

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 July 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 A Ryman.

In Attendance: County Cllr David Smith, District Cllr Alastair Little, PC Lee Turner, four members of the public, and Peter Young (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr C Rubisch whose apologies were accepted.

22. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Cllr R Barker declared an interest under Minute 30 as his property was included in the proposed amendments to the list of buildings of local architectural and historic interest. No discussion took place as to the inclusion of that specific property.

23. Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 May 2019, as circulated with the agenda, were approved and signed as a correct record.

24. Matters Arising on the Minutes: None.

25. Public Session: Two members of the public reported on a suggestion to undertake a living history project about memories of WWII in Wall and its surrounding areas. This would form part of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May 2020, culminating in an exhibition in Wall Village Hall. Members expressed support for this proposal and if funding was required this would be considered by the Council as an agenda item at a future meeting. It was mentioned that other village events should be planned to celebrate this important anniversary and it was noted that the 2020 early May Bank Holiday had been moved to Friday 8 May to permit a long weekend of events nationally.

Two members of the public reported on being made welcome when they moved to Wall recently. They were very willing to get involved in village life and improve community activities. In particular they felt that more could be done to improve the standard of Wall's entry to the Best Kept Village (BKV) competition. Members welcomed this initiative and felt that establishing a BKV working group of residents might be a good way to support BKV, and could also help promote community engagement in the parish generally. This idea to be included on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

26. District and County Councillors' Reports

District Cllr Alastair Little reported that he was newly elected to the District, although also a County Councillor for a different area. Together with his fellow District Councillor for the ward (Janice Silvester-Hall) it was hoped that one or other would attend most parish council meetings to report.

County Councillor David Smith reported on his proposed speed enforcement initiative for which there was a meeting planned for 29 July.

There was general discussion with both councillors regarding the lack of cutting of highway verge areas, particularly outside the 30mph zone. There was also concern that the recent remarking of the lane lines and direction arrows at Wall Island had made the traffic island more dangerous than before.

The Chairman thanked both councillors for their attendance and reports.

27. Policing Matters

PC Lee Turner reported that as the new local neighbourhood officer whose area included Wall Parish he was keen to be involved and take up any local policing issues. He was happy for his contact details to be minuted, and he could be contacted by email at Lee.Turner@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk or by phone 07814 784568. The Chairman thanked PC Turner for his attendance and involvement, particularly as he had taken the trouble to attend even though 'off-duty'.

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

- a. Further to Minute 15 of the meeting 15 May 2019, the Council had agreed a new 22 month contract (26/5/18 to 31/3/20) for the electricity supply to the car park light and former phone box. The charges were substantially lower than those previously and credit notes totalling

£560.40 had been received against the charges already paid for the period 26/5/18 to 31/3/19. Following acceptance of this new contract, a quotation had been obtained to fix a protective barrier around the car park light and fit a new LED lighting in the former phone box.

Resolved: an order be placed with Darwin Electrical to undertake the work as per the quotation.

- b. It was noted that Lichfield District Council was consulting on amendments to its Street Trading Policy. Members noted that the high charges and onerous licensing criteria required under the current policy had meant that the Bower Market had been cancelled and there had been hardly any stalls present at the Festival Market.

Resolved: to respond that the current Street Trading Policy for community style events needed to be abandoned, not amended.

29. LDC Parish Forum

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Parish Forum meeting on 25 June. The meeting was much better-attended meeting than previously and there had been several items of interest, including an update on Neighbourhood Plans in the District. **Action:** The Clerk to circulate the Minutes of the Parish Forum meeting to all members for information.

30. Proposed amendments to the List of Buildings of Local Architectural and Historic Interest.

It was noted that Lichfield District Council was proposing to add a number of building and structures to its list of Buildings of Local Architectural and Historic Interest (Local List). A consultation process was being undertaken and the consultation documents had been emailed to councillors.

Resolved: That the proposed amendments to the List of Buildings of Local Architectural and Historic Interest be noted.

31. Draft Air Quality Action Plan

It was noted that Lichfield District Council had produced a 69 page air quality action plan to reduce air pollution in two 'air quality management areas' in order to meet national air quality objectives. One of these two areas was at Muckley Corner. A consultation process was being undertaken on the draft plan. Member considered the proposed Plan and it was:

Resolved: That the only action likely to have a significant effect on the air quality pollution caused by queuing traffic at Muckley corner would be to remove charges on the M6 Toll and thereby take traffic away from local roads.

32. Highways and Open Spaces

- a. Data was reported from the Speed Watch sign at its third location capturing data from northbound traffic on Wall Lane by Manor Farm. Despite the proximity of the narrow and dangerous bends, 67.5% of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph, with a top speed of 57 mph recorded. **Action:** speed sign data to be forwarded to PC Turner.
- b. Cllr P Sampson showed mock-ups of the "30mph Please Slow Down" signs to be fixed to the speed sign back plates to be used when they speed sign itself was not at that location. **Action:** Subject to Highway Authority approval these signs be purchased by the Council.
- c. It was felt that for various reasons this year's entry to the BKV competition had been below par. As discussed earlier in the agenda a more proactive approach should be adopted for the coming year. With uncertainty over the future of the Community Payback team it was felt that the Council should consider the engagement of a village lengthsman to undertake odd jobs around the parish. **Action:** this item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- d. It was noted that the low rail fence in the car park at Watling Street had been damaged again, and that other areas of fencing around the car park needed attention.

Resolved: that LDC be requested to repair the areas of broken fencing in their ownership, and that delegated authority be given to the Clerk (in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman) to assess other areas of the car park fencing and either arrange repairs if required for urgent safety, or report back to the next meeting with costings, as appropriate.

- e. There was ongoing concern about the safety of the service bus using either the Wall car park or the entry to The Butts to undertake the reversing movement onto Watling Street which is required by the bus route. **Action:** Concerns to be reported to the bus company.
- f. SCC highways had reported they had dealt with gullies in Raikes Lane, Chesterfield, but that not all the gullies could have been emptied as some of the gully covers were immovable.

33. Planning Applications

- a. **19/00110/FULH Retention of external works comprising erection of new garden wall, entrance gates, piers, and bin store.** It was noted that the original application had been in January, but the Council was now invited to comment on amended plans for the design of gates. **Resolved: No objections.**
- b. Members noted decisions on previous applications s follows:

Ref	Address	Details	Wall PC Comment	Decision
18/00632/FULM	Barn Farm, Cranebrook Lane, Hilton	Erection of agricultural building; extension to farmyard, erection of transformer cabin, creation of new farm access drive, etc	Recommend Refusal (detailed reasons).	Refused 18/06/19
19/00468/FULH	The Bungalow, Grange Farm, Ashcroft Lane	Single storey extensions to side and rear to form 1 bedroom, ensuite, dining and living area; 3 dormer windows, canopy porch to front	No objections	Approved 21/06/19
19/00540/FUL 19/00541/LBC	Wall Farm, Green Lane	New external entrance lobby	RECOMMEND REFUSAL: the scale and massing of the proposed porch (even when the depth is reduced from that currently built without planning consent), is totally unsympathetic and out of keeping with this very old listed building. It dominates the whole frontage destroying the character and appearance of the original building.	Approved 17/06/19

34. Accounts for Payment and Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation at 30 June was noted. **Resolved: payment of the following:**

Date Paid	Chq No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
26/06/19	817	P Sampson (reimburse)	Country Gardening - 1 litre of 2 stroke oil	16.00
26/06/19	818	MJ Crowe (reimburse)	Projector	694.80
26/06/19	819	P Young (reimburse)	Barriers Direct - barrier for lamp-post	88.20
28/06/19	820	C Rubisch (reimburse)	Petrol for brush-cutter	10.00
17/07/19	821	SJL Landscapes	Verge cutting June 2019	146.74
17/07/19	822	Wall Village Hall	Use by Payback Team 19/5/19 to 14/7/19	80.00
		Total £98.00	Room Hire 17/7/19 Council	18.00
17/07/19	823	GeoXphere	Digital mapping year from 30 June 2019	60.00
17/07/19	824	P. Young	Net Salary + expenses June/July	431.51
17/07/19	825	HMRC	PAYE on salary	97.20
				1,642.45

35. Dates of Next Meetings

Wed 18 September 2019, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall

Wed 20 November 2019, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:35 pm

Chairman:

Date: