

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley.

Present – Councillors A Watkin – Chair, J Loveridge – Vice Chair, T Bate, R Breeze, S Parr, M Randle and G Sinclair.

Also Present: Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk), Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk), 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/17/21 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs L Hogger (another engagement), and Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (Borough Council duties) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/17/22 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge and seconded by Cllr M Randle and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 4th July 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.**

CE/17/23 **ACTION**

The committee received reports of any action taken since the last meeting and these included: - the fact that planning permission had been granted by the Borough Council for development at Hinkshay Road, Dawley.

CE/17/24 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Parish Clerk presented a report that highlighted a number of matters pertaining to the Parish since the last meeting. These included the recent Paintballing Trip, the Funzone trip to Legoland (Manchester) and the family "Funday" in August.

The report also commented upon the spate of vandalism at Madebrook Pools but also reported the funding received from local councillors community funds towards works at the pools but was some £130 short from target towards a £13,000 grant application. Therefore it was **RESOLVED - to make a contribution of £150 from the PET Scheme budget towards the grant application.**

The Clerk also reported the receipt of an invitation from T&W Council to the presentation of the Green Flag Award for Telford Town Park on Wednesday – Cllr M Randle accepted the invitation and the Clerk agreed to furnish him with relevant details.

Furthermore, the Clerk reported upon the need for a handrail on the side of the path to the Centre and the footway works around the Sambrook Centre and agreed to meet Gareth Pegg.

CE/17/25 **TELFORD & WREKIN LOCAL PLAN MODIFICATIONS –**

The Committee considered a response to the consultation on the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan proposed main modifications that were available in relation to the local plan available at www.telford.gov.uk/localplan .

Members made particular reference to the omission from the Plan of the high density of housing on the New Town estates such as Brookside.

The Plans description of "low density of the Borough" did not take into account the Telford Development Corporation 'New Town' housing estates and there was no attempt to address the matter.

The Clerk urged all Councillors present to submit their thoughts direct to the Borough Council via the "link" to the Local Plan as above.

- CE/17/26 ROAD MARKING MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME –**
Consideration was given to a Telford & Wrekin Council request for identification of required works in the Parish.
- Members were requested to identify any areas for the road markings and submit details to the Parish Office for inclusion in the process culminating in the works to commence in October.
- CE/17/27 GRANTS –**
Consideration was given to the following grant application under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-
- “DORS” – LADIES CRAFT GROUP** – application for funds for assistance towards room hire costs.
- It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge and seconded by Cllr T Bate, and subsequently **RESOLVED – that a grant of £200 be made to the “DORS” Ladies Craft Group towards room hire.**
- CE/17/28 PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - To receive details of and consider the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council.
- a) **None to consider**
 - b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda. **None**
- To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish. **None**
- CE/17/29 EXTINGUISHMENT OF FOOTPATHS UNDER BROOKSIDE AVENUE. –**
Members received, for information, notifications received for 3 footpath orders for the filling in of structurally unsafe footpath underpasses at Brookside Avenue – to be replaced with ground level crossings.
- CE/17/30 COUNCILLORS REPORTS** – To receive Councillors’ reports on matters relevant to the Committee.
- a) Cllr G Sinclair reported that he had recently bought a property in Brookside and the Clerk would be furnishing Cllr Sinclair with the appropriate Declaration forms to register the purchase.
 - b) Cllr G Sinclair – hedges around the Sambrook Centre and Health Centre were unkempt plus at Holmer Farm Road – also paths at Boscobel Close and Wroxeter Way
 - c) Cllr R Breeze – effects of cutbacks in funding for litter picking and environmental Maintenance at a Borough level.
 - d) Cllr T Bate – Ongoing Fly tipping at Brookside – has spoken to Jas Badesha at T&W and he had agreed to meet local representatives to discuss the issues. Need to push enforcement measures.
 - e) Cllr S Parr – had contacted the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding Uninsured and Untaxed motor vehicles in Brookside.
 - f) Cllr J Loveridge – need for bollards at the junction of Briarwood, Brookside.

Meeting finished at 7.03 pm

Chair

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