

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley

Present: Councillors M Randle - Chair, R Breeze - Vice-Chair, T Bate, S Parr, G Sinclair and A Watkin

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk) and Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary)
PCSO Wayne Turley and A N Other Police Officer

Public Open Session

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

Cllr R Breeze stated that he had invited the three members of the Public to the meeting as a result of recent spate of vandalism to vehicles in Northwood Terrace and Stirchley Road. He reported that seven Cars had had their tyres slashed and two wing mirrors had been damaged and paintwork had been "keyed"

Members of the public commented that over recent years there had been incidents of minor nature but more recently there had been a higher level of concern from residents, particularly as they were fearful of individuals in the street at night carrying knives (used to slash the car tyres).

The police officers stated that there had only been 4 reports of vandalism to vehicles at the stated locations last weekend.

Cllr Bate commented that the members of the public had taken the trouble to attend the Committee to voice their concerns and that their concerns should be recognised.

The police stated that they needed hard evidence possibly CCTV coverage or actual witnessing of the incidents, in order to achieve successful prosecutions. Emphasis was made to reporting all incidents via the 101 line to the police.

CE/19/55 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs J G Loveridge (family illness) and Mrs J Loveridge (illness) together with that of Cllr N England (business appointment) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/19/56 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr A Watkin and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED** - **that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 5th November 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.**

CE/19/57 MATTERS ARISING

With reference to Minute CE/19

CE/19/58 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Deputy Parish Clerk presented the report that commented upon various matters including: - Brookside Skate Park - The work on the skate park had been partly completed due partly to the contractors attending the wrong site, however they were to return to complete the job shortly.

Allotments Site - The planned tree work at the Allotments Site had been arranged to start in the 1st week in December and did in fact start last Saturday 30th Nov.

Green Guarantee - Mark Latham, (T&W Ecology & Green Infrastructure Specialist) was awaiting the installation of the bird and bat boxes. A second project was in Cornbrook, Stirchley and Mark had obtained increased funding from £850 to £2350 and had identified a further grant pot from Pocket Parks.

Madebrook LNR – Holmer Lake - Friends of Holmer Lake and Madbrook LNR were looking for volunteers to help.

Commemorative Plaque – The Parish Clerk had received the plaque, commemorating the work of **Stan Harris, a local resident and fisherman** and was looking at when it can be fitted.

Complaint re Planning Process - The residents who live opposite 9 Belgrave Crescent, and who had objected to the planning permission, had made a complaint to Telford and Wrekin Council about the process, and the officers involved,.

CE/19/59 **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2020/21 –**

Members gave consideration to a proposed budget for the Community & Environment Committee for 2020/21. The budget had been circulated to all Committee Members prior to the meeting. A debate ensued

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the Community & Environment Committee budget for 2020/21, as presented, be approved.**

CE/19/47 **WINTER SERVICE – PARISH OWNED GRIT BINS**

Councillors confirmed the checking of grit bins in their Parish Wards.

CE/19/51 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –To receive details of and consider the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council.

- a) **TWC 2019/0762 - none**
- b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda. **TWC 2019/ - None**
- c) To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish.
TWC 2019/0637
- d) To consider any pre-application enquiries.- **25 Cygnet Drive – dropped kerb – no objections raised.**

CE/19/52 **GRANTS** – To consider any grant applications under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

- a) **Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club** – funding for stationery and merchandise

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze and seconded by Cllr T Bate and subsequently **RESOLVED - that the grant application not be supported but that a further application would be considered on receipt of additional information regarding the organisations objectives and compliance with the Parish Grants policy.**

- b) **Stirchley Sheltered Housing** – funding for Christmas meal and entertainment

It was proposed by Cllr S Parr and seconded by Cllr R Breeze and subsequently
RESOLVED - that the grant application not be supported.

CE/19/53 CORRESPONDENCE

The Deputy Clerk read out a letter of thanks received from Mrs Harris commending the Parish Council on the proposed Commemorative Plaque to her late husband Stan Harris.

CE/19/54 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The meeting received reports from Councillors relating to current matters in the Parish pertaining to the work of the Committee, as follows:-

Cllr G Sinclair reported some overgrown shrubbery blocking pavements in Holmer Lake and was asked to report the matter to Telford & Wrekin Council as a highway matter.

Cllr Sinclair also stated that the Friends of Holmer Lake had renamed the group The Friends of Holmer Lake and Madbrook. There was also a plea for more volunteers and Cllr Sinclair was pointed to the newly appointed Environmental Volunteer Project Officer.

Cllr A Watkin restated the issue of heavy vehicles, particularly T&W refuse Vehicles using the weight restricted Stirchley Lane bridge. He was pointed in the direction of Ruth Jones of Viola

Cllr S Parr commented upon the incidents of heavy commercial vehicles impacting with the bridge on the Bridgnorth Road by the Three Furnaces Public House and asked why they were using the small road rather than the Queensway dual carriageway

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.13 pm

Signed

Dated