

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre.

Present – Councillors J Loveridge -Chair, M Randle – Vice Chair, R Breeze, Mrs L Hogger, S Parr, G Sinclair and A Watkin.

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk) and Mr C Corbett (Committee & Finance Secretary) – taking the minutes.

Public Open Session – there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

CE/16/87 **APOLOGIES** –Apologies were received from Cllr T Bate (work commitment) and Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (Borough Council duties) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/16/88 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED - that, subject to a minor typographical amendment, the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 7th March 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/16/89 **ACTION**

Members commented upon measures to address fly-tipping issues in the parish, and in particular, the responsibilities of landlords, and their agents, of rented properties.

CE/16/90 **ALLOTMENTS**

A report was presented that outlined a number of matters relating to the allotments site in the parish. Amongst other it was stated that the ECO Toilet would be installed at the allotments site on 10th April and a number of comments were expressed regarding the maintenance and sewage outlet from the toilet. The deputy Clerk agreed to send to Cllrs Watkin and Sinclair the detailed specification and operation of the toilet as agreed by the Council.

The Committee also considered a request from an allotment holder to keep bees on the site. Cllr Watkin stated that he was allergic to bee/wasp stings and commented on such. It was suggested that an Epi-pen be available on site to address any such matters.

Following a show of hands it was **RESOLVED, by six votes to one, that the keeping of bees on the allotments site be approved.**

Cllr Watkin specifically requested that it be recorded in the minutes, about what he called “flippant comments regarding bee stings” were not well received by him.

CE/16/91 **GRANTS**

The Committee considered the following grant application under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

- a) **Telford Baden Powell Traditional Scout Group** – application for a contribution towards the provision of camping equipment.

It was proposed by Cllr M Randle and seconded by Cllr S Parr and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED that that the grant application, for £200, for the provision of camping equipment be approved.**

CE/16/92 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- a) **TWC 2017/1090 - 59 Beckbury Drive, Stirchley, Telford** - Erection of a two storey rear extension.

It was proposed by Cllr S Parr and seconded by Cllr L Hogger and subsequently, unanimously **RESOLVED that the application for a two story extension at 59 Beckbury Drive, Stirchley, be supported.**

- b) **TWC 2017/0189 - Telephone Exchange, Stirchley Road, Stirchley, Telford, -** Installation of external ventilation outlet and the installation of an external exhaust pipe.

Following an extensive debate concerning the unknown levels of noise and fumes from the property. The visual impact of the exhaust pipes was unknown from the application plans.

- a. It was proposed by Cllr A Watkin and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair and subsequently, unanimously **RESOLVED - that a comment by submitted to the Local Planning Authority (Telford & Wrekin Council) that the Parish Council were not in a position to formally comment on the application as there was insufficient detail regarding the potential noise, the visual impact and potential fumes from the proposed exhaust pipes at the site, for the installation of external ventilation outlet and the installation of an external exhaust pipe at the Telephone Exchange at Stirchley Road, Stirchley.**
- c) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda. - None
- d) To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish – None

CE/16/93 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

To receive Councillors' reports on matters relevant to the Committee.

- Cllr G Sinclair – submitted a comment by a local resident regarding the lack of dropped kerbs in various locations in the parish. It was agreed to forward the matter to the T&W Highways section.
- Cllr G Sinclair – Trees in Holmer Lane being cut, good news but the path from Tadorna Drive to the roundabout should be tarmacked not wood chipped as earlier suggested.
- Cllr A Watkin – allotment site gates being left open to have access to the shop but was contrary to the T&C of allotment use. The Deputy Clerk agreed to request the Clerk to examine the T&Cs and review as necessary at the appropriate time.
- Cllr R Breeze – stated concern upon a planning proposal, although marginally outside the S&BPC boundary, at Hinkshay Road on the previous Every Ready site, and the land was known to be contaminated land. Cllr Randle (Member of Great Dawley PC, commented that they had not yet commented upon the application but were aware of the contaminated land issue and would take that into consideration when asked to comment on the application.
- Cllr S Parr – speed humps by Beaconsfield Bus Stop damaged but reported.
- Cllr S Parr – the success of the flower planting in the area

- Cllr J Loveridge – commented on the flats in Brookside
- Cllr M Randle – continued issue of fly tipping and road potholes.

Meeting finished at 6.59 pm

Chair

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