

# **Annual Electors Meeting 2017**

Minutes of a meeting of the Electors of Stirchley and Brookside Parish held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley, commencing at 6:00pm.

Electors present: Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (Chairing the meeting), Mr J Loveridge, Mr G Sinclair, Mr R Fagan, Mr A Watkin, Mr A England, Mrs L Hogger and Mr C Turley

In attendance: Nicky Minshall, (TWC Service Delivery Manager for Public Protection) Jonathan Rowe, (TWC Director: Corporate Management Team), Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk), Mr C Corbett (Committee & Finance Secretary – taking the minutes) and Mr M Randle

1 **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr T Bate, Mr S Parr, Mr R Breeze, BTW Cllr N England, and BTW Cllr C Furnish.

- 2 **SELECTIVE LICENCING SCHEME PROPOSAL** – The meeting received a presentation from Nicky Minshall, TWC Service Delivery Manager for Public Protection (supported by Jonathan Rowe, TWC Director: Corporate Management Team) – They explained that Telford & Wrekin’s Cabinet had, as a result of the General Election, postponed the consultation period on the proposed Selective Licensing scheme until 12<sup>th</sup> June.

The scheme was aimed at improving the overall social & economic conditions in the area to create a strong healthy and vibrant neighbourhood. The measures aimed at achieving that were a reduction of the number of times a housing tenant moves on, a reduction of the number of empty properties, a reduction of the levels of anti-social behaviour & crime in the area, and a reduction of the rate of housing disrepair.

The Housing Act 2004 gave Local Authorities powers to consider a selective licensing policy in any area of the Borough were there was a proportion of private rented housing above the England average (19%) and also be of either low housing demand have significant anti-social behaviour issues, poor property conditions or high levels of migration/deprivation/crime. The Borough Council had identified the Brookside area as fulfilling the criteria for the Selective Licencing scheme that would affect all private landlords of properties in the area of the Scheme. All landlords would be contacted by the Borough Council to contribute to the consultation exercise.

During a lengthy debate between the Electors present and the Presenters, a number of matters were raised and answered accordingly. They included the enforcement of the licence conditions via Improvement Notices etc., the effect upon rent rates, definition of a “property” and its curtilage, etc.

- 3 **Minutes** – The meeting received the Minutes of the previous meeting and, subject to the insertion of Mr & Mrs Turley in the list of Electors present, the minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Mrs Loveridge.

4 **CHAIR'S REPORT** – The meeting received an Annual Report for 2017/18 from the Chair of the Parish Council. The report commented upon new staff additions, Sam Middleton and Chris Corbett; and Cllr J Turley stepping down from her position after 13 years' service to the local community. The refurbishment of the Sambrook Centre was progressing. The Stirchley Community Library was operating successfully since its adoption by the Parish Council. Brookside Central had been kept open due to a joint venture by the community group Brookside Central Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the Parish Council. Furthermore many environmental projects were planned for coming months to maintain and improve the local outdoor areas.

5 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS** - The reports from Borough Councillors for the Parish were received. Cllr C Turley read his report (copy attached) Cllr C Furnish's report was distributed to those electors present, Cllr Mrs J Loveridge commented upon her role as a Member of TWC Planning Committee and the various surgeries held in the Parish, and Cllr ARH England commented upon his work with the following bodies:-  
Stirchley and Brookside Parish Cllr and Chair of Policy Committee  
Borough Cllr Cabinet Member Adult Social Care and Older People  
MIND, Executive Committee Observer plus TACT  
Safeguarding Adults Board, Observer  
Carers Partnership Board, Observer  
Health and Well Being Board, Member; Champion for obesity  
Borough Champion for Mental Health  
Community Fit and Sub Committee  
South Staffs, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Foundation Trust (Mental Health) Partner Governor  
SSFT Strategic Group member  
SSFT Performance and Assurance Group, Chair  
SSFT (CQC) Quality Assurance internal visitor  
Brookside Big Local Trustee  
Borough Foster Panel Member  
Madeley Town Council, Cllr  
Also represent TWC Leader on various Outside Bodies  
Furthermore, I fully supported and championed, with Borough Council officers the transition of the Sambrook Centre to the Parish Council.

6 **ELECTOR'S MATTERS**  
Mr A Watkin commented upon the lack of mention of Stirchley Village in the TWC Member reports and was informed that from local surgeries conducted there were no issues raised that would have been included in the reports. Cllr England stated that if there were any issues reported that they would be responded to accordingly.

Meeting finished at 7.06 pm

Chair .....

Date .....