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

**Monday 8th January 2024 in the Village Hall Malthouse Bank Little Wenlock at 7.00pm.**

1. **Public Session.**

Two members of the public were present to present their views on Telford and Wrekin’s Council’s Draft Local Plan Consultation. Their concerns were about traffic numbers, urban boundary change, flooding, public transport, lack of facilities, protected mineral area and how the proposed development fits with protection and enhancement of green areas policies.

1. **Record members present.**

Councillors Cooper, Pennells, Owen and Pickstock were present.

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

 Apologies were accepted from Councillor Mack.

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

 None.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2023.**

 It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023.

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

No report.

1. **Finance.**

**a. Consider payment of invoices.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

 1. SSE street lighting. £101.80 DD

 2. Mrs J E Madeley £694.71 fpo

 3. Shropshire Council Pension £223.07 fpo

 4. Scribe £12.00 dd.

 5. Microsoft £352.80 and £126.07 debit card.

 **b.** Bank Reconciliation

 A copy of the bank reconciliation was approved and is attached to the minutes.

**c.** Consider draft budget and approve and set precept.

 **It was RESOLVED to accept the budget as presented and set a precept of £**

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

 a. update. No update.

 **10. Playing field.**

 **a.** notices decision on wording. The notices produced by the chair were approved.

 **11. Future of Websites and email addresses.**

1. update of share set up.
2. Report from Councillor Owen.

 **12. Planning:**

 **a. New Applications:**

* **DMMO/2005/0001** To add a bridleway from Lydebrook cottage to Coalbrookdale Road Lower Coalmoor Farm Coalmoor Lane little Wenlock. Noted.
1. **Decisions.**

None.

1. **Telford and Wrekin Local Plan consultation consider response.** Clerk presented options to respond. A text was agreed subject to the response of the community at the drop-in session on 16th January.
2. **Local Plan drop-in session 16th January 2024. 6 – 8pm, noted.** Cllr Pickstock will conduct a survey monkey simple survey of people’s views. Cllr Cooper will open the village hall, all councillors present will attend and talk to attendees.
3. Any other urgent planning matters. None.

 **13. Community Safety**

 **a. Buildwas Lane.** Update. No update on the distance maintained.

 **14. Yellow Ribbon request for letter of support. Update from MP.** It was RESOLVED not to support the charity in a way that involves the parish council applying for levelling up money from the government. Clerk to email the charity and MP.

 **15. Clerk’s report.** Clerk has worked on the following:

* Local plan.
* Budget
* Information read about new name for insurers was BHIB now Clear Councils
* Liaised with a village hall committee member regarding advice for ev charging point.
* Confirm road closure at the Wrekin is Openreach works.
* Shropshire Hill AONB is now called Shropshire Hills National Landscape.
* The Parish Council is required to have a biodiversity policy. a draft policy and action plan is in pack. NALC has provided the template. At this meeting, a note that action to adopt will be taken is sufficient. Noted clerk to present a policy and action plan to the February 2024 meeting.

 **16. Correspondence:**

 **a.** Information about TWC Climate Change Partnership meeting. Noted.

 **b.** Name change of insurers from BHIB to CLEAR. noted.

 **17. Date of next schedule meeting 12th February 2024**. The meeting was declared closed at 20.45pm.