

## WALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft** Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday  
24<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 at 7.30pm in Wall Village Hall.

### Members Present:

M. J. Crowe – Chairman      F Ellett      C Rubisch

P. Sampson                  A Ryman                  J Linney

### In Attendance:

C. Dillow – Parish Clerk,

1 member of the public  
(Including District Councillor Mr D Salter)

### Action

#### 1. Apologies received

No Apologies were received through the clerk

#### 2. Absence noted and approved

Noted

#### 3. Approval of minutes of meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> May

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings, held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Ellett pointed out that his name was spelt incorrectly on Item 5 this was amended and initialed.

#### 4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Councillor Ellett asked if a response had been received regarding item 14, A5 Layby, the clerk reported that no reply had been received and she will chase this up, regarding the points made in item 11 regarding the damaged sign, the electricity sub station doors and damaged bollard on the A5, the clerk advised that she has actioned the councils concerns but has not received a response to date she will chase these up also.

Councillor Sampson reported that he has spoken with Mary Lee of Staffordshire County Council today as the white triangle outside the Trooper Inn had not been replaced, as it is a requirement she will arrange for it to be replaced.

#### 5. Declaration of interests

No declarations of interest were declared.

6. **The Chairman adjourned the meeting**7. **Public session**

No public in attendance

8. **The Chairman reconvened the meeting**9. **Clerk's report**

The Clerks report was tabled and it was noted that R Catmur has recorded £31.66 in leaflet sales, the clerk gave an update on the Speeding enforcement in Wall and members were pleased to see the times suggested ('rat run times') had been taken on board with the number of offences increasing. The clerk gave an update on the Nuisance noise at White Ladies, the District Council are serving a Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) on the person using the land and a name has been found for the agent for the owners of the land, they will also receive the PCN. The user of the land is entitled to submit a planning application but this has not been done to date.

10. **Correspondence**

The clerk tabled an invitation from the Community Council of Staffordshire for an invitation to the Best Kept Village Competition results. **Resolved** Councillors J Crowe, F Ellett and P Sampson will attend. The clerk reported that she had received a recommendation from SLCC that salary scales of all full and part-time clerks be adjusted in accordance with the new spinal column points and the rates should be applied from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. **Resolved** to adjust the clerks salary currently at SCP point 22 in line with the recommendation.

11. **Councillor's business**

Councillor Ellett feels that as the council meets bi-monthly and the minutes are not displayed until they have been approved they are out of date **Resolved** to display the minutes on the website and notice boards in draft form until approval. Councillor Linney reported that recent heavy rain had caused damage to one of the headstones at the cemetery and possibly another 1 or 2. The clerk was asked to write a letter to the Church Wardens informing them of the change in local government rules surrounding funding. Councillor Sampson reported that the recent heavy rain has caused considerable flooding outside the bungalows, he has spoken to Mary Lee of Staffordshire County Council, the tarmac around the inspection covers has lifted exacerbating the problem Mary Lee will contact the utility company to see if they will repair, if no joy she will see if it can be done through County Highways, she is arranging for all the gullies along the route to be cleared. **Resolved** clerk to contact the District Council to request some sand bags.

Councillor Crowe reported that some of the verges and central reservations

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in the Parish are in a very poor state especially the A5 to Muckley Corner is causing visibility problems and due to weather conditions the grass is very dry, there is a healthy safety risk of fires which could cause road closures. **Resolved** clerk to write letter to highways agency expressing the councils concerns and inform the clerk at Shenstone to do the same.

**12. District and County Councillors report**

Councillor D Salter reported that County Councillor D Smith feels it's Important that there is representation from Wall parish Council at the Staffordshire Action Meeting, date to be confirmed.

**13. To receive update re damaged bench & costs for replacement**

Following the last meeting Councillor J Linney has very kindly agreed to donate his bench to be placed by the bus stop in the village, the Council are very grateful. **Resolved** As previously agreed a plaque will be purchased and it was agreed the wording will be in memory of Mrs. Linney. Councillor Ellett to arrange the fitting.

**14. Wall Village Hall Shed Project**

The project is ongoing; an application was made to Councillor Mr D Smith Community Fund, this was approved and the funding has been received. A shed manufacturer was found and the shed has now been erected. A few alterations such as insulating and strengthening are required and this will be arranged by the village hall committee. The Village Hall Management Committee is very pleased.

**15. Local / Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk reported that she has looked into the matter of the Council setting up a plan & has liaised with Lichfield District Council, who are happy to give a presentation in more detail to explain the different type of plans and the benefits to the parish. **Resolved** members agreed they wish to find out more information, Clerk to invite a member of LDC to a special meeting of the council during August if possible.

**16. Clerk financial report – Appendix 2**

The Clerk circulated details of the current bank account, that indicated a favourable balance of £3058.34

Cheques approved and signed at the meeting were

	£
Wall Village Hall	18.00
C Dillow	293.90
N Power	30.09
P Sampson	500.00
Greenlands	398.00

Wall Village Hall	20.00
P Sampson	43.51
G Hartshorne (paid)	124.98
Came & Co (paid)	295.74

**17. Planning applications – Appendix 3**

13/00626/FUL – Mr L Friend – The Glade Walsall Road – Retention of balustrades to single storey rear extension. **Resolved** to raise no objection to this application.

**18. Planning Decisions – Appendix 3**

None received.

**19. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Meeting closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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**Chairman**

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**Date**