

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wall Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7:30 pm at St John's Church, Wall

Present: Cllrs R Barker, F Robertson, C Rubisch, A Ryman, P Sampson and R Saxton.

In Attendance: 3 Members of the Public, County Cllr D Smith, and Peter Young (Clerk).

35. Apologies

Apologies had been received from the Council Chairman, Cllr M J Crowe, who was unable to attend due to ill health. The Council approved the reason for absence. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Paul Sampson, took the chair.

36. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None not covered by Dispensations.

37. Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 September 2021 were approved and it was agreed that these be signed as a correct record.

38. Matters Arising on the Minutes: None.

39. Policing Matters: A new poster with Police contact details was still awaited for the noticeboard.

40. Public Forum

The Meeting adjourned for the Public Forum.

A member of the public reported a reply had not yet been received from the Village Hall Committee regarding the parking issues raised at the 21 September Council meeting. Cllr P Sampson reported that a reply would be forthcoming.

A member of the public reported that she was looking to arrange a street party in The Butts on Sunday 5 June as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This suggestion was welcomed by councillors [see also Minute 42b below].

41. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Alastair Little had submitted his apologies as he was unable to attend.

County Cllr David Smith reported that there was still some funding available from his Climate Change Fund, but applications were needed in the next few weeks.

As regards the forthcoming Community Governance Review of the District he suggested that it would be useful to liaise with Hammerwich Parish Council.

The closure of Fosseyway/Wall Lane due to a wall collapse had now ended although a future closure would be required when the wall was being rebuilt. Members thanked Cllr Smith for expediting the removal of this closure.

County Councillor D Smith was thanked for his report and attendance and left the meeting at this point.

42. Reports from Chairman, Councillors and Clerk

a. Community Governance Review It was noted that Lichfield District Council would be conducting a Community Governance Review (CGR) of the District, with an implementation date for any changes of 1 April 2023. There would be an extensive consultation on this, running from 1 February to 21 April 2022. A CGR could consider:

- creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- the naming of parishes and the style of new parishes and the creation of town councils
- the electoral arrangements e.g. council size; the number of councillors and parish warding
- grouping or de-grouping of parishes.

Action: Further to the points made by County Cllr David Smith in Minute 41, it was agreed that it would be useful to have an initial informal discussion with Hammerwich Parish Council.

- b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee It was noted that celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee would take place from the 2nd to the 5th of June 2022 and that the Spring Bank holiday would be moved from Monday 30 May to Thursday 2 June. Members welcomed the proposals outlined by a member of the public for a street party in the Butts and indicated that assistance in matters such as use of the Village Hall for meetings, loan of tables, and possible financial support would be likely to be made available from the Parish Council in cooperation with the Village Hall Management Committee.

43. Highways and Open Spaces

- a. Replacement of Watling Street bus shelter Members considered quotations for a replacement to the Watling Street bus shelter. Collis's of Burntwood had quoted £5,625 nett of VAT for a bespoke timber shelter utilising the existing concrete base. A comparable commercially produced timber bus shelter would be £9,500 but that did not include the cost of erection or any adaptations/removal of the existing base. There was £6,000 in the current year's budget for the shelter. The prices quoted excluded VAT at 20%, but that would be recoverable by the Council from HMRC.

Resolved: to accept the quotation from Collis's, but the Clerk to first check whether planning permission would be required.

- b. Highway Verge Grass Cutting Contract SJL Landscapes were willing to accept the option to extend the current contract for a further year, based on 2021 prices, plus RPI.

Resolved: to accept the option to extend the contract for 2022 at 2021 prices plus RPI.

- c. Hedges Boat Lane, Muckley Corner The hedges at Boat Lane needed cutting.

Action: Clerk to pursue with SCC Highways.

- d. Signage at Wall Island from southbound A1548 The advance signage needed to be improved to direct vehicles to the right-hand lanes at the Island for A5 westbound.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways England.

- e. Leaves on Green Lane at 'Trooper Hill' These needed clearing.

Action: prices to be obtained from a suitable contractor.

- f. Cranebrook Lane bollards It was reported that some concrete bollards had been erected on Cranbrook Lane opposite the junction with Pouk Lane, making it difficult for turning vehicles as there were already metal bollards at the junction on the Tollgate Cottage side.

Action: Clerk to pursue with SCC Highways.

44. Planning Applications

- a. New applications - 22/00067/FUH The Beeches Pouk Lane. Erection of two storey side extension.

Resolved: No objection in principle as not out of keeping in relation to the current property but note that the current property has been considerably extended previously.

- b. Decisions on previous applications These were noted as below.

Reference	Details	Wall PC Comment	LDC Decision
20/00480/FUH Church Farm, Green Lane	Single and 2-storey extensions and conversion of outbuilding	No objections subject to various comments regarding its location in the conservation area	Approved 22/11/21
20/01265/FULM Springhill Farm, Walsall Road, Muckley Corner NB Not in Wall Parish but would impact on the parish	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, and this should be retained for highway safety. Revised reception building is higher than previous and is a non-conforming development in the green belt.	Pending
21/00883/FUL The Bungalow, Walsall Road, Pipehill	Demolition of existing house and garage/store; erection of 1no replacement dwelling and garage	Recommend refusal. A large two storey dwelling would result in a loss of openness of the green belt contrary to green belt policy.	Pending

Reference	Details	Wall PC Comment	LDC Decision
21/01071/COU Stable Buildings Raikes Lane, Chesterfield	Change of use of stable block to form 1no dwelling house including extension and alterations	Recommend Refusal: Application is for 'change of use' but increases buildings by over 30%, so inappropriate development in the Green Belt. The development is not re-use of a derelict building nor an alternative use for a redundant building, as required for a new residential unit. Access along unmade farm track unsuitable.	Approved 5/10/21
21/01285/CLE The Glade, Walsall Road, Muckley Corner	Certificate of Lawfulness to regularise use of agricultural building as storage building of motor vehicles for sale	Applicant will need to provide evidence of such use prior to his purchase of the property in March 2013.	Withdrawn 23/11/21
21/01612/COU Barn Farm Cranebrook Lane Hilton	Change of use of existing storage building to No2 dwelling houses and garages, with associated off-street parking	No objection in principle to conversion to residential as would be improvement on the current dilapidated barns on the site. However, substantial works will be needed to make the barns fit for human habitation.	Pending
21/01896/FUH Chesterfield Grange, Ashcroft Lane, Wall	Erection of extension to existing garage to form garage and workshop	No objections	Withdrawn 14/12/21

45. Grant Requests

Members considered a request from St John's Parish Church for a grant of £1,603.55 to meet the costs of churchyard maintenance in 2021. Details were circulated of the expenditure incurred.

Resolved: To make a grant of £1,603.55 to St John's Parish Church to meet the costs of churchyard maintenance in 2021.

46. Budget and Precept for 2022/23

Members considered the draft budget for 2022/23 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: To approve the budget as circulated and that the precept for 22/23 be £11,000.

47. Accounts for Payment

The bank reconciliation on 17 January 2022 showing a balance of £28,451.18 was noted.

Resolved: That the payments made from 14 October 2021 to 7 January 2022 inclusive (made in the absence of a Council meeting) be approved and that payment be made of the following:

Payee	Details	£ Amount
P. Young TOTAL £489.80	Net Salary Dec/Jan + expenses + home allowance	461.02
	Zoom Dec/Jan	28.78
HMRC	PAYE on salary	100.00
Direct365	Defibrillator pads	59.18
Southern Electric	Phonebox electricity December 21 (Direct Debit)	8.08

48. Dates of Next Meetings

Tuesday 15 March 2022, 7:30pm at Wall Village Hall

Tuesday 17 May 2022, 7:30pm at Wall Village Hall (Annual Meeting)

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:40 pm

Chairman:

Date: