developing youth forum, work on Neighbourhood Plan.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr S Parr, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the 2019/2020 budget of a total of £107,460 be approved**

Note: during the debate Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson declared an interest in any matters concerning the Gardening Scheme.

CE/18/66 EVENTS 2019

The Committee gave consideration to the following dates for events in 2019:- Pot Your Own Day, 8th June, 11.00am – 1.00pm, Sambrook Centre. Stirchley Family Fun Day, 10th August, 11.00am – 3.00pm. Coffee Morning/Pensioners Christmas Party tickets, 21st November, 10.00am – 12 noon. Christmas in Stirchley, 5th December, 3.00 – 5.00pm. Pensioners Christmas Party, 12th December (TBC).

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr M Randle, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the above events and dates be approved.**

CE/18/67 GRANTS

To consider any grant applications s137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

Stirchley Sheltered Housing – Request for funding towards Christmas outing and meal.

It was proposed by Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson, and seconded by Cllr M Randle, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that a grant of £100 be approved for the Stirchley Sheltered Housing Christmas outing and meal.**

CE/18/68 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

The Committee received details of and consider the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council.

- a) **TWC 2018/ None**
- b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda.
TWC 2018/0971 – Above 164-169 Burford, Brookside – Creation of additional two floors to facilitate the formation of 4no flats.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr S Parr, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that an objection be lodged with T&WC for reasons of Over-Development, parking implications in the area and that the height of the proposed building would be not in keeping with the buildings in the locality.**

TWC 2018/0972 – Above 7-12 Beaconsfield, Brookside – Creation of additional two floors to facilitate the formation of 4no flats.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr S Parr, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that an objection be lodged with T&WC for reasons of Over-Development, parking implications in the area and that the height of the proposed building would be not in keeping with the buildings in the locality.**

- c) To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish.
TWC 2018/0743 7 Lydbury Close – Refused
TWC 2018/0812 27 Boscobel Close – Full Granted
TWC 2018/0779 Garages adjacent The Compound, Burford, Brookside – Full Granted
TWC 2018/0867 Chipmunks Nursery Stirchley – Full Granted
- d) To consider any Pre-Application Enquiries received – PE/2018/0788 – 9 Belgrave Crescent, Stirchley – Objection.

CE/18/69 CORRESPONDENCE – To receive any relevant correspondence – The Deputy Clerk explained an invitation to the Wellington Civic Carol Service but no Councillor was able to attend.

CE/18/70 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Committee received Councillors’ reports on matters relevant to the Committee.

Cll J Loveridge commented that T&WC only supplied one box per month of dog waste bags.

Cllr S Vaughan- Hodkinson commented on the misuse of fireworks in the community causing noise and litter nuisance to local people plus the effect of very loud bangs on local domestic pets and suggested the promotion of “None – Noisy Fireworks”. There was also concern regarding the apparent sale of industrial type fireworks to the general public and the Deputy Clerk was asked to get any information regarding which retailers in the area supplied fireworks to the public.

Cllr S Parr commented upon the apparent proliferation of potholes in the road at Beaconsfield, Brookside.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.19 pm

Signed

Dated