

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley

Present: Councillors A Watkin (Chair), R Breeze (Vice-Chair), J Loveridge, M Randle,
Miss S Vaughan-Hodkinson, Mrs J Loveridge (ex-officio)

Also Present: 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/18/81 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T Bate (work commitment), Cllr S Parr (family matter) and Cllr G Sinclair (work commitment) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/18/82 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 8th January 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/18/83 MATTERS ARISING

CE/18/84 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Deputy Parish Clerk presented a report that outlined the following matters:-

Allotments Meeting – The annual meeting was to be held with the Allotment holders on Saturday 23rd February 11am at the Sambrook Centre.

Newsletter Spring 2019 – Hope Metcalfe was in the process of compiling the next newsletter.

Recycling – Following the last meeting, where Ruth Jones from Veolia gave a presentation, the Deputy Clerk stated that they were setting up a separate area for Timber at the re-cycling sites, to be collected by Community Groups. If Members were interested in visiting the Recycling sites, that could be arranged.

Grit Bin - The Grit bin for Wroxeter Way had now been ordered.

Tree Work - Work on the trees at the allotment site was soon to commence and would take 2 days. As part of the agreed work the tree on the right hand side of the entrance would be removed, the allotment association have asked that this area be used to extend the car park. The Deputy Clerk had been in touch with Telford and Wrekin Council and planning permission was required to change the use.

Cllr R Breeze commented regarding the recycling service, in that refuse/recycling collection vehicles were still using the Stirchley Lane Bridge as a short cut ,but the bridge was inappropriate for such large traffic. The Deputy Clerk agreed to follow-up the matter.

CE/18/85 **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The report by the Community Projects Officer (CPO) commented that the winter newsletter was successfully produced and distributed prior to the Christmas Holidays. It included details of the Pensioners Christmas Party, news of Holmer Lake Primary Schools 'Achievement for All' status and the latest refurbishment work at the Sambrook Centre. The Customer Service Officer, Hope Metcalfe, had taken over production from the CPO, and had prepared a draft ready for production in time for distribution before the February half term holiday.

Stirchley Christmas Market went really well with many local stalls, Santa's Grotto, and combined with the Farm on Wheels to provide a nativity animals collection, proving very popular

The Pensioners Christmas Party was well supported once again, with excellent entertainment provided by Shawn Vegas.

Events for 2019 have been planned and providers booked, dates have been approved by Council previously.

Windmill Community Garden volunteers are now planning for the next growing season. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. In 2018 the produce was either shared amongst the volunteers or donated to the Brookpark Café.

The CPO and Cllr Bate met with a representative from Friends of Beckbury Drive Play Area to reassure them of our ongoing support and encourage progress with the group. They would look to open a group bank account enabling receipt of income and payment for agreed work in the near future.

The Youth Forum had started meeting once a month using the existing Funzone session ('The'Youthie'). The young people had started prioritising issues and actions. One of their outstanding issues is to help make Brookside and Stirchley centres safer, better lighting and improved CCTV cover, as well as supporting new activities for young people. They spent the first session of 2019 looking at design for a logo and I.D for their group. The February session will provide emergency First Aid training.

CE/18/86 **COUNCIL for the PROTECTION of RURAL ENGLAND (C.P.R.E.)-**

The Committee considered a request for membership of the CPRE for 2019.

Cllr r Breeze commented that historically the CPRE had focused on more rural areas of Shropshire and therefore may not be relevant to the urban nature of Telford.

Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson requested that a representative of the CPRE be invited to a future Full Council meeting to explain to all Members the potential benefits to the Stirchley and Brookside Parish.

Further consideration could then be given to future membership of CPRE.

CE/18/87 GRANTS

To consider any grant applications s137 of the Local Government Act 1972:- None

CE/18/88 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 2019/None.
- c) To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish.
TWC 2018/ None
- d) To consider any Pre-Application Enquiries received – **PE/2018/. – None**

CE/18/89 CORRESPONDENCE – To receive any relevant correspondence.

A “Thank You” card had been received from members of the Stirchley Sheltered Housing group who had received a grant towards the costs of the recent Christmas outing and meal.

A proposal for the Botfield Close Woodland was received and the Committee requested that further enquiries be made.

Members received, for information, notification of road closures of the A442 Queensway on 20/21/22 February during hours of 9pm to 6am.

CE/18/90 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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

Cllr J Loveridge commented upon unilluminated street lights on the road towards the Stirchley Island, and a recent sighting of an illegally ridden blue/green quad-bike on Brookside.

Cllr R Breeze appealed for an additional litter bin to be located close to the Rose & Crown public house on Stirchley Lane – The Deputy Clerk agreed to report the matter to the Parish Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.31pm.

Signed

Dated