

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> June, 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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The Chairman welcomed Mr. Robert Pritchard, County Officer of Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association. Also in attendance were Parish Clerk (Mrs. S. McGlue) and Parish Administrator (Ms. D. May).

**8/2025     APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr. J. C. Jones.

**9/2025     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.

**10/2025    MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to accept, approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, the Annual Parish Assembly held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025 and the Annual General Meeting also held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025.

**11/2025    CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council had received a report from Mr. S. Pytlinski who is the gentleman who kindly ensures that all the defibrillators in the Parish are kept in working Order which would have been reported to the Annual Parish Assembly. Mr. Pytlinski has advised the Parish Council that:-

**Extract from email from Stefan Pytlinski**

Last year with all the 6 defibrillators out of action due to the equipment being out of date it looked like we wouldn't be able to get them up and running again.

Thanks to the generosity of local groups and the Council, funds were provided to replace the out of date batteries and pads. There has also been a raffle and charity night which helped raise £1700 which will be used towards replacing equipment and help looking after the defibrillator cabinets.

Also Connor Elwell from CJE Developments kindly supplied and fitted lights to 2 of our cabinets, and has offered his services for maintaining them.

Stefan Pytlinski

The Clerk was requested to ensure that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Pytlinski.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – STREETS LANE**

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE also advised the meeting that the Parish Council had been advised that Mr. M. Keeling of Staffordshire County Council Highways was happy to pick up the request above and raise it with Cllr. Woods when they met in a few weeks' time.

Mr. Keeling was sure the County Council would be able to look at the site in more detail, and undertake a traffic survey, check accident history etc. and requests that the Parish Council's leaves it with him.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that this was indeed good news and that hopefully more information would be forthcoming in the near future. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the meeting that she had reported the defective speed indication device in Streets Lane as not only is it still in the wrong position but remains inoperative due to vandalism. This was noted by Members.

### **12/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

A resident of Love Lane addressed the Parish Council regarding his concern that Love Lane was being used more and more as a cut through from the A5 each day. However, his main concern was the speed that some motorists were reaching was sometimes up to 60 -70 mph. and was there anything that could be done to stop this practice. The resident also requested that the Parish Council support his wish to have double yellow lines imposed on the junction of Love Lane and Walsall Road to stop the bottleneck of traffic caused by inconsiderate parking. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry MBE advised the resident that the Parish Council would request that Mr. M. Keeling add this matter to the list for discussion with the new County Councillor.

Councillor Mrs Perry then invited the remaining members of the public present in the public gallery to put their questions to the Parish Council and having established that there were no more questions, reinstated Standing Orders and carried on with the business to be transacted at the meeting.

### **13/2025 INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION**

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that this evening the Parish Council was to be given a presentation on the benefits of having membership of the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association and introduced its County Officer Mr. Robert Pritchard.

Mr. Pritchard gave the Parish Council a brief resume of his experience in the orbit of Local Government and thanked the Parish Council for its invitation. Mr. Pritchard advised all present that he had enjoyed his visits to many other Parish Councils to talk about the Association's work and Parish Council's priorities. This was noted.

Mr. Pritchard explained that the big issue for the sector remained Local Government Reorganisation. What will it mean for Parish Councils, how do we have a say and what does the future of Local Government in Staffordshire look like?

Mr. Pritchard explained that the SPCA was what is known as a County Association of Local Councils and supports the entire Parish Council. Mr. Pritchard explained that there were only three Parish Councils which were not a member of the SPCA of which Great Wyrley was one and the SPCA was very keen to have Great Wyrley join.

Mr. Pritchard explained that the SPCA also attends the many District Forums across the County. The District Forums vary from district to district, but are vitally important for many Parish and Town Councils, helping them to network and stay up to date with issues in their District. Many rely on the District Council to function and with District Councils being abolished in 2028, the SPCA will explore how to preserve them. In the short term they will start work to create them where they don't exist

Mr. Pritchard also explained that there are numerous benefits to membership; a number of which are detailed below:

The SPCA services include:

Procedures - helping save time and money by streamlining your Council's Procedures using model documents – many provided free on email – which can be adapted easily to meet your Council's needs.

Legal - provision of legal/financial advice, information on insurances, health and safety, risk assessments, employment issues (including clerks' salaries) recruitment and job adverts, including a growing reference library.

Keeping

Training –the Association offers a wide range of training for Councillors and Officers. in touch - issuing a weekly email "Bulletin" to all Clerks/Chairmen which helps to keep Councils in touch with the latest legal and policy developments.

In conclusion Mr. Pritchard advised the meeting that the annual subscription would be £1,300.00 and that this would include a proportion of membership of The National Association of Local Councils.

Mr. Pritchard then invited questions from the Parish Council and a number of issues were discussed.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry thanked Mr. Pritchard for his attendance at the meeting and for his comprehensive presentation. The Parish Council was to discuss this matter in due course.

#### **14/2025 CLERK'S REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

The Clerk did not have any reports to make to the Parish Council on this occasion. This was noted.

#### **15/2025 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There were no County Councillors able to be present on this occasion.

#### **16/2025 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Mrs Perry advised the meeting that the Parish Summit had been very interesting and informative. The Workshops had included Community Governance Review, Community Engagement, Rural Affordable Housing and Exception Sites and various other matters.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the Parish Council that she had recently attended a meeting with the Chief Executives and Leaders of the other Local Authorities which were part of the Reorganisation and would report further on this matter in the future. The only information available at the moment was that the Government was adhering to the numbers that have already been published. This was noted.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry advised the meeting that Wyrley Brook had now been added to the 12 hour programme of ground works support from South Staffordshire Council. This was noted by Members. Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that representatives from Defra and the Environment Agency had recently attended a meeting at the District Council the subject of which had been flooding; this had been very interesting and informative and the Clerk was to obtain a copy of the minutes of the meeting for Members' information.

The meeting was also advised that the hearing into the soundness of the Local Plan had taken place during the previous week and the second tranche of hearings would take place in July. This was noted by Members.

There were no additional reports on this occasion.

## **17/2025 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

### **DRAINAGE AT BENTONS LANE**

Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood advised the meeting that the defective drainage in Bentons Lane was again causing a great deal of difficulty; clearly there is a broken drain in this area and this matter needed to be reported to Mr. M. Keeling to be discussed with the new County Councillor. This was noted.

### **BROKEN LIGHTING COLUMN – PUBLIC WALKWAY BROOKLANDS AVENUE**

Cllr. R. Fairclough advised the meeting that the lighting column in the public walkway off Brooklands Avenue was no longer operational as the lighting head had been removed. The Clerk was to research this matter.

### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL REFUSE BIN FOR DEDICATED BROOK USE**

Cllr. Fairclough also asked of Members whether they thought it may be possible for him to be given an additional refuse bin by South Staffordshire Council for use to store detritus from the Brook prior to disposal. Cllr. Fairclough assured the meeting that he would take full responsibility for the bin and the disposal of its contents.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry explained that she was not confident that this would be permitted, however, the Clerk was to research the matter and put the question to the District Council. This was noted by Members.

### **UNSAVOURY BEHAVIOUR**

Cllr. Fairclough advised the meeting that he had been informed that a party had been held at a property in Darges Lane where there had also been an incident of disgraceful public behaviour. Following discussion the Parish Council agreed that this matter had hopefully been a one off event. This was noted by Members.

### **PROPERTY IN DISREPAIR**

Cllr. Fairclough also advised the meeting that No. 4 Darges Lane was presently unoccupied and falling into serious disrepair. The Clerk was to report this matter to the Enforcement Team at South Staffordshire Council. This was noted.

**18/2025 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**  
**GREAT WYRLEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that the plans for the 2025 Carnival were forging ahead brilliantly. The theme for this year's Carnival was to be "Days Out". There were 45 stalls due to be at The Carnival and it was hoped that the good weather would hold for the day.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry took this opportunity to wish Cllr. Kelsey and The Carnival Committee the very best of luck with the event. This was noted.

**19/2025 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**25/00113/FUL – CAR PARK EXTENSION - 271 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PROPOSAL REPRESENTED ENCROACHMENT INTO AN AREA OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND THAT IT WOULD GENERATE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC.**

**25/00014/FUL- CONVERSION OF EXISTING DWELLING INTO THREE SELF-CONTAINED APARTMENTS AT 15 HUT HILL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THIS PROPOSAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE CHANGE OF USE WOULD BE UNABLE TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN TERMS OF OFF ROAD CAR PARKING PROVISION IN AN AREA WHICH WAS ALREADY HIGHLY CONGESTED DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME.**

**25/00445/FULHH – REMOVAL OF CHIMNEY, FRONT PORCH EXTENSION AND RENDER OF FRONT OF DWELLING AT 53 QUINTON AVENUE, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.**

**20/2025 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.

**21/2025 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.

**22/2025 MEMBERSHIP OF STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL'S ASSOCIATION**

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** not to subscribe to membership of Staffordshire Parish Council's Association at this stage. It was carried.

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

The meeting closed at 7.55p.m.

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