

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 7:30 pm at Wall Village Hall

Present: Cllr M J Crowe (Chairman) and Cllrs R Barker, J Linney, A Ryman, P Sampson, and R Saxton.

In attendance: Peter Young, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr C Rubisch.

67. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Cllrs M J Crowe, J Linney, and P Sampson applied for and were granted a dispensation to run until the annual meeting of Council in May 2019 permitting them to speak and vote on matters relating to Wall Village Hall on which they had a disclosable interest under Part B of the Council's Code of Conduct as members of the Village Hall Management Committee.

68. Minutes

With respect to Minute 59b this should be amended to read that the usual location for the speed camera van be moved from Ashcroft Lane to Claypit Lane.

Resolved: that subject to this amendment the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 November 2017 as circulated with the agenda be approved and signed as a correct record.

69. Matters Arising on the Minutes: None

70. Policing Matters: No PCSOs present but it was noted that they had been seen patrolling the area.

71. Public Session: No public present.

72. District and County Councillors' Reports:

All had been sent the agenda notifying them that this item was on the agenda, but none were present.

73. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk (including correspondence received)

- a. The Chairman had received details of the 2018 Best Kept Village Competition and it was agreed to enter.
- b. The Chairman reported that minutes, invoices and other documents had now been retrieved from the former Clerk.
- c. The Clerk reported on receipt of:
 - Mobile Libraries Consultation – noted
 - SPCA Training course for councillors – noted
 - Local Plan Allocations Consultation – noted

74. Highways & Open Spaces

- a. **Churchyard Maintenance:** Arrangements to be made for better liaison with the Community Payback Team on works required. It was noted that a large copper beech tree in the churchyard needed to be felled as it was in a dangerous condition.
- b. **Footpaths and verge maintenance:**
The Clerk had prepared a draft verge-cutting contract.
Resolved: That authority be given to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, and Vice Chairman to agree the Contract terms, and to invite and accept tenders.
- c. **Community Payback Team:** It was noted that this was now operating again and that the original supervisor may return.
- d. **Parking in Vicinity of Wall Village Hall: Action:** Clerk to contact PCSOs to seek assistance in ensuring that, in order to maintain disabled access to the Hall, vehicles did not park within the area marked out by the white line at the Hall entrance.

- e. **Rev Denise Youngs:** It was noted that the Rev Denise Youngs would shortly be retiring from the parish. **Action:** Clerk to write on behalf of the Council thanking her for her invaluable services to the parish, which were greatly appreciated.

75. Planning Applications:

- a. **17/01191/OUFMEI Deanslade Park 475 Dwellings:** Members endorsed the comments which had been submitted on the amended details for this application, as circulated with the agenda.
- b. **18/00008/COU Change of use from agricultural storage building to form mausoleum, Springhill Farm, Walsall Road, Muckley Corner:** RECOMMEND REFUSAL - the building is a lean-to cowshed totally unsuitable for conversion to a mausoleum. The proposal is also inappropriate development in Green Belt and the access roundabout from the A461 which was a condition of previous planning approvals for the site has still not been constructed.
- c. **Decisions on previous applications:** None

76. Speed Watch Sign

It was noted that a grant application to the Community Foundation of Staffordshire Road Safety Grant Fund for a grant of £3,395 to purchase a mobile speed watch sign with recording software had been successful. **Action:** Arrangements be made to purchase a suitable sign, agree locations with SCC Highways, and liaise with adjoining parishes regarding shared use of the sign.

77. Grant Application

Resolved: That a grant of £1,500 be made to St John’s Church Wall as a contribution towards the cost of churchyard maintenance.

78. Budget and Precept

Members considered the draft budget and precept as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: That the budget as circulated be approved (Appendix 1) , and that a precept of £10,600 be made for the financial year commencing 1 April 2018.

79. Accounts for Payment and bank reconciliation:

- a. Members noted the receipts & payments schedule and bank reconciliation at 31 December 2017.
- b. **Resolved: payment of the following accounts:**

Date Paid	Chq	Payee	Details	TOTAL
05/12/2017	719	Greenland Garden Services	Grass Cutting Inv 88 (30 Nov) + additional work	264.50
05/12/2017	720	GetMapping	Digital Mapping	60.00
07/12/2017	721	P Sampson (re-imburse)	Petrol and oil for strimmer	25.00
06/01/2018	722	N Power	Arrears settlement	103.12
06/01/2018	723	N Power	H3120001 1/10/17 to 31/12/17	34.44
23/01/2018	724	HMRC 475PZ01136585	PAYE on salary	93.00
23/01/2018	725	P Young	Net Salary Dec/Jan + expenses	423.57

It was also agreed that payments be made of £1,500 to St John’s Wall PCC (Minute 77), the cost of the BKV entry (Minute 73a), and the cost (£18) of Village Hall hire for this meeting.

80. Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 21 March 2018, 7:30pm, at Wall Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:35pm

Chairman:

Date: