

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 7.00pm on Thursday 26 September 2024

Present: Cllr. S Stuart (Chair), Cllr. K Brown, Cllr. C Chown, Cllr. R Coldrick, Cllr. N Freeman, Cllr. W Rees, Cllr. D Room, Cllr. M Watson

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:
24.151	Apologies:	
	Cllr. D Reilly, noted and accepted.	
24.152	Public participation:	
	a) Members of the Public & Press b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: This item was deferred down the agenda	
	The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7.00pm.	
	The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7.05pm.	
24.152	Public Participation:	
	<p>Agenda Item moved during the meeting under Standing Order 10</p> <p>a) vi</p> a) Members of the Public and Press A member of the public raised the issue about the damaged railings on the triangle of the shops by the village. b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: Discussed the old school site development considering whether there are alternatives for access. Footpath by the new school, discussions have taken place with Warwickshire County Council regarding longer term solution for the use and the responsibility of the land. Discussed the works relating to St Blaise/Vicarage Road, the cost of the works have increased significantly from the original quote and there is only a certain amount of funding available. All works are in the queue. The works both have safety issues attached. Discussed a preference of the white lining. Mentioned about possibility of investigating other sources of funding. The Report, dated 25.09.2024, and the External Bodies Report dated 24.09.2024 prepared by SS was noted and accepted.	

	c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present: A police representative did not attend the meeting, a police report was not available.	
24.153	Declarations of Interest and dispensations:	
	Cllr Freeman, (agenda item 24.162a)	
24.154	Minutes:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25 July 2024. It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 05 September 2024.	
24.155	Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:	
	An update was received from the Community Engagement meeting that took place on Wednesday 11 September 2024. Discussions about the Water Orton Parish Council facebook page, the website, the newsletter, local events, and proposed event to involve the young people of the village.	
24.156	Clerk's Report:	
	Noted.	
24.157	Correspondence:	
	It was noted that it is anticipated the risk assessment for the playing fields should be available in the middle of October 24.	
24.158	Train Services:	
	a) It was RESOLVED to note the report of the meeting held between North Warwickshire Borough Council and other parties relating to increasing the number of train services in to and out of Water Orton. b) It was RESOLVED to write to Network Rail, West Midlands Rail Executive and Rachel Taylor MP to detail the desire for greater rail services (more frequent services) from Water Orton at the earliest opportunity.	RS
24.159	Spud Club:	
	a) It was RESOLVED to note the report into the initial phase of Spud Club and to consider governance issues going forward. b) It was RESOLVED to support the setting up of an independent body to oversee the operational delivery of "Spud Club" with a view for it to continue as a sustainable ongoing concern run for the benefit of the Water Orton Community. The Clerk to update the assets register.	
24.160	Maintenance:	
160a)	Cllr Chown reported that the Parish Council is still on the contractors waiting list for repairs to the damaged wet pour flooring at the play area on the village.	

160b)	The annual independent play inspection reports for Openfield Croft, and Vicarage Lane were noted. No urgent repairs were needed.	
160c)	It was RESOLVED to approve the proposal to lay grass rubber mats to address the problem of the uneven walkway and of which are also suitable for access by wheelchairs and pushchairs. The issue of the uneven pavement to be reported to Highways at Warwickshire County Council.	RS
160d)	It was RESOLVED to refer this item for further investigations to include the health and safety implications, cost implications and complete a risk assessment. It was agreed that Cllr Brown would prepare a report for the full Parish Council to consider at a future meeting.	KB
24.161	Parish Council Van:	
	It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a replacement van up to the sum of £7,500. (Two councillors abstained from voting).	RC KB
	It was RESOLVED to approve and proceed with the works to the current Parish Council van the costs being £300.00 and once completed sell the van. (Two Councillors abstained from voting). This subject to the clerk checking the finance regulations on selling and disposing of assets.	RS
24.162	Finance:	
162a)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of £120 plus VAT to Coleshill Town Council for Cllr Freeman to attend the LANTRA TMCE Course (traffic management) hosted by Coleshill Town Council.	
162b)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of the invoice for services by Moore for completing the 2023/24 External Auditors limited assurance review in the sum of £504.00.	
162c)	It was RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule up to 31 August 2024 and 18 September 2024 and items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule.	
162d)	It was RESOLVED to approve the 2024-25 receipts and payments, and bank reconciliation to 31 August 2024 and 18 September 2024.	
24.163	Fillongley Parish Council- Solar Farm Appeal:	
	It was RESOLVED not to approve financial support but to send an email of support.	RS
24.164	Land on Marsh Lane:	
	It was RESOLVED that a meeting should be set up with Beaver Metals with all the Councillors to obtain more information before making a decision whether to proceed to the next stage of the transfer. The Clerk to make contact to arrange a meeting.	RS
24.165	Committee Meetings:	
	Deferred until another date.	
24.166	Change of Name of the Parish Council:	
	Deferred until another date.	

24.167	Union Canal Transfer Consultation:	
	It was RESOLVED that as Cllr Rees was attending one of the scheduled public consultation meetings on Friday 27 September 2024 she would provide further information by email to all Councillors after the meeting.	WR
24.168	Planning:	
168a)	To consider new applications: Reference: PAP/2024/0166 Applicant: Mrs Julie Brown Address: 163, Plank Lane, Water Orton, B46 1SG (Grid Ref: Easting 417659.35, Northing 290890.12) Details: Works to Wellington Mammoth tree protected by tree preservation order 713.081/3 with removal of broken or dead branches Comments: No comments	
168b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by North Warwickshire Borough Council (for information only) Reference: PAP/2024/0346 Address: 54 Minworth Road, Water Orton, Birmingham, B46 1NH Details: Application For Works To Conifer Trees In A Conservation Area Decision: Conservation Area Consent Granted. Noted	
24.169	Items for Next Meeting:	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
24.170	Date, Time and Place of the next Parish Council Meeting:	
	The next Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 31 October 2024 at 7.00pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.	
24.171	Closed Session:	
	The meeting did not move into a closed session.	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:.....

Dated:

Chairman Initials.....

