

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held remotely by Zoom at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 19 January 2021

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

In Attendance: District Cllr Janice Silvester-Hall, and Peter Young (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr R Saxton.

125. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None not covered by dispensations.

126. Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 November 2020 were approved and it was agreed that these be signed as a correct record.

127. Matters Arising on the Minutes:

120d The Clerk to contact Longdon Parish Council for information on how they funded kissing gates.

120e The Clerk reported that the policy published by English Heritage for the Wall Roman site was, "Dogs welcome on leads" in which case the current wording, "Guide dogs only" on their sign at the entrance to the site was incorrect. The Clerk had contacted English Heritage on this matter, together with the issue of access for people with disabilities, and was awaiting a response.

128. Policing Matters: No items raised.

129. Reports from District and County Councillors

County Cllr David Smith had submitted apologies as he was attending a parish council meeting at Hints.

District Councillor Janice Silvester-Hall reported on the following:

- a. The "District Council News" was now available online at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/enews
- b. Lateral flow tests were available locally for people not displaying Covid symptoms and took about 30 minutes. These were recommended particularly to identify Covid hot spots.
- c. Various road flooding issues were being pursued with the District and County Councils, in particular the ongoing flooding on Cranebrook Lane, Hilton.
- d. The application 19/01736/FULM for Barn Farm, Hilton had been considered at the District Council's Planning Committee on 11 January. She and a local resident presented objections to the meeting regarding the various nuisances which the development created for local residents. If the development was to go ahead then enforceable conditions would be required to mitigate its impact.
- e. Conservation works were shortly to be undertaken by LDC to improve the habitat at Muckley Common and Pipe Hill Common. Members commented that a Muckley Corner volunteer group had previously undertaken extensive works to maintain the Common but had been stopped from working by the District Council and so had disbanded.
- f. Members expressed concerns regarding the slurry lagoon that had been constructed on AB Farms' land at Bullmoor Lane. Heavy vehicles accessing the site were breaking up the road surface and depositing large quantities of mud. There were questions as to what consents were required and whether the lagoon needed safety fencing. The Clerk reported that the mud issue had been reported to SCC highways who had written to the landowner. The District Council had stated that the lagoon did not require planning consent, but consents may be required (including from the Environment Agency) if slurry was being brought into the site from places other than Barn Farm, as appeared to be the case.

Councillor Janice Silvester-Hall was thanked for her attendance and report, and left the meeting at this point.

130. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk

- a. Members noted the sad death of George Hartshorne who had undertaken many works of benefit to the village.
- b. A slate plaque had been produced in memory of the late John Linney, recording with thanks his works for the Village and Parish Council. This would be placed on the bay tree planters outside the Village Hall.
- c. It was confirmed that repairs be undertaken to the Muckley Corner bus shelter at a net cost of £625. The works would take place in March.
- d. Councillor P Sampson showed a mock-up of a Newsletter which could be produced by the Council containing information about the Council and general news from the parish. The newsletter would need to be for the whole parish as the majority of residents were in the outlying settlements rather than Wall village itself. The newsletter could be distributed by post. Councillor Sampson agreed to undertake the layout and arrange printing.

Resolved: That a Newsletter be produced and distributed with the costs met by the Parish Council. The Chairman to approve final content.

131. Highways and Open Spaces

- a. Speed sign Members considered two speed sign reports. The first was for November 2020 when the sign was positioned by the car park on Watling Street recording vehicles travelling eastbound into the village. 47.6% of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The average speed was 30.2mph and the highest speed 63.8mph. The second was for December 2020 when the sign was positioned by Manor Farm on Wall Lane recording vehicles travelling northbound towards Lichfield. 63% of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The average speed was 31.3mph and the highest speed 59.2mph.
- b. Muckley Common Item covered under Minute 129e above.
- c. Highway verge grass-cutting contract **Resolved: to renew the contract with SJL Landscapes based on 8 cuts per annum.**
- d. General works around the village There were leaves on the Watling Street car park which needed sweeping up as they were slippery. The District Council had repaired two area of broken fencing but there were still some small areas where repairs were needed. **Action:** Clerk to contact LDC in the first instance.

