

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 6:30pm on Thursday 28 March 2024

Present: Cllr. W Rees (Chair), Cllr. K Brown, Cllr. C Chown, Cllr. N Freeman, Cllr. D Room

Guests in Attendance: 3

Minute Taker & Clerk: Rachel Scully, clerk@wopc.org.uk

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

Agenda Item:	Minute:	Action:
	Cllr Rees took the Chair for this meeting in the absence of Cllr Stuart.	
24.42	Apologies:	
	Cllr. R Coldrick, Cllr R Lowe, Cllr S Stuart, Cllr M Watson Police Representative	
24.43	Public participation:	
	<p>a) Members of the Public & Press A member of the public discussed the building work on Birmingham Road by Coleshill Tool Hire, whether the property was going to be Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO), and mentioned Cllr Stuart was going to make enquiries.</p> <p>b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: None</p> <p>c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: The police representative was not present but had emailed the clerk. He confirmed he would be the regular point of contact for Water Orton and would be looking to attend meetings as much as possible each month going forward.</p> <p>The police representative confirmed that he is aware that Anti-social behaviour is a current concern in the area which the police are looking to deal with going forward. There are high visibility patrols in Water Orton regularly conducted particularly at a certain area that had been highlighted to the police in the village.</p>	SS
24.44	Declarations of Interest and dispensations:	
	None	
24.45	Minutes:	
	<p>Cllr Freeman mentioned minute ref: 24.27 and checked the decision in principle to approve the hosting of NW Connect and Learn Sessions for the development of online skills at the Pavilion. The Clerk clarified that the decision was made in principle and was in process of making further enquiries.</p> <p>Cllr Freeman made her apologies that she was yet to follow through and action minute ref: 24.36.</p>	

	<p>Following clarification, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29 February 2024.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Maintenance Sub-Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2024.</p>	
24.46	Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:	
	<p>The report from the Chair, Cllr. Stuart was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Freeman reported and provided an update on the Annual Parish Gathering in May. More members from Water Orton Carnival had become involved. Water Orton (WO) Heritage Culture Group, WO Ladies, the Bowls, the Cricket, the Tennis and Rugby club would be taking part. Orchard Nurseries would be donating a tombola prize and would be attending to sell plants. HS2 and Warwickshire Community Volunteers would be taking part conducting a Question and Answers table. The flyers needed to be designed.</p> <p>Cllr Brown gave vote of thanks to Cllr Freeman for all her hard work.</p>	
24.47	Correspondence:	
	<p>It was not clear from the email what North Warwickshire Borough Council was offering regarding dog fouling signage.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would approach North Warwickshire Borough Council to make further enquiries. To find out more information in order to make a decision about particular areas of interest where the Parish Council may like the signage to be displayed, to receive any extra signs for further down the line to replace any damaged signs, or for any other locations that there may be an issue.</p>	RS
24.48	Maintenance:	
	<p>Cllr Chown had completed the monthly play inspection and reported the play areas looked good. It was noted that the big slide on the village green would need painting during the summer which could be carried out by one of the caretakers. The clerk would arrange the works with the caretakers in the summer.</p>	RS
24.49	Finance:	
49a)	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of the maintenance and service of the clock on this occasion. Going forward any servicing and maintenance work and proposed costs for the church clock should be itemised and agreed by the Parish Council in advance of any work taking place every year. The clerk would communicate this with the church.</p>	RS
49b)	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 21 March 2024, and items paid under delegated authority.</p>	
49c)	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve the 2023-24 accounts and bank reconciliation to 21 March 2024.</p>	

24.50	Clerk's Report:	
	The Clerk's report was noted. The clerk explained that further investigation would be needed to establish whether there are any further papers, and make further enquiries how the Parish Council acquired ownership of the bowling green and the allotment as the land shown in the original conveyance does not include that area of land.	RS
24.51	Erection of Safety Mirror-Coleshill Road Triangle:	
	It was RESOLVED that Cllr Freeman would make contact and refer back to Cllr Watson to discuss and establish whether highways would be minded to address the issue.	NF
24.52	Erection of Beware Pedestrians Sign-Tennis Club Entrance:	
	It was RESOLVED to proceed to costing the proposed works with PM who confirmed the Tennis Club would be happy to make a half contribution towards the costs.	NF
24.53	Registration of Village Green:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve that the village green should be registered as a village green, in order the area of land could only be used as a village green.	
	It was RESOLVED to place advertisements in the library, the Coleshill Post and The Bridge, to reach out to the wider community of Water Orton inviting the members of public who are well acquainted with Water Orton to come forward to make witness statements to support the application for the registration of the village green. To also be promoted at the Annual Parish Gathering.	RS
	It was RESOLVED to nominate Cllr Rees to complete a Statement of Truth for the Parish Council.	
	The clerk would make contact with the solicitor who has conduct of the first registration applications to advise of the decisions made by the Parish Council.	RS
24.54	Water Orton Development Site-Realignment of the footpath	
	The report from Cllr Brown was not available on further investigations regarding the proposed options put forward by Develop Warwickshire for the realignment of the footpath. It was RESOLVED that a separate meeting date should be arranged for further discussion of the footpath.	
24.55	Warwick County Council Rights of Improvement Plan:	
	This item was deferred to the end of the agenda.	
24.56	Planning Policy Consultations:	
	It was RESOLVED that this could be dealt with by arranging a teams meeting with Councillors to go through the policy and obtain the Parish Council views by 09 May 2024.	NF
24.57	THE Warwickshire County Council (Country Parks) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024:	
	Information noted-no comments	

24.58	Allotments:	
	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve the proposal that an advertisement should be placed on the notice boards, in The Bridge, and the Coleshill Post, to give the members of the public 45 days' notice to provide evidence of their request to be placed on the allotment waiting list, together with evidence of notification received that they had been placed on the waiting list. The member of public that provides evidence of the earliest date would be able to make an application for the allotment space.</p> <p>The Parish Council to compile a new allotment waiting list from the evidence when provided by the members of public.</p>	<p>RS KB (to place advert in the Coleshill Post)</p> <p>RS</p>
24.59	Parish Council Committee meetings:	
	It was RESOLVED to defer this item until the date of the Annual Meeting due to take place in May 2024 on a date to be set.	
24.60	Notice Board:	
	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve that the following minimum information would be displayed on the noticeboards sited at the library and the Pavilion:</p> <p>Contact details for the Parish Council Contact details for the Councillors (name and email address only) Dates of full Parish Council meetings The agenda for forthcoming meetings Details of any existing vacancies Details on how to access council documents Working Groups</p>	
24.61	Planning:	
61a)	To consider new applications: None	
61b)	<p>To report decisions on previous planning applications made by NWBC (for information only)</p> <p>Reference: PAP/2024/0019</p> <p>Address: 43, Vicarage Lane, Water Orton, B46 1RY</p> <p>Details: Erection of First Storey Side Extension</p> <p>NWBC Decision: Granted – Decision was noted.</p> <p>Reference: PAP/2023/0511</p> <p>Address: Wedgewood, Vicarage Lane, Water Orton, B46 1RY</p> <p>Details: Application of Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission- PAP/2022/0344, dated 22/10/2022. To replace rear dormer windows with Juliet type units.</p> <p>NWBC Decision: Granted – Decision was noted.</p>	

	<p>Reference: PAP/2023/0056</p> <p>Address: Land At Junction Lichfield Road Watton Lane Water Orton</p> <p>Details: Battery Energy Storage Site, Substation Compound, With Associated Infrastructure, Fencing, Access Off Watton Road, Drainage and Landscaping</p> <p>NWBC Decision: Granted- Decision was noted.</p> <p>Reference: PAP/2023/0565</p> <p>Address: 23 Coleshill Road, Water Orton, B46 1QX</p> <p>Details: Erection Of Two Storey Side and Single Storey Rear Extensions.</p> <p>NWBC Decision: Granted – Decision was noted.</p>	
24.62	Items for Next Meeting:	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	RS
24.63	Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:	
	The next Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 25 April 2024 at 6.30pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
24.64	Closed Session:	
	To consider moving into a closed session and exclude the public and press, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.	
24.55	Warwick County Council Rights of Improvement Plan:	
	Agenda item moved during the meeting under Standing Order 10 a) vi The questionnaire was discussed and completed in draft with the views of the Parish Council. The clerk was tasked to submit the survey online before the specified deadline date of 07 April 2024.	RS

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:.....

Dated:

Chairman Initials.....

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