

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 2nd April, 2025.

Present:

(Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. A. Kelsey Cllr. A. Newell	Cllr. D. F. W. Norris Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. Christine Whiston-Taylor
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Also in attendance was Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue).

ONE MINUTE SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE DAVID EVANS

The Chairman invited all Members to stand to observe a one minute silence in memory of her brother, the late David Evans, who had sadly passed away on 6th March. David Evans had always been a much valued character in the community and his last contribution to the village had been the design and partial construction of the new Memorial Wall in Great Wyrley Cemetery. David will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

The Chairman thanked everyone for joining her in this final mark of respect and continued with the business to be transacted by the Parish Council.

127/2025 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. R. Fairclough, Cllr. M. Jackson, Cllr. D. Norris (Snr.) and Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood.

128/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. M. Jackson had declared a standing interest in any matters pertaining to Planning Applications in his capacity as a member of the Planning Committee of South Staffordshire Council. This was a standing agenda item despite the fact that Cllr. Jackson was not present on this occasion.

129/2025 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th March, 2025. It was carried.

130/2025 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHAWS LANE ACTION GROUP

The Chairman advised the meeting that she had one very important announcement to make on this occasion; this was that all the work that the Shaws Lane Action Group, the Parish Council and indeed her own contribution as County Councillor had put in to securing a Weight Restriction on Shaws Lane, Great Wyrley had been successful. Staffordshire County Council had now approved its 2024/25 Integrated Transport Programme and the Shaws Lane Weight Restriction had been included within that programme.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry thanked the members of the Shaws Lane Action Group, who were in

the Public Gallery on this occasion, for their patience in this matter as it must have seemed like an extremely long time since the matter was first raised with the Parish Council, however, all the effort had achieved the right result. This was noted.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Cllr Mrs. Perry MBE advised all present that she was very pleased that she had been able to be part of the Shaws Lane success story particularly, as she would now be stepping down from her role as County Councillor for the Essington Division, a role she had carried out for over 20 years.

Cllr. J. C. Jones took this opportunity to thank Cllr. Mrs. Perry for the years of service she had given to the Community as its County Councillor and wished her all the best with her retirement from the role. Cllr. Jones' sentiments were echoed by all present.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry confirmed to the Clerk that this meeting would be the last she would be attending in her capacity as County Councillor and at the next meeting of the Parish Council Members would be greeting her successor, whoever that may be. This was noted by Members.

131/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order to allow the members of the public present in the gallery to address the meeting.

SHAWS LANE ACTION GROUP

G. Russon, one of the members of the Shaws Lane Action Group, was in attendance on this occasion with the sole purpose of thanking Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE and the Parish Council for all the support the Group had received in their campaign to have a weight restriction placed on Shaws Lane.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry responded on behalf of the Parish Council by congratulating the Group on their success with this issue and again thanking them, for their patience.

The Chairman invited any other questions from the residents in the Public Gallery and having received confirmation that there were no further questions, reinstated Standing Orders and continued with the business to be transacted at the meeting.

132/2025 CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL

(a) Request for Pedestrian Crossing on A34

All Members were already aware that attempting to cross the A34 on foot near to The Star Land was an extremely hazardous operation. On that basis this item had been placed on the Agenda by Cllr. J. C. Jones. However, Cllr. Jones' request had been fully supported by the Great Wyrley Scouts and Guides Organisation whose premises were also in this vicinity.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to instruct the Clerk to take this matter forward with Mr. M. Keeling of Staffordshire County Council and also ensure that the Cabinet Member for this port folio be included in any communication following the outcome of the forthcoming elections.

At this stage the Parish Council was unsure how successful any application might be because there were a number of pedestrian crossings already on the A34, however,

it did seem to be an even more hazardous crossing place in this particular location and may well merit an additional facility, particularly as there had already been a pedestrian fatality close to The Swan Public House in the past. The Clerk was to commence the process. This was noted.

(b) Appointment of new Chief Inspector of Stafford Command – Local Policing Team – Chief Inspector Alan Lyford

The Parish Council had recently received a message from Commander Tim Norbury to the effect that he would be leaving his present post on 25th April, 2025. Chief Inspector Norbury had sent the following message to the Parish Council as set out below:-

Extract from email from Chief Inspector Tim Norbury dated 24th March 2025

I wanted to inform you all that my last day as Commander for Policing in South Staffordshire will fall on Friday 25th April 2025.

I have been provided with a new opportunity at Headquarters to support the Force in another avenue of our business.

My replacement will be CI Alan Lyford who will introduce himself shortly, he is an extremely experienced leader and you are in very good hands with him, I ask that you give him as much support as you have provided to me.

My sincere thanks to you all for your support over the past 15 months, during which we have seen significant reductions in overall Crime and ASB particularly Burglary, vehicle crime and violence.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Kindest regards

Tim

Chief Inspector Tim Norbury

In addition the Parish Council now had access to an extra layer of command and had already made the acquaintance of Chief Inspector Norbury's Deputy, Inspector Nicola Brookes. Inspector Brookes who had joined Staffordshire Police in 2004 and had worked within response, tactical and neighbourhood policing during that time and was looking forward to serving the Parish Council in the future. This was noted.

Inspector Brookes had been very keen to ensure that she had visited all the Parishes which would come under her jurisdiction as Deputy to the new Commander and it was very pleasing that she was so impressed with Great Wyrley Community Centre. This was noted by Members.

(c) Centenary of Great Wyrley Methodist Church

The Parish Council had received an invitation to all Members to attend a Service for all the Churches to be held on 19th October, 2025. The Methodist Church's Centenary from 1925 to 2025 Service would be followed by light refreshments in the Wesley Room. Great Wyrley Wesley requested that Councillors diarise the date and await a reminder which would be issued nearer to the date. This was noted by Members.

(d) South Staffordshire Council – Parish Summit

The Parish Council had been advised that the Parish Summit would this year be held at the Council Offices on Wednesday 22nd May, 2025. Registration was at 10.00a.m.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry encouraged all Councillors to attend this meeting as it was felt that a lot of questions may be answered regarding the reorganisation of Local Government and would prove to be a very informative event. This was noted by Members.

(e) Reorganisation of Local Government

The Parish Council was already aware that the Reorganisation of Local Government was presently under way and in order to keep Members abreast of the situation the Clerk had circulated a copy of the latest update information on the situation from the Leader of South Staffordshire Council.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry gave Members a brief report on the proposals being promoted by Staffordshire County Council and there was a brief discourse between Cllr. Mrs. Perry and Cllr. Jones who had also had sight of the proposals. Cllr. Jones concluded with the fact that, whatever the outcome, it was going to be a very costly exercise. Cllr. Mrs. Perry reiterated that there may be a great deal more information to be gleaned from the Parish Summit. This was noted.

(f) .gov.uk e-mail address set up for Councillors

As Members were already aware the Parish Council had now completed the process of setting up new .gov.uk email addresses for all Members. This was noted.

133/2025 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that Staffordshire County Council had now entered Purdah in the run up to the elections to take place on 1st May, 2025. This was noted by Members.

134/2025 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the Parish Council that the District Council had now reviewed the Tenders for the new Waste Contract but that no decision on the matter had yet been made public. This was noted by Members.

135/2025 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

LANDYWOOD LANE DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS ANOMALY

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier advised the meeting that it had come to her notice that the new development on Landywood Lane was being referred to as Cheslyn Hay when it was actually Great Wyrley. Cllr. Mrs. Brazier wondered whether there was anything which could be done to correct this. Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised Cllr. Mrs. Brazier that there was very little which could be done in these circumstances as the postal code was actually Cheslyn Hay. Cllr. Mrs. Perry also explained that there was shortly to be a review of Parish Boundaries carried out by the District Council. This was noted.

DISCOVERY OF 12" KNIFE ON LANDYWOOD PLAY AREA

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he had recently noticed that a very large knife had been hidden in the bushes which form part the boundary of the Landywood Lane Play area. Cllr. Jones had immediately reported this matter to the Clerk and arrangements had been made for the item to be collected by the Police Community Support Officer. Cllr. Jones had also sadly noticed that there appeared

to be a person sleeping rough in the same area. This issue prompted discussion regarding the status of the Public Space Protection order and the Clerk was instructed to contact Mrs. M. Quinn at South Staffordshire Council to arrange for more frequent checks to be carried out in the area. It was carried.

VE DAY REMINDER

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry reminded all Members that the Parish Council would be hosting an open air event on the Millennium Green to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

At the present time the Parish Council was working with the Cheslyn Hay Community Choir, Catherine Care's Bevin Boys and the Royal British Legion. This was noted by Members.

136/2025 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

GREAT WYRLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Cllr. A. Newell advised the meeting that the Great Wyrley History Society's Launch of its latest book Great Wyrley & Cheslyn Hay – Great War had gone very well and everyone had enjoyed the occasion. Copies of the book were now available in all local libraries. This was noted by Members.

137/2025 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/00119/FULHH – INSTALLATION OF AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP TO REAR OF PROPERTY ON EXISTING PATIO AREA AT 36 STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

25/00225/FULHH – SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION AT 24 STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS SHOULD THIS BE NECESSARY.

25/0000170/FULM – PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 130 DWELLINGS, ON-SITE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, ALLOTMENTS, LINEAR PARK AND ASSOCIATED GROUNDWORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE – VEHICULAR ACCESS VIA APPROVED PHASE 1 SITE ON LAND SOUTH OF LANDYWOOD LANE, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBSERVATIONS TO MAKE ON THIS PROPOSAL AS IT WAS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE LOCAL PLAN. CLLR. J. C. JONES UPHELD HIS OBJECTION THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS INAPPROPRIATE IN THE GREEN BELT. THIS WAS NOTED.

138/2025 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.

139/2025 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.

140/2025 SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL – PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to note the information provided in the letter from South Staffordshire Council and to take no action on the issue. It was carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.55p.m.

Chairman..... **Date.....**