**Minutes of the Meeting of Little Wenlock Parish Council held on**

**Monday 13th September 2021** **in the village hall large hall** **at 7.30 pm.**

1. **Public Session.**

Five members of the public were present. Issues raised included Steeraway Solar Farm, Overgrown hedges on Church hill, parked cars in New Works, Stolen flowers, anti-social behaviour, dog fouling, speeding and anti-social behaviour with quad bikes.

1. **Record members present.**

Councillors Marcham, Betts, Pennells and Betts. Also, present Borough Councillor Seymour.

1. **Receive apologies and reasons for absence.**

Apologies accepted from Councillor Mack.

1. **Dispensations and declaration of personal or prejudicial interests.**

Councillor Marcham declared an interest in item 8/3.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2021 and 16th August 2021.**

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 19th July 2021 and Monday 16th August 2021.

1. **Borough of Telford and Wrekin Liaison.**

Borough Councillor Seymour reported the badger run that has damaged a footpath access has now been surveyed by a Telford and Wrekin Contractor. A report is awaited before remedial works can be carried out. The Donkey Field Car Park is still being considered in the planning application. The New Works Lane solar farm planning application is likely to be considered at Plans Board on 22nd October. It is likely a planning application will be submitted for the Steeraway Farm Solar Farm. MP for The Wrekin Mark Pritchard has been talking to Telford and Wrekin to inform them he objects. She asks projects are considered for her ward fund. £500.00.

**7. Finance.**

**a. Consider payment of invoices.**

It is RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

1. SSE street lighting August £16.92, £29.03 and £9.82 DD.

2. Mrs J E Madeley Sep Salary £578.35. Chq 2184.

3. HMRC PAYE Sep £31.80. Chq 2213.

4. Shropshire Council Pension (online payment) £193.69

5. Mrs J Madeley Expenses £49.50. Chq 2215

6. ROSPA Play Safety £157.80. Chq 2215.

7. K Smith Contracting Services £1194.00. Chq 2216.

**b.** Bank Reconciliation. Jul and Aug 21. Defer until next meeting.

**c.** New Bank Account. Update. Lloyds banks are still not doing Switch on Treasurers Accounts.

**d**. Boiler change at Village Hall Grant. Funds not required yet.

**e.** It was RESOLVED to destroy cheque book 2185 to 2212 because it has been damaged. Clerk has destroyed cheque book.

**f.** Contract for grounds maintenance. It was RESOLVED to obtain 3 quotes.

**g.** Borough Councillor Pride Fund. It was RESOLVED to defer until the next meeting.

**h**. Electricity rates. Clerk is still waiting for a response from the agency Utility Aid.

**i**. Internal Audit recommendations. Some actions have been carried out.

**j**. Clerk’s underpayment of salary. Deferred until next meeting.

**k.** Consider obtaining a valuation for War Memorial. Clerk to contact a stone mason.

**8**. **Consider Grant applications received.**

In accordance with grant policy, it was RESOLVED to pay

**1.** Hope house. £250.00 Chq 2217.

**2.** Telford and Wrekin rights of Way £1000.00. It was RESOLVED to defer until more information is available.

**3.** Age UK. £250.00 Chq 2218.

**9. Parking at the foot of The Wrekin.**

a. Update. Temporary signage has been installed at the Ercall Lane Car Park. Permanent signage will be installed.

**10. Consider proposal**. From Councillor Marcham That The new Wellington and Newport constituency remains named The Wrekin. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the proposal. Clerk to write to MP Mark Pritchard and respond to consultation if it is still open.

**11. Consider setting** up a community book share in each bus shelter. Councillor Stevens. It was RESOLVED to investigate.

**12. Planning:**

**a. New Applications:**

**b. Decisions:**

* TWC/2021/0577 Erection of 1 single storey detached holiday let. Land adjacent 39 Coalmoor Lane Little Wenlock. **Full Planning Permission**.
* TWC/2021/0620 Erection of 1 garden log cabin. 4 Clee Rise Little Wenlock.

**Full planning permission.**

**c. Notice of Modification order Upgrade of footpath 18 to Bridleway (Wrekin Hill).**

Noted.

**d. Steeraway solar farm public consultation events a report.**

Two events have been held by the company considering applying for planning consent for a solar farm.

**e.** **Any other planning matters**: none.

**13. Community Safety**

**a. SID.** a. The machine is now working after a firmware update. Clerk to investigate uploading of data.

**b**. **New Works Strimming.** Clerk to enter discussions with Idverde about the works.

**c. ROSPA playing field safety report**.

It was RESOLVED to carry out the minor repairs. Clerk to arrange.

**d.** **Traffic calming scheme.**

A report was submitted to Council presented by Telford and Wrekin. Clerk to ask about Wellington Road/Malthouse Bank and Coalbrookdale Lane.

**e. Consider a defibrillator training event.**

It was RESOLVED to arrange a training event. It was RESOLVED to monitor Defibrillators monthly making a note in the record book for insurance purposes.

**14. Clerk’s Report.**

**Clerk’s report noted.** It was RESOLVED to apply for a grant to buy a recycling bin for playing field.

**15. Individual Councillors Report and updates:**

**a. Update from Rights of Way.**

The request at the last meeting to investigate the parish council working on the footpaths concluded the answer is no. Clerk to report the overgrown path around Swanpool to Telford and Wrekin.

**b. Village Hall and playing fields committee.**

A report has been circulated.

**c. Wrekin Forest Partnership.**

A meeting was held this evening. The topic was Solar Farms.

**16. Consider adopting an expenses for employee’s policy.**

Deferred.

**17. Consider a written planning policy.**

Deferred.

**18. Correspondence:**

**a**. CPRE Fieldwork and Countryside Voices and summer newsletter.

Noted.

**b.** Veolia Community enviro grant scheme.

It was RESOLVED to apply for a grant from the Enviro grant scheme.

**c.** Thankyou email from St Lawrence PCC. Noted.

**d.** Telford Samaritans AGM 27th September 2021. Noted.

**e.** Correspondence from a resident regarding New Works Solar Farm. Noted.

**f.** West Mercia Police 3 key priorities from the Parish. Dog Mess, Cars parked in suspicious places and speeding. Clerk to report.

**19. Date of next schedule meeting to be confirmed.** Next scheduled meeting is 11th October 2021. The meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm.