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

**Monday 11th March 2024 in the Village Hall Malthouse Bank Little Wenlock at 7.00pm.**

1. **Public Session.**

Two members of the public were present along with one of the local Wet Mercia policing team. Questions were asked about an update about the condition of the footpath leading to the Swanpool path and concern was raised about the condition of the gateway opposite Coalmoor Lane and the parking on a regular basis of hgv vehicles in it blocking access to the field. The PCSO reported theft of a Mule farm vehicle and concerns about antisocial behaviour at a cottage in Little Wenlock. the antisocial behaviour has ceased because the residents have moved on.

1. **Record members present.**

Councillors Cooper, Pennells, Mack and Pickstock were present.

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

 Apologies were accepted from Councillor Owen.

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

None.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024.**

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024.

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

No report. Because it is some months since Borough Councillor Thomas has been in contact with the parish council clerk to contact leader of the Conservative party at the Borough Council and copy local mp into the correspondence along with Chair.

1. **Finance.**

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

 1. SSE street lighting. £108.90 Feb 24 and £108.90 Mar 24 DD

 2. Mrs J E Madeley £694.71 fpo

 3. Shropshire Council Pension £223.07 fpo

 4. Scribe £14.40 dd.

 5. E.on £101.98 fpo

 6. Mrs J Madeley £35.90 admin fpo

 b**.** Bank Reconciliation. The Bank Reconciliation is attached to the minutes.

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

 a. update. No update.

 **9. Playing field.**

 a. Works. The contracted works except the soft play surface have been completed.

 b. quote for tennis court works. Contractor has an idea that will work out cheaper. Chair to meet.

 c. Grounds maintenance quotes. Three quotes were sought two were received. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from K Smith contracting. Clerk to inform.

 d. quote for tiling of barn. A Quote received for replacement of tiles costing £285.00. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Dale Bradley. Clerk to arrange.

 e. Willow camp. A member of the public has volunteered to renovate the willow camp. It was RESOLVED to allow a spend of £30 on tree guards and stakes.

 f. Doors for Barn. It was RESOLVED to obtain quotes to fit the barn with doors.

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

1. update of share set up. The parish council files are now transferred to share point. Cllr Owen to set up email addresses.

 **11. Planning:**

 **a. New Applications:**

* **TWC/2023/0714** Land off Buildwas Bank North of Silvertrees, amended plan(objection).
* **TWC/2024/0165** Land North of Stretton View Buildwas Road Ironbridge. Change of use of land North of Stretton View for the siting of up to 12 holiday lodges (falling under the definition of a caravan under the caravan sites and control of development act 1960 and the caravan sites act 1968 (or any act revoking and re enacting those acts) It was RESOLVED to make no comment.
1. **Decisions.**
* **TWC/2023/0757 and TWC/2023/0758** Erection of a two storey outbuilding following alterations to existing garden store (full planning and listed building ) amended plans received and amended description. The Old Hall Church Lane Little Wenlock. **Full Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent.**
1. **Possible enforcement issue.** Noted.
2. **Any other urgent planning matters.** None.

 **12. Community Safety.**

 **a.** Buildwas Lane update. The extent of the lane maintained by Highways Telford and Wrekin is to the small coppice and marked in pink on maps. Clerk to inform resident who asked.

 b. Condition of footpath off Coalbrookdale Road. The rights of way officer has reported he will arrange for the badger sett run will be repaired. The condition of the right of way through the field will be tackled in the next financial year. Chair to approach landowner.

 c. VAR

* Consider quote for solar power. A quote for a solar panel has been received £549.00 including the panel and installation. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the work in the quote. Clerk to arrange.
* ANPR number plate recognition. This technology is not available with the Morelock devices.

  **13. Biodiversity Policy.** defer.

 **14. Annual Parish Meeting.**

 To go ahead on 22nd April 2024.

 **15. Newsletter.**

* **Next edition.** It was RESOLVED the next edition will be an advertisement for the annual parish meeting and chair’s annual report. Clerk to forward the blank copy to chair. Councillor Pickstock will arrange printing before the next meeting.
1. **Information Sheet. Next edition.** It was RESOLVED not to produce any further editions. Clerk to put links to useful information on website.
2. **New residents’ packs.** Clerk to put information on website.

 **18. Clerk’s report.** No report separate to actions on agenda.

 **19. Local Council Awards Scheme.** Noted.

 **20. Correspondence:**

 a. Telford and Wrekin Council Data protection officer/GDPR services. Noted.

 b. The Great British Spring Clean . TWC. Noted.

 c. M54 road closures. Noted.

 d. Ercall Lane. noted.

 e. Innovation project for decarbonising rural communities. Noted.

 **21. Date of next schedule meeting 8th April 2024**. The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.