

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL held at Great Wyrley Community Centre, Landywood Lane, Great Wyrley which commenced at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 6TH December, 2023.

Present:

**(Chairman)
Cllr. J. C. Jones**

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. M. Jackson Cllr. A. J. Kelsey Cllr. D. Norris	Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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Also in attendance was Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue) and the Parish Administrator Ms. D. May).

PRESENTATION BY STONEBOND PROPERTIES REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT POOL VIEW, GREAT WYRLEY

The presentation referred to above took place immediately prior to the meeting and a brief report on its content is attached at Appendix 1.

77/2023 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. A. Newell and Cllr. D. F. W. Norris.

78/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE had a standing interest in any items relating to planning applications on the basis that she represents Locality 3 at South Staffordshire Council's Planning Committee meetings, and would, therefore, not vote on any planning matters brought before the Parish Council.

79/2023 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council resolved that provided the words "within the Parish" was substituted with the words "Bentons Lane" in the first paragraph of the comments put forward by Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood under the Reports for Parish Councillors on page 9, the Chairman be requested to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th November, 2023. It was carried.

80/2023 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded the Parish Council that the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch was to take place on Friday 8th December, 2023 and that all volunteers would be very welcome from 12.30 p.m. onwards. Cllr. Jones was looking forward to seeing as many Councillors as possible and reminded all present that if anyone had any raffle prizes they wished to donate these would be very gratefully received. This was noted by Members.

81/2023 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE SERVICE

The PCSOs for Great Wyrley were unable to attend on this occasion; accordingly a copy of the Police Report had been circulated to all Members.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that it was concerning that the Police Report was becoming longer every month. Cllr. Mrs. Perry also suggested that it would be useful if the PCSOs could advise the Parish Council of the

outcomes in these matters rather than just inform members that the incidents had taken place. The Clerk was to request additional information from the PCSOs as a matter of course. This was noted by Members.

82/2023 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the Parish Council to be addressed by Members of the public.

The Clerk advised the meeting that a resident of Great Wyrley had recently made an approach to the Parish Council concerning the general condition of Wyrley Brook. Following this approach, in consultation with the Chairman of the Parish Council, the issues concerning Wyrley Brook had been placed on the agenda for discussion.

Unfortunately, the resident who had advised the Clerk that he would be present at the meeting had actually attended the Community Centre but had been unable to remain until after the presentation by Stonebond had taken place. Accordingly, he had been unable to put his view forward.

However, The Clerk had prepared a report on the situation relating to Wyrley Brook which addressed all the issues raised by the resident and this was to be deliberated upon under the agenda item to follow. This was noted.

There were no other questions from the Public Gallery.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders and continued with the business to be transacted at the meeting.

83/2023 **CLERK'S REPORTS**

Agenda Item (a) General Condition of Wyrley Brook

For Members information the Clerk had compiled a report setting out the detailed situation relating to Wyrley Brook. Please see the following:-

Wyrley Brook is classed as a public sewer and, therefore, falls under the duties of Severn Trent Water. Severn Trent Water and LLFAs (Lead Local Flood Authorities) have over the past two years carried out extensive public consultation to understand the risks and events that have happened historically in both Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay.

In order to fully understand the drainage infrastructure and its condition, Severn Trent Water and Staffordshire County Council have undertaken inspections of these assets, and mapped them on a Geographical Information System Platform.

This process has enabled the practice of modelling with flow mechanics. The process involves simulating rainfall events and understanding the locations in which the Wyrley Brook breaks its banks and locations where manholes may surcharge.

Within this model it is possible to identify locations of surface flows and where these flows head and where they cause risk.

These models have now been completed and are being verified against the information obtained from residents along with other reports.

Apparently, this is now at the stage where the project has been referred to a consultant to help drive the project forward.

There is a very brief timescale below and, of course, the list of phases is not exhaustive but it does highlight the key stages of the programme. Please see below

Pre-Strategic Appraisal

Phase A – 2020 through to 2023

Flood Questionnaires
Ground Investigations and Evidence Capture and Model analysis

Define Risk

Phase 1 2023/2024

Understand and define the appraisal need as a result of the modelling and ground investigations
Set Appraisal objectives: Risk, Identified Locations, Environmental Benefit and innovation
Define the type of appraisal and set baselines.

Develop Options

Phase 2 – 2024/2025

Develop a long and short list of options.
Describe, quantify and value costs and benefits.

Funding Mechanism

Phase 2a – 2024/2025

Review and locate additional funds with partners to short listed options.
Compare and select the preferred option.

Consultation and Stakeholder Detailing

Phase 2b – 2024/2025

Public arena consultation.

Develop Business Case to Board and Partners

Phase 3 – 2024 - 2026

Complete the appraisal report.
Complete Business Case for Defra Review

Phase 4 – 2026 through to 2028

Delivery achieving benefits.

Phase 5 – 2028 - 2030

Monitor and Assessment

Following discussion it was agreed by all Members of the Council that the timescales were still quite lengthy. Members felt that some form of interim intervention needed to be requested sooner rather than later in terms of the structure of the Brook itself; in places it was not guaranteed that it could last for as long as may be required under the current proposals.

It was proposed by Councillor J. C. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE that the Clerk be instructed to contact Mr. Andrew Brett requesting an update on the the current situation. It was carried.

Agenda Item (b) Community Centre Car Park

Members were already aware there had been a number of issues over the past year relating to unauthorised use of the car park to the Community Centre by not only rail users but also contractors and staff associated with the Health Centre.

There had appeared to be a slight lull in the number of vehicles, including heavy goods vehicles, parking on the car park when the alterations to the Health Centre were almost at an end. However, the situation had now become worse than ever and whether this situation had been exacerbated by road closures within the village was uncertain. What was certain, however, was that there was a need to take action to try to control what was presently taking place on a regular basis.

Members were advised that over the last two months the low wooden ranch style fencing between the Community Centre and the Health Centre had been completely removed. This fence was not in the ownership of the Parish Council and accordingly, its removal or replacement was beyond control in Parish Council terms.

However, the removal of the fence had led to motorists now driving straight over the grass bank to either get on or off both the Community Centre Car Park and the Health Centre Car Park.

The Parish Council had explored a number of avenues in the past, which had been thought would ameliorate this problem, however, none of the ideas put forward were workable in practical terms. This was noted.

The Clerk advised the meeting that now that the fence had been removed it could be possible to install a very large sign (in the position immediately to the front of the boundary line that the fence had originally occupied) stating that the car park was a Private Car Park and that cameras were in operation.

Members agreed that signage with a white background and large black lettering, which denoted the message the Parish Council needed to get across, could then be mounted on suitable poles at eye height so that vehicles pulling in and parking in front of it found it impossible to miss the message being portrayed. The installation of raised signage in this position would also stop the dangerous habit of driving straight over the grass bank, thus destroying its surface, leaving mud all over the car park and causing general nuisance.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to instruct the Clerk to pursue the purchase of a suitable sign which would run the length of the car park on the right hand side between the Health Centre and the Community Centre, an additional sign was also to be mounted on poles to the left hand side of the Community Centre Car Park and a further sign on the side wall of the Community Centre Garage.

The Clerk was to advise Members of the cost implications associated with this proposal with a view to having action taken as a matter of urgency. This was noted by Members.

84/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she did not have a great deal to report on this occasion. However, she was more than happy to take any questions from Members. Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE did, however, advise the meeting that Hilton Lane Roundabout was to be repaired shortly. This was noted.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he was concerned that there were

a number of local authorities which had now been declared bankrupt. In this regard Cllr. Jones asked Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE if this was something the Parish Council needed to be about. Cllr. Mrs. Perry reassured all present that this was not a subject he needed to be concerned about. This was noted by Members.

85/2023 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that the District Council had recently launched funding targeted at the need for health and wellbeing projects; Cllr. Mrs. Perry suggested that the Clerk make contact with a view to funding for outside gym equipment. This was noted.

86/2023 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mrs. Olwen Brazier advised the meeting that it was her understanding that Sir Gavin Williamson MP had recently met with residents of Shaws Lane and asked for confirmation as to whether this meeting was regarding the ever present heavy goods vehicle use of the lane which had been a cause for concern for some time. Cllr. M. Jackson advised the meeting that this was not something which he was able to comment on and suggested that an update could be achieved by telephoning the Constituency Office. This was noted.

87/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE took this opportunity to thank Cllr. Alan Kelsey (in his capacity as a member of the Carnival Committee) for providing the wine and crackers for the upcoming Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

88/2023 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00917/TREE – TPO No. 109/1991: 3 x QUERCUS SPP(OAK) – CROWN REDUCTION ON PROPERTY SIDE ONLY TO PROVIDE 6.1 METRES CLEARANCE FROM MAIN DWELLING AT 12 WALLACE COURT, HIGHFIELDS GRANGE, CHESLYN HAY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE TREE WORKS TAKING PLACE AND CHOSE TO RELY ON THE EXPERTISE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ARBORICULTURIST.

89/2023 REPORT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

A report on the outstanding accounts for authorisation for payment was presented to Council and it was **resolved** that the report be accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

90/2023 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted that the public and press be excluded and that they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 12.

91/2023 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to the option recommended in the report submitted by the Parish Administrator.

The Chairman took this opportunity to wish all Members the compliments of the season.

The meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

Chairman.....Date.....