The car park hedge needed to be included for routine cutting. **Action:** This could be undertaken by a 'handyman', or alternatively SJL Landscapes could be contacted for a price to add this to the grass-cutting contract. Approval was given to undertake a one-off leaf clearance in the meantime.
- e. Churchyard There were piles of leaves and grass clippings in the lower churchyard which needed removing. **Action:** Clerk to contact St John's PCC.
- f. Stiles and public footpaths. **Action:** Councillors P Sampson and F Robertson to walk the local footpaths (if possible, with an SCC footpaths officer) to note and take photographs of any areas such as stiles and fingerposts which needed attention. The matter to be further considered at the next meeting.

132. Planning Applications

- a. **New applications**
 - i. 20/01796/FUH Erection of granny annexe, Allandale, Walsall Rd, Muckley Corner.
No objections, subject to condition that the annexe can only be used in connection with the main property and cannot become a separate property for sale.
 - ii. 21/00071/FUL Erection of 3-bedroom detached dwelling and associated works including new access, Chesterfield Grange, Ashcroft Lane, Wall.
Recommend refusal : Non-conforming development in the green belt and would generate increased traffic with dangerous access onto a narrow section of Ashcroft Lane.

b. **Previous applications:** Decisions on previous applications were noted as follows:

Ref	Details	Wall PC Comment	LDC Decision
19/01736/FULM Barn Farm, Hilton	Agricultural building for cold storage with lean-to canopy.	Recommend Refusal	Awaited
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
20/00480/FUH Church Farm, Green Lane, Wall	Single and 2-storey extensions and conversion of outbuilding with new boundary wall to front	No objections subject to comments regarding its location in the conservation area and its proximity to the Roman site Scheduled Monument	Awaited
20/01286/FUH Fosseway Cottage F/way Lane Pipehill	Conversion of detached garage to form residential annex	No objections subject to it being able to meet building regulations for a habitable dwelling.	Approved 9/12/20
20/01512/ABN Manor Farm, Wall Lane	Agricultural Determination : Erection of an implement store.	No objections.	Approved 25/11/20
20/01265/FULM Springhill Farm, Walsall Road, Muckley Corner <i>NB Not in Wall Parish but would impact on the parish</i>	Variation of conditions to approved plans 09/00069/FULM relating to site layout including access and reception building	Recommend Refusal: original approval required a roundabout access - this should be retained on highway safety grounds. Proposal for reception building higher than on the previous plans and would represent an unacceptable non-conforming development in the green belt.	Awaited

133. Grant Requests

- a. Members considered a request from St John's PCC for a grant towards churchyard grounds maintenance. A breakdown of costs had been provided. **Resolved: To make a grant to St John's Wall PCC of £1,106.90 to cover the costs incurred on churchyard maintenance in 2020.**
- b. Members considered a request from St John's PCC for a contribution towards the cost of rebuilding a retaining wall alongside the steps into the lower churchyard. The PCC had obtained a quotation for these works in the sum of £5,220. It was felt that additional quotations were needed to ensure the price was competitive, and that information was also needed on what other grants were available or had been applied for by the PCC towards the cost of these works.
Action: PCC be requested to provide 3 competitive quotations and details of other grants available for these works. The matter would then be further considered at the next Council meeting.

134. Budget and Precept for 2021/22

Members considered the draft budget for 2021/22 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: To approve the budget as circulated and that the precept for 20/21 be £11,810.

135. Accounts for Payment

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

Date Paid	Chq	Payee	Details	TOTAL
21/01/21	869	Npower	Phonebox electricity 1/10/20 - 31/12/20	76.92
21/01/21	870	LDC	Election cost May 2019	830.14
21/01/21	871	P. Young TOTAL £498.13	Net Salary Dec/Jan + expenses + home allowance Zoom Dec/Jan + 2 noticeboard keys cut	461.35 36.78
21/01/21	872	HMRC	PAYE on salary	100.00
21/01/21	873	Wall PCC	Grant for churchyard maintenance	1,106.90
21/01/21	874	JRB Enterprises Ltd	2 packs of poop bags	71.40

136. Date and time of next meetings

Tuesday 16 March 2021, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall

Tuesday 18 May 2021, 7:30 pm, Wall Village Hall (Annual Meeting)

Meetings scheduled for Wall Village Hall but would be held remotely if required by 'lockdown' advice.

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

Chairman:

Date: