

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Storchley

Present: Councillors R Breeze
M Randle
G Sinclair

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk)
Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary, taking the minutes)

Note – In the absence of the Chair (Cllr A Watkin), the Vice-Chair, Cllr R Breeze to the Chair for the meeting.

Public Open Session

There were no members of the local community present at the meeting.

CE/18/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr & Mrs J Loveridge (holiday), Cllr A Watkin (family commitment), Cllr T Bate (work commitment) and Cllr S Parr (work commitments out of the area) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/18/25 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 3rd July 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/18/26 MATTERS ARISING

None.

CE/18/27 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Deputy Clerk reported upon various matters relating to current activities.

Allotments - Letters have been issued to 2 plot holders requesting them to improve the condition of their allotment plot, a further notice to them requiring appropriate works was to be issued by the Clerk.

Family Fun Day –The Fun Day in August was a great success, and was attended by the Borough Mayor, Cllr Raj Mehta, who was introduced to all the staff and, most importantly, to our wonderful Volunteers who turn up at all our events to help.

A donation of £120 was made to Severn Hospice, money raised from Stall holder's fees, donations for drinks and from the Hot Potato stall donated and run by the Bate Family.

Gardening Scheme -The scheme was going well and the PET team was up to date with its workload.

30th Birthday - At the present time, due to two ongoing recruitment processes, and the closure of the building for refurbishment completion works, the Celebration event planned for 28th September had been cancelled.

CE/18/28 PARISH GARDENING SCHEME

The Committee reviewed the current application form for the Parish Gardening scheme. The Chair commented that he had asked for the item to be on the agenda and reported that the PET Team had visited a property in the Parish at the request of the owner with the aim to join the Gardening Scheme. However the garden was very large.

The Deputy Clerk explained the characteristics of the scheme that was available to state pensionable aged residents and registered disabled persons of the Parish. She also explained that the PET team only was able to spend 20 minutes at each property, in order to be able to attend all sites on the scheme,

Members supported the current scheme and asked that should any issues arise, that a further report be presented to a future meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

CE/18/29 GRIT BINS

Members received the schedule of the location of all grit bins in the Parish. They were asked to check the location and condition of each bin so that an accurate picture of the provision could be made before the winter period commences. It was also stated that the Committee, at its February meeting, had resolved to include an additional bin at Lambeth Drive.

Cllr G Sinclair reported that the list had indicated a bin at Wroxeter Way but there appeared to be no bin at that location.

Cllr Sinclair also stated a need for a bin at Burnside.

CE/18/30 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Deputy Clerk sought the views of the committee regarding the location and effectiveness of the current display of Christmas lights at Stirchley. (Lights at Brookside were coordinated at Brookside Central).

Members were happy with the current provision, and the Deputy Clerk explained the Christmas lights was supported in the current budget of the Parish Council to the level of £2500. Cllr G Sinclair did suggest the investigation of a Laser Light Display on the Sambrook Centre building.

Members were also interested to explore possible funding aid from the local Coop supermarket at Stirchley Centre.

The Deputy Clerk agreed to undertake some research regarding laser light displays and funding opportunities.

It was proposed by Cllr M Randle, and seconded by Cllr R Breeze , and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the Deputy Clerk undertake some research regarding laser light displays and funding opportunities, and report to the next meeting.**

CE/18/31 ROAD MAINTENANCE / MARKING PROGRAMME

The Committee was requested to make suggestions for sites in the Parish that required highway maintenance and or road marking to be undertaken. Those sites would then be considered by Telford & Wrekin Council for possible inclusion in their programme of Highway Maintenance for the coming year.

Cllr G Sinclair stated that he had reported direct to T&W Council the sites at Wroxeter Way and Homer Farm Way. Cllr R Breeze stated that Grange Mere needed attention and a “cul-de-sac” sign needed replacing at Northwood Terrace to alert motorists of no access to Telford Town Park. Cllr M Randle reported of many sites to many to mention, on Brookside.

it was proposed by Cllr G Sinclair, and seconded by Cllr M Randle, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that individual councillors identify sites within the Parish and communicate information to the Parish Clerk, for transition to the Borough Council.**

CE/18/32 GRANTS – To consider any grant applications under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group – Members considered the application but deferred a decision pending further information regarding the location of the meetings of the Group and the confirmation of compliance with the Grants Policy of the Council.

it was proposed by Cllr M Randle, and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the application from the Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group be deferred pending additional information being sought.**

CE/18/33 PRE-APPLICATION ENQUIRIES

To consider any pre-application enquiries. – None

CE/18/34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –To receive details of and consider the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council.

- a) **TWC 2018/0672 – 7 Burleigh Close, Stirchley** - Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, first floor side extension and erection of an attached side garage with first floor extension above ****amended description****

it was proposed by Cllr M Randle , and seconded by Cllr R Breeze , and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no comment be expressed regarding the application.**

- b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda. **TWC 2018/0743 7 Lydbury Close, Stirchley** – Installation of driveway and steps (retrospective).

it was proposed by Cllr R Breeze , and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no comment be expressed regarding the application.**

- c) To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish.
TWC 2018/0017 Stirchley Grange - Full Granted

CE/18/35 COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

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

Cllr G Sinclair stated that he was to make a request to Telford & Wrekin Council for the Homer Lake residential area to be “Gated”. He reported of numerous recent incidents of anti-social behaviour inc dumping rubbish, drugs, attacks on wildlife and quad/motor bike racing. The Deputy Clerk suggested that Cllr Sinclair obtain support from the Police Authorities for his application to the Borough Council.

Cllr G Sinclair also reported the need for additional iron work at the gate under the Queensway road accessing Halesfield to prevent motorbike and quad bike access.

Cllr M Randle reported recent incidents of MotorBike activity at Brookside at night. Police had been informed. Cllr Randle also reported the success of the Brookside Community Fridge.

Cllr R Breeze reported upon the success of the Annual Opening of St James Church in Stirchley where there was a “really nice atmosphere” of people looking at the Norman Chapel part of the Church.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.02pm

Signed

Dated