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

**Monday 5th FEBRUARY 2024 in the Village Hall Malthouse Bank Little Wenlock at 7.00pm.**

1. **Public Session.**

Five members of the public were present. Issues raised were rights of way around the Swanpool area the condition of one path and posts down on another part. Also the Shropshire way between Witchwell lane and Spout lane. There was also concern about the useage of Buildwas Lane and its condition. It was recommended to all present to log all issues on the My Telford app with photos. Clerk to add link to My Telford on Parish Council website.

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.**

Councillor Pickstock declared a prejudicial interest in item 11a.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8TH January 2024.**

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024.

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. £ DD

2. Mrs J E Madeley £694.51 fpo

3. Shropshire Council Pension £223.07 fpo

4. Scribe £12.00 dd.

5. Telford and Wrekin Council £140.00 Election Costs.

6. E.on £237.88 Fpo

7. Mrs J Madeley £49.90 admin fpo

**b.** Bank Reconciliation. The Bank Reconciliation is attached to these minutes. It was agreed.

**c.** Consider a grant towards the cost of a 4 x 4 rural police vehicle. It was RESOLVED to not take part in the project.

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

a. update. No update.

**9. Playing field.**

**a. Works.** Part of the agreed works contract have been completed. Clerk has requested an invoice for the next meeting. Play equipment has been cleaned and repaired. The adult gym equipment needs work. The chain link fence too. The resin for the soft play area needs to be installed in suitable weather conditions. Clerk to ensure remaining work in carried out.

**b. quote for tennis court works. One quote has been received.** Clerk to obtain a further quotes.

**c. Grounds maintenance quotes.** Clerk has asked for a return of quotes by beginning of March to be considered at the March meeting.

**d.** The working group have reported there are tiles missing from the roof of the barn. Quotes to be obtained to repair. Quotes will also be obtained for doors to prevent access to the internal area.

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

1. update of share set up. Councillor Owen has set up the share system clerk and Cllr Owen to set up for next meeting.

**Councillor Pickstock left the room**

**11. Planning:**

**a. New Applications:**

* **TWC/2024/0065** 37 Coalmoor Lane Little Wenlock. Erection of a single storey side extension with raised terrace to South Elevation and Erection of a single storey side and rear extension to North West elevation. It was Resolved to raise no objection to this application.

**Councillor Pickstock returned to the room**

* **TWC/2024/0068** Fir Trees Wellington Road Little Wenlock. Prior approval application for the erection of an additional storey above the top most storey to a maximum height of 7.9m. Noted.

1. **Decisions.**  All noted.

* **TWC/2023/0144** Outline application for the erection of a battery storage facility, associated infrastructure and access with all other matters reserved. Land adjacent Hollydale Buildwas Road Ironbridge. **Outline Planning Permission** (see email in report).
* **TWC/2023/0340** 4 Arleston Hill Dawley Road. Erection of 1 Annexe. **Withdrawn.**
* **TWC/2023/0780** Erection of 1 replacement of a dwelling following demolition of the existing bungalow. Amended plans received. Site of Rowan New Works. **Full Planning Permission.**

1. **Telford and Wrekin Local Plan consultation response.**

Clerk submitted a response to the consultation in time. It was acknowledged.

1. **Local Plan drop in session 16th January 2024. 6 – 8pm, debrief.**

52 residents attended and interacted with the planning officers. Thank you to Councillor Pickstock for carrying out the survey.

1. **Any other urgent planning matters.** None.

**12. Community Safety.**

**a.** Buildwas Lane next steps. Clerk has emailed highways again regarding the status of Buildwas Lane. She encouraged those present to report issues when they arise.

b. Condition of footpath off Coalbrookdale Road. Clerk has reported to the rights of way team but at the meeting no response.

c. Condition of Malthouse Bank. A resident raised issues about Malthouse Bank especially the top. Clerk encouraged the resident to report via My Telford.

d. SID/VAR Clerk presented the latest figures. Clerk to obtain a quote for solar panel for next meeting.

**13. Biodiversity Policy.**

Clerk to tidy up the action plan and find advice to carry out a biodiversity audit on the playing field.

**14. Clerk’s report.**

Noted.

**15. Correspondence:**

None.

**16. Date of next schedule meeting 11th March 2024**.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm.