

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 14TH January, 2026.

Present:

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

Cllr. Mrs. O. Brazier Cllr. A. Kelsey Cllr. P. Kruskonjic Cllr. J. C. Jones Cllr. D. Norris	Cllr. D. F. W. Norris Cllr. A. Newell Cllr. R. J. Perry Cllr. Mrs. C. Whiston-Taylor
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The Chairman advised the meeting that unfortunately, the Clerk was unable to attend the meeting this evening as her husband was presently in Critical Care at New Cross Hospital. This was noted by Members.

Cllr. J. C. Jones suggested that a bouquet of flowers be sent to the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr. Mrs. Perry agreed with this suggestion, however, it was felt that as the Clerk was presently spending most of her time at the hospital that perhaps this gesture could be put on hold until such time as the Clerk would be spending more time at home. This was noted.

98/2026 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood, Cllr. Mrs. S. Manderson and District Cllr. J. Hill.

99/2026 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. Cllr. Jackson was not present on this occasion.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE and Cllr. A. J. Kelsey declared an interest in the financial transactions to be ratified under the appropriate agenda item. This was noted by Members.

100/2026 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 3rd December, 2025. It was carried.

101/2025 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAST COUNCILLOR R. FAIRCLOUGH

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE took this opportunity to advise meeting that Mr. Robert Fairclough was no longer a Member of Great Wyrley Parish Council. This was noted by Members.

OFFICIAL WELCOME TO CLLR. P. KRUSKONJIC

The Chairman also took this opportunity to officially welcome our new Councillor Peter Kruskonjic to the Parish Council. Cllr. Kruskonjic was to have officially signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct for Councillors adopted by Great Wyrley Parish Council at this meeting.

However, in the absence of the Clerk this task would be deferred until the next meeting of the Council. This was noted.

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER AT GORSEY LANE

The Chairman also advised the Parish Council that Cllr. Mrs. S. M. Wood, who had requested that the Agenda item relating to the replacement bus shelter at Gorsey Lane be deferred for discussion at this meeting. Unfortunately, Cllr. Mrs. Wood was unable to be present this evening and had asked for another deferment in order to allow her to be present for the discussion. This was noted by Members.

GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

The Chairman advised the meeting that Great Wyrley Parish Council had recently launched its own Facebook Page. Ms. D. May advised the meeting that the purpose of the Facebook Page was to ensure that the Parish Council was able to advertise its own events and those of local organisations. The Facebook Page was primarily a Electronic Notice Board rather than an interactive feature – which all felt was an excellent vehicle for getting the Parish Council's activities and views over to the residents. This was noted by Members.

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS OF GREAT WYRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman advised the meeting that due to the absence of The Clerk at the present time it had not been possible to keep the Community Centre open to the public after 2.00p.m. This had not caused disruption to the use of the Centre by hirers and would, of course, be reviewed as soon as possible. This was noted.

102/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman advised the residents present in the public gallery that now was their opportunity to address the Parish Council. There were no requests to address the Parish Council on this occasion. This was noted by Members.

103/2025 CLERK'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

(a) SIGN-OFF OF QUARTER 3 – RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Parish Administrator advised the meeting that the interim figures for the third quarter of the financial year were now available for scrutiny and the documents along with the relevant working papers had been circulated to all Members. Following scrutiny by all Members present the Parish Council **resolved** approval of the Quarter Three Reconciliation of the Parish Council Accounts for the year 2025/26. It was carried.

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE took this opportunity to thank the Parish Administrator for her exceptional work on behalf of the Parish Council and that the considerable amount of work which had been carried out by Debra May was very much appreciated and faultless as ever. Cllr. Mrs. Perry's views were fully supported by all Members.

(b) REPLACEMENT OF DEMOLISHED BUS SHELTER

Members had already agreed that this matter should be deferred.

(c) PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR

The Parish Council Members had already received a copy of a summary of the budget for the Parish Council which showed all income and expenditure. Councillors noted that these figures were not the final year-end figures as it was a working document up to 2nd January, 2026. This summary gave the figures for the period from 1st April, 2025 to 2nd January, 2026. Even though the current figures did not represent a complete year, they still gave Members a fairly accurate picture of the Parish Council's income and expenditure over the year.

The Parish Council was aware that unfortunately, due to the timescales applied by South Staffordshire Council for the submission of Annual Parish Precept requests, it was impossible to have the entire year's figures to work from. For ease of reference any increase applied on normal running costs could take the form of a percentage increase across the board, rather than individual itemisation. This was, of course, entirely up to individual Members, should there be any specific category which Members felt warranted discussion then this would, of course, take place.

For clarification purposes, Members were advised to note that the Budget Summary was split into several categories, referred to as Cost Centres. For new Members of the Parish Council's information these Cost Centres were set at the Inaugural Meeting of the Annual Audit and Governance Committee on 15th October, 2022 and ratified by Council on 2nd November, 2022. The Cost Centre headings remained as follows with the sub-headings shown below to which a specific spend was allocated.

- **Administration** – this Cost Centre covers salaries for all departments and general administration functions of the Parish Council.
- **Amenities** – this Cost Centre covers grounds maintenance, play areas, bus shelters, trees etc.
- **Cemetery** – this Cost Centre covers burials, memorials, transfer of deeds, etc.
- **Community Centre** – this Cost Centre covers costs pertaining to the Community Centre.
- **Parish Activities** – this Cost Centre covers costs pertaining to events or facilities such as the Parish Assembly, the Christmas Market, the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, Christmas Lights etc.

It now fell to the Parish Council to review the figures shown on the detailed budget summary and set its budget for the forthcoming financial year. For Members' information the Parish Council resolved to apply a 3% increase across the board the previous year.

The Parish Council was advised that the financial picture currently looked fairly robust, however, it still needed to be recognised that there was to be a significant increase in the National Living Wage in April, 2026 which was still to be coupled with the increase in the Employers' National Insurance liability. This meant that Community Centre Hire Charges would need to be increased in order to make hiring out the premises over evening times and weekends remotely viable.

The National Living wage currently stood at £12.21 per hour for an employee over the age of 21. This figure was due to increase in April 2026 to £12.71 per hour this was an increase of 50p per hour. It also had to be taken into account that the annual increases in the National Living wage had greatly eroded the difference between remuneration awarded to skilled and non-skilled employment roles. Bearing in mind the scenario which had been described above, the Parish Council must in fairness review the salaries of its skilled employees by an offer of a percentage increase to basic wage. This was noted by Members.

The next item on the agenda provided an opportunity to review all hiring fees, however, the Clerk had already advised the Parish Council that it would be much appreciated if the information provided above could be taken into account when a decision on any increase was being made. This was noted by Members.

(b) Review of Fees and Charges – Community Centre and Grass Cutting

As Members were aware the Parish Council had in the past levied a small increase in its fees and charges each year; normally, in order to keep in line with inflation. For Members information the rate of inflation was presently running at 3.2%.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to levy an increase of 3% across the board for the forthcoming financial year.

(c) Review of Fees and Charges – Great Wyrley Cemetery

Following discussion, which included, the need to ensure that the remaining works to the Memorial Wall still needed to be completed and there was a need to provide new fencing to the rear of the structure in order to provide a more uniform backdrop to the Memorial Wall. The Parish Council **resolved** to levy an increase of 5% across the board for the forthcoming financial year.

(d) Earmarked Items for consideration for Financial Year 2026/27

As Members were aware, each year the Parish Council earmarked funds to cover projects which it wished to pursue in the future.

As Members were aware there were a number of projects which had been on this list for some time, however, the majority of these projects were now coming to fruition and expected to be completed shortly. There is an explanation of the current position for each project laid out in the following table:-

ONGOING PROJECTS		
Memorial Wall Landscaping at Great Wyrley Cemetery	The Parish Council resolved to retain the earmarked amount of £5000 to complete the Memorial Wall Project.	£5,000.00
Olympic Torch Commemoration	Unfortunately, this project had constantly fallen foul of every plan put in place. The Parish Council took action this time last year to approach an alternative supplier and it had been hoped that the	£2,000.00

	<p>matter would progress. However, the alternative supplier seemed to have been equally as tardy, hence the project is on this report, yet again. In these circumstances the Parish Council resolved to retain this amount in earmarked funds for for the coming financial year.</p>	
Roof to the Community Centre	<p>The roof to the Community Centre was still not presenting a problem at the present time, however, Members still felt it prudent to resolve to retain the £4000 already earmarked. This decision was made on the basis that there would still be a cost element to meet when the existing roof finally failed. The roof was now well over its guarantee period.</p>	£4,000.00
Wyrley Brook Project	<p>As this matter was still in progress the Parish Council resolved to retain an earmarked amount of £10,000 to be allocated to this purpose.</p>	£10,000.00
Unforeseen Expenses	<p>Of the £10,000 earmarked for unforeseen expenses the sum of £6,876.55 still remained. Bearing in mind that unforeseen means exactly that and there were no guarantees that this sum may not be called upon in the forthcoming year the Parish Council resolved that this figure remain available and used as and when required for the foreseeable future.</p>	£6,876.55
Emergency Tree Works	<p>As the Parish Council had been made aware that all the trees in its ownership were only subject to an inspection every three years to ensure stability and the safety of the public it resolved to retain the earmarked funding for the forthcoming financial year.</p>	£5,750.00
Commemoration of the Reign of King Charles III	<p>The Parish Council presently held £2000 in earmarked funds to commemorate the King's Coronation. The Parish Council resolved to retain this amount in the earmarked funds for this purpose. This project formed part of the works in progress relating to the late Queen's Commemoration and was being held up by the same alternative supplier.</p>	£2000.00
Memorial Gardens Maintenance	<p>Following the dissolution of the FROGS Voluntary Organisation the Parish Council now had a sum of £3,605.76 which was ring fenced</p>	£3,605.76

	for maintenance works at Great Wyrley Memorial Garden. The Parish Council resolved last year to retain this amount in its earmarked fund for works associated with the Memorial Garden. Members wished to retain this amount.	
Donations received from Covid vaccination patients	As Members were already aware this amount represented the portion of the donations which were made by people visiting the Community Centre to have their Covid vaccinations which was split between a number of charities. The £800 is included in the earmarked figures as it is yet to be donated by the Parish Council to a worthy cause of its choice.	£800.00
Replacement Partition Doors	<p>The Parish Council had already been advised that there was a need to replace the dividing doors between The Main Hall and the Lounge area. Repairs to the doors had been carried out in house, however, it was explained to the Parish Council that the replacement doors would not be the complete solution. There was also a need to level the boundary between The Lounge Area and the Main Hall.</p> <p>Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to add an additional £2000 to the earmarked figure for this project. It was carried.</p>	£12,000.00
Replacement Chairs for Main Hall	<p>The Parish Council was already aware that the chairs which were presently being used for large events were now becoming desperate for replacement.</p> <p>Precise costings would vary, however, it would seem that plastic/metal chairs rather than upholstered seats and back supports would be the optimum choice. Following discussion, the Parish Council resolved to retain the earmarked amount of £5,000 for this purpose.</p>	£5,000.00
Contingency Fund for Protection of Local Items of Special Interest	Members recalled that at the end of 2024 Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE suggested (in her capacity as a South Staffordshire District Councillor) that the Parish Council may wish to follow the District Council's lead and create a small	£3,000.00

	<p>contingency fund to be put in place to assist with the protection of important items within the Parish, in terms of heritage. The following items had been put forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swan Public House • The Pump in Wharwell Lane • The Star Public House • The Institute on the corner of Norton Lane • St. Mark's Church • St. Andrew's Church • Streets Lane Chapel • The Old Vicarage behind St. Marks • The Old School <p>It should also be noted that any items which were placed on this list would also be afforded some form of protection in terms of the Planning System.</p> <p>The Parish Council resolved to retain the amount of £2,000.00 as its earmarked funding for this purpose. Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to add an additional £1000 to the earmarked figure.</p>	
ELECTIONS	The Parish Council resolved to retain the amount of £3299.9 in the budget for Election expenses.	£3,299.91
COMMEMORATION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II	The Parish Council presently had £1,600.00 in earmarked funds to call upon should there be a wish to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The Parish Council resolved to retain this amount in the earmarked funds for this purpose. This project was part of the works which were already being dealt with by the alternative local supplier.	£1,600.00
PROVISION OF SUITABLE BOUNDARY TREATMENT FOR GREAT WYRLEY CEMETERY	<p>Members will recall that the provision of a new boundary treatment for the Cemetery had also been put forward during the previous year.</p> <p>Specifically the area to the rear of the Memorial Wall which needed to be addressed to achieve uniformity to the backdrop to the new facility.</p> <p>Following discussion the Parish</p>	£6,000.00

	Council resolved to add an additional £1000 to the earmarked funding for this project. It was carried.	
For Members information the Clerk had also set out annual donations and expected expenditure other than normal running costs which had remained almost the same.		
Great Wyrley Carnival Committee	Donation towards Great Wyrley Carnival Event. Cllr. A. J. Kelsey declared an interest in this agenda item and did speak on the subject or take part in the decision making process.	£400.00
Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	Annual donation towards the running of the Senior Citizens Welfare organisation. Due to the changes in the arrangements for the New year's Day Walk the Parish Council resolved that this budget be increased by £100 which represented the funding given to the previous hosts. Cllr. A. J. Kelsey declared an interest in this Agenda Item and did not speak on the subject or take part in the decision making process.	£1,300.00

The foregoing list of earmarked funds was by no means exhaustive and Members were, of course, able to add any project that they wished to, or, of course, delete an item where they did not support its inclusion in the list.

