

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 26th
September, 2012 at 7.30pm in Wall Village Hall.

Members Present:

M. J. Crowe – Chairman J. Linney C Rubisch

P. Sampson F. Ellett A Ryman

In Attendance:

C. Dillow – Parish Clerk

13 Members of the public
(Including County Councillor Erica
Bayliss & District Councillors Rita
Hancocks and David Salter)

Action

1. Apologies received

Apologies had been received from Councillor R Barker.

2. Absence noted and approved

The absence of Councillor R Barker was noted and approved.

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 25th July 2012

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 25th July, 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

The flag should be raised and taken down on appointed days

It was noted Item 11 should read opposite Four Oaks Timber.

4. Approval of minutes of a planning meeting held on 8th August 2012

The minutes of the parish council meeting, held on 8th August, 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

The smell from the waste site has been addressed and the County Council are monitoring the situation at present.

5. Declaration of interests

Councillor A Ryman declared an interest in item 16 of the agenda, planning applications.

6. **The Chairman adjourned the meeting**

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7. Public session

One resident asked if the new flag in the village could be raised half mast when someone passes away in the village, Councillor P Sampson thinks this is a very good idea and the Chairman agrees. Various members of the public raised the concerns over the amendment to the planning application for the wind turbines. Councillor A Ryman was asked by the chairman to vacate the room for 15 minutes due to the nature of the business being discussed and a declaration of interest. Councillor Ryman left the room. The residents feel they are unable to get clarification on the amendments to the application the Chairman stated that the additional supporting information is available on the Lichfield District Council website, the residents are concerned that the wind is blowing in a westerly direction daily and about the health / noise hazards. The figures are not independent as requested, the site was only monitored for 2 days, how can they get true noise levels if there are no turbines there at present? The new application now shows a property in close proximity as neutral which was originally high impact due to there being trees, but there is no alliance to keep the trees. The residents would like to see an objection. The parish council confirmed they will re-enforce their original objection. 2 residents raised concerns that the smell from the waste site was still an issue, will the county monitor it and can the parish council ensure it is being monitored? The Chairman has contacted Debbie Holyhead from Staffordshire County Council regarding the smell and will follow this up. One resident also mentioned the road safety camera van and feels that there are too many signs warning that the van is there, the Chairman confirmed it is a legal requirement to put the signs up.

8. **The Chairman reconvened the meeting**

Councillor Ryman was invited to re-enter the room, but he had decided to leave.

9. Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that R Catmur has recorded £40.82 in leaflet sales Speeding enforcement Ashcroft Lane, since June on the four occasions the Van has attended there has been 26 offences recorded. Completion of Annual Audit has been returned and there was nothing to report.

10. Correspondence

Queens award for voluntary service 2012 – nominations to be received by 28th September **PS**
 Local Plan Strategy, proposed submission consultation, Councillor David Salter to email clerk and councillors with a copy of Stonall Parish Council's plan for information **DS**
 SCC – Rights of way team changes, Clerk tabled letter
 SCC – Street lighting energy conservation initiative, Clerk tabled letter

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Community Council, Annual report, received by the council
SPCA, annual report, received by the council
SPCA, newsletter July 2012, received by the council.

11. Councillor's business

Councillor Rubisch reported the dip by Brook Bridge, Ashcroft Lane, has
Eroded away and a car has ended up in the hedge. Clerk to report to
Highways

Clerk 27/09

Councillors requested to the clerk that matters arising be a permanent
agenda item

The Chairman requested a letter of thanks be written to George Hartshorne
thanking him for the flag and pole and help with erection

Clerk 28/09

Councillor Sampson informed the council that the shelves for the
phone box were being built, the gentleman who suggested using the phone
box for books would like to arrange a meeting to see where books can be
obtained, it was suggested they work with the church as they do the same
thing once a month on a Tuesday.

The clerk confirmed a letter to the community payback team had been sent,
the strimmer belongs to the probation service if the PC takes it on they would
need to take on the up keep and securing if all the parish council agrees to it,
or it will have to be returned, the initial outlay could have been £400.00 it
has been very useful and will help keep the team longer.

Councillor Linney asked to be excused from the meeting at 8.45pm

12. District and County Councillors report

Councillor Bayliss informed the council that extra money is going into
Highways to catch up on works, the flood water has done a lot of damage
To the roads and a mapping exercise is being carried out to determine the
Worst areas of flooding

Councillor Hancocks nothing to report

Councillor Salter nothing to report

13. Jubilee Milestone update

The chairman handed a sample of the Derbyshire stone being used around
the table and informed the council that the stonemason being used is from
Huddersfield. Councillor Bayliss has given a Staffordshire Flag to be draped
over the milestone for the unveiling. The Chairman stated that as we are now
ordering direct from the quarry we are able to claim the VAT back, a plaque
and information board is still to be arranged. We are looking at early to mid
November for the unveiling and we are hoping to have the Lord Lieutenant to
do the unveiling.

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14. Best Kept Competition Results

The Chairman was very pleased to report that Wall came 3rd in the Competition and that we will be entering again next year.

15. Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated details of the current bank account, that indicated a favourable balance of £4534.79

Cheques approved and signed at the meeting were

	<u>£</u>
J Crowe	£792.94
C Dillow	£322.02
Greenlands	£597.00
Audit Commission	£144.00
 Staffordshire Playing Fields	 £15.00 – the council do not wish to join and the cheque was cancelled.
P Sampson	£28.92 – A cheque to Councillor Sampson was requested for a re-imburement for the village project (phone box) and approved by the council.

12. Planning applications

12/00726/FUL (full application) Mr. Stuart Ryman, Manor Farm, Wall Lane, Wall, Lichfield. Erection of two 50kw wind turbines with a hub height of 36.4m and overall height to tip of 46m and associated facilities and works . The council concluded that further to their previous objection and further planning meeting the original objection still stands, regarding the further supporting evidence provided by the applicant, it is felt the revised landscape visual impact assessment fails to show photos from a true location point showing an unfair report

The focal view on approach will not be in keeping with the landscape and greenbelt area, wall is one of few villages left that is fortunate to have a roman historical site still available for public viewing, the application would significantly devalue its tourist trade and could therefore have a knock on effect in Lichfield.

There is no such need for this type of development in wall and many residents of wall will suffer major visual intrusion.

The parish council feels that the report has been hastily put together and fail to see how a true and accurate report has been produced? The wind is currently blowing in a westerly direction on a daily basis; the reports have not been carried out at times when there have been high winds, also noise interference at night needs to be taken into consideration as this will be significantly higher. The noise is most likely to come from the speed and interaction of the blades of the two turbines which is likely to be variable. Also the clerk is to note the comments of the residents.

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Planning Decisions

12/00335/FUL – Granted
12/00193/FUL – Granted
12/00607/LBC – Granted
12/00691/COU – Granted
11/00924/FUL - Granted

17. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 28th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Chairman

Date

