

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 15 September 2020

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

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

Apologies: None. All members present but some members lost the Zoom connection temporarily at various points in the meeting. District Cllr Janice Silvester-Hall had also submitted apologies.

105. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

For Minute 111 Cllr R Barker had a disclosable interest in application 20/00661/FUH (adjoining property) and Cllr A Ryman had a disclosable interest in application 20/01001/ABN (his property). This item was only reporting on decisions already taken by Lichfield District Council, and was not discussed.

106. Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 July 2020 were approved and it was agreed that these could be signed as a correct record.

107. Matters Arising on the Minutes:

- a. Updated posters for contacting the MP had been received to go in the noticeboards.
- b. The County Council had replied that rural verges were cut in May and September.
- c. The notice period for public inspection of the accounts had now ended, and so the notice could be removed.

108. Policing Matters:

New policing posters for the noticeboards were not yet forthcoming.

Cllr F Robertson had successfully reported a skip blocking Market Lane by messaging the Police on Twitter.

109. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk

- a. The Chairman had received thanks from John Alsop (Church Warden) for the Council's churchyard grant of £400.
- b. A letter of thanks had been received from the Staffordshire Lord Lieutenant for the Council's work during the Covid 19 pandemic. County Councillor D Smith asked that if anyone knew of an individual or community group who should be thanked for their work, then the name and address be forwarded to him (via the Clerk) so that an individual letter of thanks could be sent to them from the Lord Lieutenant.
- c. County Councillor D Smith reported that he had approved a grant of £200 to the Council from his Community Fund and was thanked for this.
- d. Two local residents, Paul and Rob, were thanked for agreeing to provide an extra brown bin which could be used for green waste collected from their voluntary maintenance of roadside verges etc.
- e. The Clerk reported that Npower had agreed that the streetlight in the Wall car park was not owned by the Parish Council (but by Lichfield District Council) and had refunded the parish council's payments on the light from 1 April 2019. Thanks were due to Glynn Hook, (street lighting officer at Staffordshire County Council) for his help in sorting this and providing the necessary documentary evidence. A formal complaint had been submitted to Npower regarding the administrative cost of £237 per annum (increased from £66 per annum) for the light in the former phonebox. Npower had issued a 'deadlock' letter, and this complaint would now be referred to the Energy Ombudsman.

110. Highways and Open Spaces

- a. Drainage gullies were blocked in Cranebrook Lane by Fownhope Cottage causing flooding of the Lane. Drainage gullies were also blocked around Raikes Lane/Ashcroft Lane. **Action:** Clerk to report these to Staffordshire Highways.

111. 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, Ashcroft Lane	Conversion/extension of out-buildings to form 3-bedroom dwelling with parking.	No objections	Awaited
19/01736/FULM Barn Farm, Hilton	Erection of agricultural building for cold storage with lean-to canopy.	Recommend REFUSAL	Awaited
20/00681/FUL Birches, Cranebrook Lane, Hilton	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 erection of a detached double garage.	Recommend Refusal. [This Council's reasons for requesting refusal related to the detached garage. The approval by LDC was for development excluding the garage.]	Approved 24/8/20
20/00873/FUL Land at Muckley Corner	Siting of 5 No. shipping containers for a period of three years (Retention of works already started)	Recommend Refusal: renewal of previous temporary consent is a material change of use and a non-conforming development in Green Belt. 6 containers on site, not 5.	Awaited
20/01001/ABN Manor Farm, Wall Lane	Agricultural Determination: Erection of an implement store	No objections	Prior approval refused 21/8/20
20/00055/COU 20/00056/LBC Land adj. Moatbank House, Moat Bank	Barn conversion to form a 3 bedroom dwelling and erection of a detached double garage	No objections	Awaited

112. Changes to Bank Mandate

The current bank mandate was for any three councillors to sign all cheques; but Cllr F Robertson have not yet been added to the bank mandate.

Resolved:

- 1. That the bank mandate be amended so that any two councillors be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Council.**
- 2. That the Council re-establish online banking with any two councillors from those with internet banking access being authorised to make payments from the Council's Account.**
- 3. That the Clerk be granted 'view only' access to the Council's online account.**
- 4. That the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders be amended accordingly once these changes have been implemented by the Bank.**

113. Accounts for Payment

The bank reconciliation for 31 August 2020 was noted. **Resolved: Payment of the following::**

Date Paid	Chq. No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
16/09/20	861	P. Young TOTAL £506.91	Net Salary Aug/Sept + expenses + home allowance	482.93
			Zoom Meeting Software - Aug + Sept	28.78
16/09/20	862	HMRC	PAYE on salary	105.20
16/09/20	863	SJL Landscapes	Verge cutting August 2021	149.38
			Car park hedge cutting	108.00

* It was noted that following a national pay award the Clerk's salary had increased by £6.69 per month from 1 April 2020.

114. Date and time of next meetings

Tuesday 17 November 2020, 7.30pm

Tuesday 19 January 2021, 7:30 pm (Budget Meeting)

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 8:28 pm

Chairman:

Date: