

## WALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7:30 pm at Wall Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs M J Crowe (Chairman), R Barker, P Sampson, R Saxton, Mrs F Robertson and C Rubisch.

**In Attendance:** County Councillor David Smith and Peter Young (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr A Ryman.

**78. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None not covered by Dispensations

#### **79. Minutes**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 January 2019, as circulated with the agenda, were approved and signed as a correct record.

**80. Matters Arising on the Minutes:** The stolen post-box at Hilton had now been replaced.

#### **81. District and County Councillors' Reports**

County Councillor David Smith reported on the new Highways Action Partnership which had been established within his Division. **Action:** It was agreed that the Council participate in the Partnership.

During discussion on this item the following matters arose:

- a. Wall Island. **Action:** Clerk to pursue repainting of white lines with Highways England
- b. A5 westbound on approach to Muckley Corner. **Action:** Clerk to seek improved advance signage that the right-hand lane was for A5 westbound traffic.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Smith for his attendance. Councillor Smith left the meeting.

#### **82. Policing Matters**

- a. It was noted that the police desk in the reception area of Lichfield District Council would close in May. Office counters for the public would remain open at Burton, Cannock and Stoke which the Police report stated would provide "good levels of accessibility to people across the county".
- b. It was noted that residents were being invited to join their local Safer Neighbourhood Panel.
- c. A written report was submitted to the meeting from the police. Overall recorded crime in Wall and Hammerwich had increased from 98 to 102 incidents in the past year.

**83. Public Session:** No members of the public were present.

**84. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk:** The following matters were reported:

- a. The Speed Watch sign had now been installed. It had first been erected near the Watling Street bus shelter and then relocated to Ashcroft Lane bridge, where early indications were that most vehicles exceeded the 30mph limit. **Actions:** Clerk to submit grant report to the Safer Communities Partnership. Clerk to check with SCC Highways if a 30 mph sign could be fixed to the backing plate of the sign for the times when the sign was not present at that location.
- b. Under new regulations every existing public sector website would need to meet certain accessibility standards and publish a statement to that effect not later than 22 September 2020.
- c. The meeting of the Lichfield District Parish Forum scheduled for 2 April had been cancelled.
- d. Parish Elections would be held on 2 May and completed nomination papers needed to be submitted to LDC by 4pm on Wednesday 3 April.
- e. There had been an incident of anti-social behaviour on the car park. **Action:** Police to be asked to step up night-time patrols.

#### **85. John Linney**

Members discussed ways to mark the late John Linney's service to the parish and parish council. A suggested timber archway onto the picnic bench site was discussed, but there were concerns that the design submitted could be used as a climbing frame. **Actions:** Alternative archway designs and other suggestions to be explored. Clerk to check on land ownership of the proposed archway site.

#### **86. Car Park Light and Phonebox Electricity Supply**

The Clerk reported on the annual costs of the Npower supply to the car park light as follows:

Until 6 months ago	<b>£167.57</b>
Current "out of contract"	<b>£422.89</b>
w.e.f. 1/4/19 at "out of contract" price	<b>£755.16</b>
New 2 year fixed-price contract offer w.e.f. 1/4/19	<b>£741.76</b>

**Action:** Clerk to seek alternative energy supply prices via utility brokers Utility Aid. If no substantial decreases could be obtained, then the option of disconnecting both supplies should be explored.

### 87. Highways & Open Spaces

- Cllr Sampson reported that the Community Payback Team were continuing their work.
- Cllr Sampson reported the cost (about £140 net) of providing a dog poop bag dispenser (with signage and supply of 800 bags) to go alongside the litter bin on the grassed area by the Watling St bus shelter. **Action:** It was agreed to purchase this, and Cllr Sampson to place the order.
- It was agreed to enter the 2019 Best Kept Village competition. **Action:** Clerk to submit entry form.
- Highway faults. **Actions:** Clerk to report the following to SCC Highways: gullies needed emptying on Raikes Lane/Ashcroft Lane junction; grips needed reinstating to remove flooding on old A5 west of railway bridge; gullies blocked at the corner of Green Lane and Market Lane, Wall.

**88. Planning Applications:** No new applications. Decisions on previous applications noted as follows:

Ref	Address	Details	Wall PC Comment	Decision
18/00632/FULM	Barn Farm, Hilton	Erection of agricultural building; extension to farmyard, etc	Recommend Refusal (detailed reasons).	Awaited
18/01413/FUL	Wall Farm, Green Lane	Variation of condition 2 of 17/00624/FUL and 17/00625/LBC relating to approved plans	Recommend Refusal external stairs; new window to playroom; new window to bathroom. No objections to other works	<b>Approved</b> 01/02/19
18/01490/FUL	The White House Market Lane	2-storey extension to front to form garage, utility, 1no bedroom and ensuite; re-roofing, replacement / modification of windows etc	Large extension in Green Belt. Great care must be taken with foundations due to proximity of the Wall Scheduled Monument site; but no objections.	<b>Approved</b> 25/01/19
18/01470/ADV	Various locations	Retention Festival signs	No objections	<b>Approved</b> 14/12/18
19/00107/FULH 19/00108/LBC 19/00110/FULH 19/00111/LBC	Wall Farm, Green Lane	Retention of various works		Awaited

### 89. Accounts for Payment

The bank reconciliation at 28 February was noted. **Resolved: payment of the following:**

Date Paid	Chq No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
08/02/19	782	Wall Village Hall <b>PAID</b>	Room Hire 10/1/19 Council	18.00
08/02/19	783	Wall Village Hall <b>PAID</b>	Use by Payback Team 2/12/18-13/1/19	80.00
20/03/19	784	SPCA	Membership (1 year from 1/4/19)	152.00
08/02/19	785	Wall Village Hall <b>Total £98.00</b>	Room Hire 20/3/19 Council	18.00
			Use by Payback Team 20/1/19-17/3/19	80.00
19/03/19	786	Locum Clerk	Salary	379.84
19/03/19	787	HMRC	PAYE on salary	94.80
19/03/19	788	Community Foundation	BKV entry 2019	30.40
				<b>853.04</b>

### 90. Dates of Next Meetings

Wed 15 May 2019, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall (Annual Council, preceded by Annual Parish Meeting)  
Wed 17 July 2019, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall

***There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:50 pm***

Chairman: .....

Date: .....