

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 7th May, 2025.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. R. Fairclough Cllr. M. Jackson Cllr. J. C. Jones	Cllr. A. Kelsey Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood
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Also in attendance was Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue).

PRESENTATION TO COUNCILLOR MRS. K. M. PERRY MBE

Cllr. J. C. Jones took this opportunity to present Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE with a richly deserved bouquet of flowers along with the sincere thanks of the Parish Council for all her hard work and commitment as the County Councillor for Great Wyrley. Cllr. Mrs. Perry has carried this role for 20 years having only retired in May of this year. The amount of work which had gone into this role over such a long period has been very much appreciated, not only by the Parish Council but the community as a whole.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry accepted the flowers and the vote of thanks with heartfelt thanks of her own for the Parish Council's kind gesture which she very much appreciated.

Councillor Mrs. Perry then officially opened the Parish Council meeting.

141/2025 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. D. Norris (Snr.), Cllr. D. F. W. Norris (Jnr.) and Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor.

142/2025 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.

143/2025 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 2nd April, 2025. The report of the Cemetery Working Party had also been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council and would be discussed at the appropriate agenda item. It was carried.

144/2025 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARCEL DROP LOCKERS – WALSALL ROAD

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that she was very concerned at the sudden appearance of parcel drop lockers to the front of the Scouts and Guides Centre in Walsall Road. Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that this action had been taken with no public consultation or reference to any Local Authority; even more importantly no record could be found that permission had been obtained from

Staffordshire County Council Highways Department.

Not only was this installation a complete eyesore, it was also causing a great deal of concern to residents due to the amount of traffic it was creating which was really significant.

Apparently, motorists were constantly trying to reverse on to Walsall Road which was creating, not only havoc, but potential highway danger. A Walsall Road resident had reported to the Parish Council on that very day the fact that a DPD delivery vehicle, which was filling the lockers, had parked on the footpath which had completely blocked the pavement. The children were actually seen to be having to walk into Walsall Road itself to get past the vehicle. This situation was, of course, completely unacceptable.

Unfortunately, the Post Office had today installed yet another set of lockers and the residents were now extremely concerned indeed.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that she had already reported this matter to the Enforcement Team at the District Council and steps were being taken to resolve the matter as one of urgency. This was noted by Members.

RETIREMENT OF LANDYWOOD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE also took this opportunity to advise the meeting that Cllr. Mrs. Kath Williams, who had been a District Councillor for many years had now stood down from the role and accordingly, a By-Election would be held on 26th June, 2025.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the Parish Council would be writing to Cllr. Mrs. Williams thanking her for her efforts in the role and a bouquet of flowers would also be sent to mark her retirement from the District Council. This was noted by Members.

145/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received correspondence from a resident of Streets Lane regarding a need for traffic calming measures.

Mrs. A. Hall addressed the Parish Council with a request that their attention be given to putting in some traffic control measures on Streets Lane in Cheslyn Hay.

Mrs. Hall advised the meeting that Streets Lane was dangerous and has cars racing at ridiculous speeds along it with cars parked by the train station entrance all day; restricting the view of the road when there was a train station car park across the road.

The meeting was advised that her cat had been hit by a speeding car on 9th April causing major damage which had resulted in leg amputation costing over £ 2000 pounds - what chance had a child got if they were hit.

The meeting was advised that there were speed bumps in the surrounding roads but nothing on the main Streets Lane nor any signage of speed limits nothing, and she felt that there was going to be an accident if this road continued to be used as a race track.

The meeting was also advised that there was a SID camera by the Church which had been smashed and had not worked for at least 6 months but this didn't help the rest of the stretch of road all the way down to the train station.

Apparently, Mrs. Hall had reported this to Staffordshire County Council Highways Report number 44337627 who had also advised her to contact 101 Police.

Mrs. Hall then requested the Parish Council's assistance with requesting traffic calming measures in Streets Lane, preferably speed humps or chicanes to prevent cars racing. Also double yellow lines by the Train Station entrance as there was a Train Station car park across the other side of the bridge for parking.

The meeting was also advised that there was an ongoing petition on social media supporting this proposition with over 170 signatures.

The Chairman advised Mrs. Hall that the Parish Council would write to Mrs. M. Quinn at South Staffordshire Council requesting that the SID Camera be repaired and now relocated in an appropriate position to have any effect.

As Mrs. Quinn was the Liaison Officer with Staffordshire Police and various other authorities the Parish Council would also request that this proposal be considered by the appropriate Authority.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public present in the Public Gallery for their attendance and following establishment that there were no further questions reinstated Standing Orders and continued with the business to be transacted.

146/2025 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL YEAR END – 31ST MARCH 2025

(a) Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/2025

The Parish Council had received a copy of the Annual Internal Auditor's Report for the year 2024/25 prior to the meeting and its contents was hereby officially noted.

(b) Annual Governance Statement as at 31st March 2025

The Parish Council had received a copy of the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2024/25 prior to the meeting. Following consideration the Parish Council **resolved** to approve the document accordingly, the statement was signed by both the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council.

(c) Accounting Statement as at 31st March, 2025

The Parish Council had received a copy of the Accounting Statement as at 31st March, 2025 which had been certified as a correct record by the Responsible Financial Officer. The Parish Council then considered their content and **resolved** to approve and sign the documents as an accurate reflection of the Parish Council's financial position as at this date.

(d) Exercise of Public Rights Notification Dates

The Parish Council had received a copy of the notification of Exercise of Public Rights and noted that the notice would be posted for the period from Tuesday 3rd June to Monday 14th July, 2025.

(e) Sign Off – Documentation included in documents above.

The Parish Council had received a copy of the documents listed below which represented background evidence of the accuracy of the Annual Governance and Accounting Statement.

- Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March, 2025
- Annual Governance Statement as at 31st March, 2025
- Accounting Statement as at 31st March, 2025

147/2025 CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL

(a) Application for Grant Aid from Harrison's Crown Green Bowling Club

The Parish Council had received a request for Grant Aid from Harrison's Crown Green Bowling Club.

The Clerk had circulated all the details of the request to the Parish Council in order to allow sufficient time to consider the request thoroughly.

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey, Cllr. J. C. Jones, Cllr. A. Newell, Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE and Cllr. R. J. Perry all declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision making process.

Following discussion the Members of the Parish Council able to take part in the decision making process proposed that the sum of £500 be awarded to Harrison's Crown Green Bowling Club. It was carried.

(b) Recommendations by Cemetery Working Party

Report from The Cemetery Working Party arising from meeting held on 28th April, 2025 the content of which were referred to at the commencement of the meeting were discussed as individual items.

All recommendations arising from the Cemetery Working Party Meeting held on 28th April, 2025 were authorised by the Parish Council. However, Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood was concerned that a wild flower meadow treatment of the rear of the Memorial Wall may be difficult to maintain. This was noted.

148/2025 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had made every effort to contact the new County Councillor, however, as the meeting had taken place so soon after the election it was unsurprising that the necessary lines of communication had not been opened yet. This was noted by Members.

149/2025 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs Perry advised the meeting that she did not have a great deal to report on this occasion other than the fact that there would be a By-Election shortly.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that the District Council had recently successfully prosecuted a person for flytipping who just happened to be a Doctor. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that the Parish Summit would be held at South Staffordshire Council at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 22nd May. The agenda was to include the Reorganisation of Local Government and various other subjects.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that should any member have any issues which could be dealt with by the team from South Staffordshire Council this year's 12 hours of work had just commenced. Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised Members to contact

the Clerk should they have any issues which needed to be dealt with. This was noted by Members.

150/2025 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

UNAUTHORISED USE OF JONES LANE RECREATION GROUND

Cllr. A. Kelsey advised the meeting that he had been approached by a user of Jones Lane Recreation Ground regarding the fact that another organisation was using the field and causing a great deal of disruption with their parking. The person who had contacted Cllr. Kelsey had advised him that his own organisation had permission from the Parish Council to use the field on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that to her knowledge no such permission had been given. The Clerk was to look into this matter with the Parish Council Groundsmen. Cllr. Kelsey was expecting another telephone call from the same person and would establish more details and report back to the Parish Council at a later date.

The Parish Council **resolved** to install a sign prohibiting organised events taking place on the field.

CLEAN-UP OF THE CO-OP CAR PARK

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that following several complaints there had finally been a clean-up exercise of the Co-op Car Park. All detritus had now been removed and it was a great improvement. Cllr. Jones had also received complaints about the trees but this issue was still ongoing. This was noted by Members.

BROOKLANDS AVENUE – GREEN SPACE

Cllr. R. Fairclough advised the meeting that the green area around Brooklands Crescent had now been cleared by Severn Trent which was a great improvement. However, residents were very fearful that this area would become a prime location for flytipping. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Fairclough also advised the meeting that there was a vagrant living rough in the area between Brooklands Avenue and Lock Basin Close. This matter had been reported to the appropriate authorities. This was noted by Members.

GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she had been approached by Great Wyrley Academy to discuss children being included in Community activities. Cllr. Mrs. Perry was to await more detailed correspondence and hopefully the children may become interested in the Parish Council's plans for Wyrley Brook. This was noted.

VE DAY – COMMEMORATION EVENT

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that the plans for the VE Day commemoration the following evening now included, Cheslyn Hay Community Choir, The Cannock Salvation Army Band, Catherine Care's Bevin Boys, The Royal British Legion and St. Andrews Church. Cllr. Mrs. Perry encouraged all Members to be present to support the event. This was noted by Members.

151/2025 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES **GREAT WYRLEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that the plans for the 2025 Carnival were well under way. This was noted by Members.

152/2025 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/00360/FULHH – TWO STOREY FRONT EXTENSION COMPRISING GARAGE, HALL AND ADDITIONAL BEDROOM AT 304 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS SHOULD THIS BE NECESSARY.

25/00259/FULHH – GROUND FLOOR FRONT AND SIDE EXTENSIONS AT WOODHAYES, HOLLY LANE, 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.

153/2025 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.

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that it may be beneficial for the Parish Council to review its broadband provider. This was noted.

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

The meeting closed at 7.55p.m.

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