

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Wall Full Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm on 19th July 2022 at Wall Village Hall.

In attendance: Cllrs. P Sampson (Chairman), F Robertson (Vice Chairwoman); R. Barker; A. Ryman. P. Salter (Clerk), S. O'Mara (Clerk Mentor); D. Smith (County Councillor).

3 members of the public.

The meeting was deemed Quorate.

ITEM	DETAIL
1	Apologies: apologies were received from: Cllrs J. Crowe, C. Rubisch, R. Saxton All reasons for absence were approved.
2	Declarations of interest and dispensations: Cllr Ryman declared a pecuniary interest in item 13c.
3	Minutes: The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Duly approved and signed by the Chairman
4	Matters arising from the minutes: Clerk highlighted 12a Bus shelter - installation completed 12d Raised kerb- cost deemed prohibitive. No further action 12f Speed sign-the portable SID had been moved as agreed and is again due for charging and relocation. Action: TBA
5	Public Forum: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public participation. A member of the public commented on the success of the Jubilee celebrations and how good the event was both for the villagers and the village as a whole. Plants for decoration were donated from around the village. More would be appreciated generally. There were positive comments from visitors. The event highlighted that there is a real willingness for voluntary public involvement which would be forthcoming if newsletters and posters could be circulated seeking support. Some pruning on the tree in the car park was required. Also, there is a memorial tree being pushed over by an adjacent tree. This will need addressing. The Chairman indicated that full discussion about the tree would be held at Agenda item 11a. There were reports that the gravelled area needed topping up. The Chairman explained that the car park land belongs to Lichfield District Council (LDC) and consultation/permission is required. Further comments included: Website needs updating Notice boards to be used more effectively Better public communication. The Chairman noted all comments and added that a Wall Facebook page is being considered. The public were thanked and the meeting reconvened
6	Policing matters: PCSO Andrea Horsnall was unable to attend but is dealing with the reported theft of a purse from the Church.
7	District and County Councillor reports. District Councillor Janice Sylvester- Hall submitted a report that she was fully conversant with, and will continue to monitor all aspects of the Springhill Cemetery planning application keeping council fully informed.

	<p>County Councillor, David Smith, reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is researching ownership and responsibility for repair and maintenance work required on The Butts • He advised that his Community Grant Funding is open for applications. • Cllr R Barker asked whether traffic calming measures are being considered, particularly in light of the new large housing developments which are increasing the 'rat run' issues • Cllr Smith advised that the latest Division wide traffic survey data processing is nearing completion. Results and reports will be circulated. • Cllr Smith is commented on Highways England particularly in respect of lack of consultation regarding Wall Island issues which impact on Wall but are the remit of Shenstone PC. <p>Cllr Smith excused himself from the meeting.</p>
8	<p>Appointment of new Parish Clerk: The Chairman formally introduced and welcomed Pam Salter as the appointed Clerk to Wall PC as per the terms set out in Minute 21 of the May Council meeting. All Councillors agreed the appointment. It was announced that although Pam is new to the Clerk's role, she has already successfully completed the FilCA award through SLCC and is receiving ongoing support and advice from the Shenstone Clerk, Shirley O'Mara.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the retiring Clerk, Peter Young. The Chairman read a draft prepared jointly with the Vice Chairwoman which was approved.</p>
9	<p>IT equipment for use by Parish Clerk: It was unanimously agreed to further investigate the purchase of a laptop and appropriate programmes and a printer. Boldmere IT Solutions were recommended as the local specialists in the provision of equipment to councils. A figure of circa £1400 was agreed with possible addition of a support package. Action deferred to September meeting.</p>
10	<p>N.B. correction to Agenda numeration from this point.</p> <p>Reports from Chairman, councillors and clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman reported that the best kept village judging was in progress. The judges were known to have attended on two occasions. He advised of an invitation to the Awards ceremony to be held at Rising Brook Stafford on Wednesday 21st September. • The Chairman advised of a resident's concerns re: the photograph of the local MP Chris Pincher in the village. He read a response that he and the Vice Chairman had compiled giving facts and reasons for its continued display. • The Chairman advised of a refresher/ training course for the use of the defibrillator on Thursday 18th August at 7p.m. in the Village Hall. • The LDC offices are now fully open post Covid. The opening of the café is going ahead. It is Community led and opening in July. • Cllr Barker reported several blocked drains and gullies all reported to County Highways.
11	<p>Highways and open spaces:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work to Wall car park tree. The Chairman advised of a quote from a local arboriculturist. Following assessment, it was advised that a crown lift to the oak should be carried out at a cost of £100 + VAT. This was unanimously approved. It was also agreed to seek advice in regard to the leaning memorial tree.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Repositioning of the grit box. This had been carried out following advice from the arboriculturist that salt escape from the grit box was contaminating the ground causing root damage to the walnut tree and the surrounding vegetation. Dilution by regular watering should resolve the issue. c. Repainting of the car park lamp post. LDC have advised that they will replace it with a new LED post at no cost to Wall Council. d. To note the response of the request to Amey concerning Trooper Hill: They did not want to cut the bank back as it could cause damage to the bank and suggested just sweeping. e. Consider installation of dog waste bin. The cost is £310 +VAT for supply and installation by LDC with additional cost of £3 per week on the LDC maintenance contract for emptying. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that it be installed at the pedestrian entrance to the car park and that funding for its purchase would be applied for from Cllr David Smith's Community Grant Fund. f. To consider the response to the Council's request for pothole repair on The Butts. This was covered under Item 7 by County Councillor Smith and is ongoing. g. Other highways or open space matters. Cllr Barker raised the issue of overgrown hedges causing dangerous road narrowing and queried whether this was due to bird nesting. Cllr Ryman advised that safety took precedence over birds. It was decided to contact LDC for further advice.
12	<p>Accounts for payment: Payments by cheque. Period 7/7/22 to 19/7/22 Goexphere £60 Village Hall Hire £36 Lengths man £26 Lengths man £54 Additional work £54 Online banking payments to be recorded at the September meeting. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would contact Lloyds Bank to make necessary changes to alter signatories and include the new clerk</p>
13	<p>Planning Applications: 3 applications were discussed: 22/00322/FUH 22/00545/COU 22/00902/FUL Cllr Ryman left the room for item 3. No objections were raised to any of the applications.</p>
14	<p>Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.30p.m. at Wall Village Hall</p>

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.32 p.m.

Chairman

Date: