

## **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 7:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Storchley.**

Present: Councillors S Roberts (Vice-Chair – in the Chair),  
S Vaughan-Hodkinson and A Watkin.

Also Present: S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk), and C R Corbett (Committee Secretary).

#### **Public Open Session**

There were three members of the general public present. Yvonne Warbouys, Brian Edwards and Mr J Creed. Mr Creed wished to thank the Allotment Association for the three bags of soil donated for the refurbishment of the burial plots in the Churchyard at Storchley.

#### **CE/21/46 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Sinclair (away from the area), JG Loveridge (unwell), A Corcoran (unwell) and duly accepted by the Committee.

Cllr N England had received a Leave of Absence did not to attend the meeting.

Cllr H Evans was also unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr A Watkin declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item CE/21/49 – Allotment Site

#### **CE/21/47 MINUTES**

Cllr A Watkin commented that the minutes did not include mention of the Saturday delivery request made by him at the meeting. It was agreed to include such in the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr S Roberts and seconded by Cllr A Watkin and **RESOLVED - that, subject to the inclusion of “During the debate the Clerk and Cllr A Watkin suggested a possible Saturday delivery of a skip” the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021, as amended, be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.**

Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson abstained from the vote as not present at the last meeting.

#### **CE/21/48 DEPUTY CLERK’S REPORT**

The Deputy Clerk reported the receipt of a lovely card from a resident that thanked the P.E.Team for sorting out their garden that had got out of hand after the death of her partner. Members asked that the receipt be put on social media.

A productive meeting had taken place with the Allotment Association at which they raised some issues with the site that we already have on our list for winters work. We are looking at vacant plots and filling them from the waiting list. Invoices were to be dispatched in December and if there were any further plots available, they could be let quickly.

The gardening scheme had finished for 2021, Creed has finished his contract for the year. Aaron and Joseph will finish any gardens left and then start on the winter works.

The new room booking system was running on the web site for anyone wanting to book a room at the Sambrook Centre.

Christmas lights had been returned to the Parish Office by Turncocks and parish staff would be putting them around building later in the month.

The Deputy Clerk had been approached by a local school whose age 7yr pupils would like to undertake an Environmental Project and an area in Brookside had been identified at which they could plant bulbs.

**CE/21/49 ALLOTMENT SITE**

The Deputy Clerk requested that the position of skip provision at the Allotment site be clarified. Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson said that the position had been clarified at the last meeting.

**CE/21/50 CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

The Committee were reminded of the events that were planned for the coming Christmas period.

Christmas in Stirchley – Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson voiced concern at the large number of residents and children that would attend the event indoors at the Sambrook Centre at a time of high number of Covid19 cases in the borough. Cllr S Roberts shared in the concern re numbers at the indoor event but Cllr A Watkin supported the event.

By a vote of two to one it was **RESOLVED – that the Christmas in Stirchley indoor event be cancelled due to the rise of Covid19 cases in the area.**

Pensioners Christmas Party – Some concerns were expressed regarding covid issues and the Deputy Clerk stated that the hotel said there were currently no legal restrictions on people at the hotel but would abide with any requests from the PC. There would be a smaller number of people seated at each table and all staff would wear face masks Members were unanimous in support for the holding of the Christmas Party for local pensioners. The event hotel would take all cautionary moves in relation to Covid19 and participants would be requested to wear face masks while not seated for the Christmas meal. Masks would also be requested to be worn on the coaches provided for transport to the event.

It was proposed by Cllr S Roberts and seconded by Cllr A Watkin and unanimously **RESOLVED – that the 2021 Christmas Party proceed at the Telford Hotel and Golf Club.**

**CE/21/51 GRANTS**

The Committee consider the following grant applications under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

**Telford Crisis Support – (provision of Food Parcels and School Uniforms etc)** had applied for a grant for the costs of a link worker. The Service stated that it catered for some 600 residents in the Parish. It was proposed by Cllr A Watkin and seconded by Cllr S Roberts and unanimously **RESOLVED – that a grant of £200 be awarded to Telford Crisis Support towards the provision of a link worker.**

**CE/21/52 PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –The Committee received details of and considered the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council:-

**TWC 2021/        None.**

Any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda  
-. **TWC 2021/ - None**

Information regarding decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish – The application at **Glebe Bungalow**, Stirchley had been withdrawn.

**CE/21/53 CORRESPONDENCE**

An email had been received requesting support for the CPRE “Quiet Lanes” document as it may relate to Stirchley Lane. Members requested further information regarding any issues and that it be considered at a future meeting.

**CE/21/54 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillors’ reports were made on matters relevant to the Committee as follows:-

Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson reported flooding at Stirchley Road and Cllr A Watkin said that the issues may be caused by the drains being blocked by fallen leaves. The Deputy Clerk would report the issue to the Borough Council and request a visit by a road sweeper.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54 pm

Signed .....

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