

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 21 July 2020

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

In Attendance: County Councillor David Smith (for first part of the meeting) and Peter Young (Clerk).

Apologies: R Barker, whose apologies were approved.

District Cllr Janice Silvester-Hall had also submitted apologies.

94. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

A comment had been submitted between meetings on planning application 20/00661/FUH.

Cllr R Barker had notified the Clerk that he had a disclosable interest in the application (adjoining property) and had not therefore participated in the comment submitted by the Council.

95. Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 May 2020 were approved and it was agreed that these could be signed as a correct record.

96. Matters Arising on the Minutes:

Minute 85a PC Dean Slater was looking into obtaining a new policing poster for the noticeboards.

97. Policing Matters: No matters were raised.

98. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk

a. Lighting column in car park. It was noted that Lichfield District Council owned the lighting column in the Watling St car park and that the energy/maintenance costs had been paid by LDC via SCC's PFI contract since 2003. The Parish Council therefore appeared to have been paying the electricity costs for this light in error, and a refund had been requested from Npower.

b. Former phone box electricity supply. **Resolved:** to make a formal complaint to Npower regarding the administration charge which had increased from £66 pa. to £237 p.a.

c. Former phone box insurance. **Resolved:** that the phone box be added to the Council's insurance at a value of £6,000 and added to the Council's asset register at historic cost (£ nil).

d. Picnic Area. It was reported that the picnic area needed cutting. The Clerk had contacted LDC.

e. Speed Sign. It was reported that the speed sign was not working. Cllr P Sampson said the battery needed charging and this would be attended to by the end of the month.

99. Highways and Open Spaces

a. A member of the public had commented favourably on the maintenance work undertaken in the churchyard. They had also reported that some of the footpath signs needed attention. The sign by the Trooper had fallen over. **Action:** Clerk to report to SCC Rights of Way Officer.

b. New footpath waymarking signs had arrived, and some had already been erected.

c. The verges were overgrown along various lanes making it hazardous for drivers to spot cyclists. **Action:** Clerk to contact SCC for details on their current policy regarding cutting of rural verges.

d. Wall Lane would be closed on 10 August for repair works to the bridge over the disused railway.

e. Lane markings at Wall Island had finally been completed and were a big improvement.

100. Planning Applications

No new applications for comment. Decisions on previous applications were noted as follows:

Ref	Details	Wall PC Comment	LDC Decision
19/01179/COU Chesterfield House	Conversion/extension of out-buildings to form 3-bedroom dwelling with parking/turning.	No objections	Awaited
19/01736/FULM Barn Farm, Hilton	Erection of agricultural building for cold storage with lean-to canopy.	Recommend REFUSAL	Awaited
20/00155/FUH Strathmore, Muckley Corner	Single storey extension to side and extension of existing pitched roof to opposite side.	No objections	Approved 21/7/20

Ref	Details	Wall PC Comment	LDC Decision
20/00681/FUL The Birches, Cranebrook Lane	Demolition of existing stables and erection of new stable blocks	No objections	Awaited
20/00661/FUH The Bungalow, Grange Farm, Ashcroft Lane	Single and two storey extensions and alterations to form kitchen, lounge, utility, dining room and bedrooms and erection of a detached double garage.	Recommend Refusal. 1. The side and rear extensions, with the addition of the detached double garage, would constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt. 2. The detached garage projects beyond the centre line of the roadside hedge and as such would present a visibility hazard to vehicles exiting from the driveways of this property and the adjoining property.	Awaited

101. Grant to St John's Church Wall

A grant of £400 has been agreed to St John's Church Wall PCC for maintenance of the churchyard. The decision had been taken under delegated powers but all councillors had been notified prior to the decision being taken.

102. Accounts for the Year ending 31 March 2020

It was noted that a period of 30 working days for public inspection of the 2019-2020 accounts was required to commence by 1 September. **Action:** The period for public inspection of accounts be from 3 August to 14 September 2020 and the public notice be duly displayed.

103. Accounts for Payment

The bank reconciliation for 30 June 2020 was noted.

Resolved: Payment of the following accounts:

Date Paid	Chq No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
22/07/20	854	St John's Church Wall	Grant for churchyard maintenance	400.00
22/07/20	855	SJL Landscapes	Verge cutting June 2021	149.38
22/07/20	856	GeoXphere	Digital mapping year from 30 June 2020	60.00
22/07/20	857	Npower	Phonebox electricity 1/4/20 - 30/6/20	76.55
22/07/20	858	P. Young TOTAL £539.85	Net Salary June/July + expenses + home allowance *	463.57
			Zoom Meeting Software - June + July	£28.78
			To C Rubisch refund petrol for brush-cutter	£10.00
			To P Sampson refund poop bags	£37.50
22/07/20	860	HMRC	PAYE on salary	97.20
when due	859	SJL Landscapes	Verge cutting July 2021	149.38
				1,472.36

* It was noted that the Clerk's Home Allowance had increased from £16 per month to £26 per month to reflect new HMRC limits applying from 1 April 2020.

104. Date and time of next meetings

Tuesday 15 September 2020, 7.30pm

Tuesday 17 November 2020, 7:30 pm

These meetings were scheduled for Wall Village Hall but would be held remotely if deemed necessary by 'lockdown' advice. The Council's Zoom (video-conferencing) account would therefore continue until it was no longer required.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:17 pm

Chairman:

Date: