

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Storchley.

Present – Councillors A Watkin – Chair, J Loveridge – Vice Chair, T Bate, R Breeze, L Hogger, S Parr, and M Randle

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk), Miss S Smith (Community Projects Officer) 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/17/13 APOLOGIES

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

CE/17/14 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 6th June 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.**

CE/17/15 ACTION

The committee received reports of any action taken since the last meeting and these included: - the Hinshay Road development site planning application had been deferred at the TWC Plans Board following objections from the TWC Arboriculture Officer and the Urban Environment Officer. A ground survey had been requested by Members.

Also the matter of the dropped kerbs in the parish and associated costs had not yet been addressed.

CE/17/16 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Community Projects Officer presented a report that highlighted a number of community projects. These included Brookside Big Local meetings and activities, the value of the volunteers that assist the Parish Council in its duties, the forthcoming newsletter and associated social media, and forthcoming parish council events.

The Learning Festival held in April had been successful as a networking day for the agencies but of little value for the community as attendances indicated. It was agreed to remove the event from next year's calendar.

The Environmental day recently held in June had been a huge success with many people attending, Cllr J Loveridge was particularly pleased with a call for a thank you to the caterer.

The report also commented upon the planned Family Fun Day in August and the proposal to take a group of local youths on a paintball event as a thank you for the absence of any anti-social behaviour during the recent roof replacement at the Centre.

The Community Projects Officer also reported upon the grant funding that she had been able to attract for the Parish Council and the current application for further funding of £28,500 for energy efficient lighting and a disabled access.

The report was well received by Members who commended the Community Projects Officer for her work for the Parish Council

CE/17/17 HIGHWAY /FOOTPATHREPAIRS

The Committee considered a request from the TWC Highways, Transport & Engineering Services Manager to identify cases in the Parish of maintenance cases of roads and footways etc.

The Committee identified a number of cases including:-

- Storchley Village lane to and past St James Church – poor road and footway surface
- Briarwood potholes
- Windmill School Brookside by the benches – poor surface
- Briarwood area between nos 1 &162 – uneven road surface
- Briarwood area on corner of nos 28 &161 need for street furniture to slow traffic.

CE/17/18 GRANTS

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

- a) **Friends of Telford Town Park** – application for funds towards printing of the Explore Newsletter. Members were not supportive of the newsletter.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze, and seconded by Cllr T Bate, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED –that the request for funding be refused.**

- b) **Storchley over 55s Bowls & Recreation Club** – application for funds towards a local excursion for club members. Members supported the well-attended group based at the Centre in their request for funds to plan a local excursion for local club members.

It was proposed by Cllr T Bate , and seconded by Cllr J Loveridge , and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that a grant of £200 be approved towards the planned local event for club members.**

CE/17/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee received details of and considered the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) **TWC 2017/0507 – Site of Premier Stores, Unit 1, Calcott, Storchley** - Erection of three story extension to create 6 No dwellings with associated parking. Members were concerned about traffic and development issues.

It was proposed by Cllr T Bate, and seconded by Cllr R Breeze and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that an objection be registered, on the grounds of the development being out of keeping with the local area, the overlooking to adjacent properties, traffic issues, over development of the sight and the delivery area being unsuitable for heavy vehicles.**

- b) **TWC 2017/0506 Grange Park Primary School, Calcott, Storchley** – Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of Primary School. .

It was proposed by Cllr S Parr, and seconded by Cllr T Bate, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no objection be raised to the application.**

- c) There were further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda, namely:-

TWC/2017/0535 76 Arundel Close, Stirchley – Erection of a two storey rear extension and a single storey side extension (retrospective)

It was proposed by Cllr M Randle , and seconded by Cllr S Parr and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no objection be raised to the application**

TWC/2017/0539 – 7 Burleigh Close, Stirchley – Erection of a two storey side extension to create garage and self-contained annex.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Hogger and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no objection be raised to the application.**

There had been information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish – namely:-

TWC 2017/0349 - 18 Swansmeade Way, Stirchley – conversion of a garage to living accommodation – Planning Permission had been granted on 14/06/2017.

CE/17/20 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

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

- a. Cllr S Parr – Stirchley Road / Brookside Avenue Junction speeding traffic issues, not safe to cross with speeding traffic – keep left and central refuge needed.
- b. Cllr S Parr suggested a replacement event for the Literary Event mentioned earlier – the holding of a **St Georges Day event on 23rd April** or a suitable “nearest” day.
- c. Cllr R Breeze reported a minor incident of fly tipping
- d. Cllr A Watkin reported that police officers had highlighted an issue of a woman and child allegedly going around the parish collecting for charity.
- e. Cllr A Watkin commented upon the inconsiderate parking of vehicles at Stirchley Lane by the Spiritualist Church blocking access to properties.

Meeting finished at 6.46 pm

Chair

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