

Community and Environment Committee

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre.

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

Also Present: Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk/RFO) 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/16/61 **APOLOGIES** –Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (illness) and Cllr S Parr (another engagement) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/16/62 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 6th December 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/16/63 **ACTION**

The Clerk reported upon any actions taken since the last meeting and the Committee & Finance Secretary had, as requested at the last meeting, contacted officers at the Borough Council regarding the “List of Buildings of Local Interest” However, he had been reliably informed that the “list” was a very old and fragile document and the content had been transferred to the mapping database contained within the Planning Portal on the Council web site. Therefore would be accessible to all officers of the Council for continued update and also be fully accessible to the General Public. Accessibility had been checked and the Buildings of Local Interest were in fact highlighted on the map of the local Stirchley/Brookside area on the T&W Web Site. Cllr R Breeze offered to assist with the promotion of a Heritage Project at some time in the future.

CE/16/64 **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Parish Clerk presented a report that outlined the details of a potential year-end balance of available funding for environmental matters of some £13,000. Members were asked to highlight matters for environmental attention in the Parish direct to the parish Clerk before the March meeting so that they could be considered for inclusion within next financial years’ programme.

The Clerk also reported on a recent incident of a break in at the Allotments site and the current capacity of the site with plots recently allocated and the waiting list cleared.

CE/16/65 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

TWC 2016/1191 Land at the rear of 10 Botfield Close, Randlay. – Application for a change of use of open land to private garden land and the erection of a 2.1m high boundary fence.

During consideration of the application Members expressed some concerns relating to the loss of open space amenity from overdevelopment that was not in keeping with the local area.

It was proposed by Cllr G Sinclair and seconded by Cllr L Hogger and subsequently, unanimously **RESOLVED that an objection be registered to the planning application for the change of use and fence at the rear of 10 Botfield Close, Randlay.**

The Committee also received information of a decision taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to a planning application in the Parish

- **TWC 2016/1036 24 Chapmans Close, Storchley.** Erection of a two storey side extension – **approved.**

The Committee Chair, Cllr J Loveridge, made strong comments that he was “disgusted” by the Borough Council’s decision to approve the application which he considered as an over-development in the area, which had received many objections from local residents.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council was merely a consultee on planning matters and the decision laid with the Borough Council for determination of all planning applications.

CE/16/66 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The meeting received Councillors’ reports on matters relevant to the committee.

- a) G Sinclair – reported upon a recent AGM of the Friends of Homer Lake group that had seen an encouraging three fold increase of the membership of the Group. He also commented upon the poor state of the surface of the upper car park at the lake.
- b) J Loveridge – incidents of fly tipping in the area.

Meeting finished at 6.44 p.m.

Chair

Date