

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 10th January 2021 at 7:30pm Visitor Centre, Wroxeter Vineyard

Present: Councillors Mr B Nelson (Chairman), Mrs V Amos, Mrs J Davies, Mr P Davies, Mr M Millington, Mr K Rowlands and Mr I Sherwood

In attendance: Councillor C Wild (Shropshire Council), Mrs S Morris (Clerk)

1. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None, all were present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Road signage

Councillor Amos had surveyed the road signs along the B4380 and provided photographs of the signs which were missing, damaged or obscured, as well as the missing mirror. Councillor Wild had sent these to the relevant Shropshire Council officer. The Parish Council requested that this officer provide an answer to state what action, if any, will be taken in respect of each sign reported and when this action will be taken, as these concerns have been reported on many previous occasions.

Uppington play area

Councillor Amos reported from her survey of the play equipment following receipt of the ROSPA report to identify any required actions and will provide a written summary to the Clerk to record the findings. Quotes will then be sought for any necessary repairs. The Chairman emphasised the need to decide on the new piece of play equipment so that the Parish Council contribution can be spent within the deadline for Neighbourhood Fund spending.

Flooding at Norton crossroads

The Chairman and Councillor Wild had met with the tenant and a National Trust representative to discuss the concerns and a number of actions were taken to improve the situation. Councillors reported that the improvement had been evident the last time there was significant rainfall.

Norton crossroads verge cutting

The concerns raised regarding poor visibility at the crossroads due to overgrown verges had been reported to the National Trust who had spoken to the relevant tenant.

6. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Councillor Wild reported on the following:-

Gully clearing. Shropshire Council had a new drainage team in place and they will begin a schedule of annual gully cleaning. Areas requiring emergency action can continue to be reported. Councillors reported flooding on the road on the B4380 at Ishmore Lane, by Ranslett House, and in Uppington. Councillor Wild would report these to the relevant Shropshire Council officer for action.

Tree in Wroxeter graveyard. Following a report from a resident via Councillor Nelson, Shropshire Council had quickly removed a dangerous tree branch from a pine in the graveyard.

Queen's Silver Jubilee – Under the Wrekin group. The neighbouring parishes of Leighton & Eaton Constantine and Buildwas proposed a joint group to arrange events for the Jubilee celebrations. The Parish Council agreed that this would be preferable to working as an individual parish and it was agreed that Councillor Nelson will liaise with the working group.

Budget. Councillors queried the Shropshire Council budget and increase in Council Tax in relation to that of the neighbouring Telford & Wrekin Council, as reported in the local press. Councillors Wild explained that the ageing population in the Shropshire Council area as well as a significant increase in the number of Looked After Children meant that 86% of the Shropshire Council net budget is spent on a small proportion of the population through social care services.

Councillor Wild left the meeting.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Applications for comment.
None.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To approve the 2022/23 budget and set the precept
Councillors considered the two draft budget options that had been prepared. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed budget A for 2022/23 and set a precept of £5,095.

- b) Update to Asset Register
The Parish Council bus shelters at Bluebell crossroad and Norton crossroad south had been significantly damaged in the December storms. It was **RESOLVED** that the two bus shelters would not be repaired as there was currently no bus running on their route. The Bluebell shelter had blown into a neighbouring field and the residents had agreed to utilise the materials on their property. The remaining parts of the shelter at Norton would be dismantled and disposed of. The Asset Register would be updated to remove the bus shelters.

The Parish Council will continue to maintain the remaining bus shelters as necessary. Councillor Nelson confirmed that he had carried out the repairs to the Wroxeter bus shelter.

- c) To approve the Q3 budget report and bank reconciliation

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Q3 budget report and bank reconciliation, the reconciled balance at the end of Q3 being £8,029.80.

- d) To approve payments made between meetings

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments made since the previous meeting:-

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P21-2021/22	SLB Groundcare	Verge cutting contract	£360.00
P22-2021/22	S Morris	Salary - December	£212.73

- e) To approve invoices for payment by online banking
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments to be made by online banking:-

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P23-2021/22	S Morris	Expenses – Dec/Jan	£28.10
P24-2021/22	S Morris	Salary - January	£212.13

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Jubilee Mug. Clerks and Councils Direct had offered parish councils the opportunity to purchase mugs as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. The Parish Council decided not to purchase these, noting the substantial cost, and the earlier decision to work with neighbouring parishes on the celebrations.
- b) Breedon consultation on Leaton Quarry. Councillor Sherwood had attended the consultation and reported that the proposal was for a large extension and included some impact on the public highway, although not within the parish of Wroxeter & Uppington. Councillors noted some potential issues which could impact on the parish including mud on the road when the quarry is operating and potential increase in blasts. It was agreed that Councillor Sherwood will draft a response to the consultation and circulate to all councillors before submitting to Breedon.
- c) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan consultation. Councillors discussed the consultation document and noted the importance of ensuring that public footpaths remain open. It was agreed that Councillor Nelson will complete a response to the consultation and circulate to all councillors before submitting.

10. PARISH MATTERS

Local Policing Charter meeting. Councillor Sherwood reported from the meeting he had attended and recommended that councillors sign up to the alerts to be notified of current incidents.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place online on 14th March 2022, 7:30pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:20pm.

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....