REPLACEMENT OF PLAY AREA AT LANDYWOOD LANE

Members also took this opportunity to consider addressing the ever increasing requests for the Parish to revisit the provision of a new play area on Landywood Lane Playing Field. The Clerk was presently exploring a number of funding opportunities, however, any funding would need to be match funded and bearing in mind the present financial balance the Parish Council would be within its rights to earmark a substantial sum to show its commitment to the project.

Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to provisionally earmark the sum of £15,000 towards this project. It was carried.

ENHANCEMENT OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that the Christmas Decorations this year had been very attractive indeed, however, he felt that there could be more of them. Following discussion the Parish Council **resolved** to add an additional £2000.00 to the earmarked figure for the Christmas Lights.

(e) Precept Requirement for Financial Year 2026/27

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Clerk had set out a number of factors which it was thought Members may feel should be taken into account whilst setting the Parish Council's budget for 2026/2027. As ever the Clerk had taken this opportunity to remind all Members that each and every Councillor had an individual responsibility for the financial soundness of the Parish Council not just as a body. This was noted by Members.

2.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Clerk had explained in her report that its purpose was to ensure that all Members of the Parish Council were fully aware of the financial position of Great Wyrley Parish Council and were also abreast of any changes which may come to fruition in the future. It needed to be recognised that any changes cascading down to the Parish Council i.e. Parish Council elections or other unforeseen events which were out of its direct control would still have the potential to result in a significant increase in both expenditure and responsibility.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Great Wyrley's tax base for 2026/2027 had increased from **3428.00 to 3465.70** this represented a percentage increase of 1.09% which is minimal in real terms but nevertheless still affected the precept income of the Parish Council. The increase was due to the fact that there had been an element of new housing development within the Parish during the last year and accordingly the Parish had new eligible Council Tax payers. This was noted by Members.

4.0 PRINCIPAL COUNCILS LEVY

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

At the present time there was no published indication of Staffordshire County Council Budget Proposals for 2026/27. This was noted by Members.

DISTRICT COUNCIL LEVY - SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At the present time there was no published indication of South Staffordshire Council's Budget Proposals for 2026/27. This was noted by Members.

5.0 GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION

At the present time the financial position of Great Wyrley Parish Council could be considered as reasonably robust.

The Parish Council's finances were now relatively stable and the current balance at bank as at 2nd January, 2027 was £252,044.52p which was £33,848.59 more than on the same date in 2025. These figures reflected the balances at Quarter Three in each year.

For clarification purposes the figure referred to above includes the £10,000 presently held in the Capital Account but does not include the reimbursement of VAT which will be payable shortly (which as at 2nd January, 2026 stood at £8,33175).

Members were aware that there were five main components of expenditure from Parish Council funds which were The Community Centre, The Cemetery, Amenities Administration and Parish Council activities. These were the figures which had been

provided to Members within **APPENDIX 1** to the report to Council under the title Detailed Budget Summary.

The Parish Council had also been requested by the Clerk to take into account that there was no longer an embargo on Local Government salary increases and Parish Council Staff should have a salary review on an annual basis. This should be carried out for all staff to keep in line with recognised guidelines. In addition, the Parish Council had been advised that it also needed to address the issue mentioned earlier of the fact that the significant increases in the National Living Wage had in turn significantly eroded the value of the salaries being paid to members of the Parish Council's staff who were not on the National Living wage. This was noted by Members.

The Clerk had advised the Parish Council in her Report to Council that albeit, there were still a number of issues to be resolved, the Parish Council's financial situation was relatively healthy. However, whereas in the past, it would have probably provided a stable platform upon which the Parish Council could exercise its option to either not change its precept requirement or levy a small percentage increase; this was not a course of action being recommended by Principal Authorities for the forthcoming financial year. This situation may be due to the upcoming Reorganisation of Local Government. This was noted by Members.

Parish Councils were presently being openly encouraged to raise their precept requirements for this year on the basis of a number of factors. One of those factors relates to the suggestion that if Parish Councils had the necessary funds to put toward larger highway improvement projects it would have a far better chance of those projects coming to fruition with match funding from Staffordshire County Council. Another of those factors was that the utility market still remained exceptionally unstable.

The Parish Council had been advised that these were clearly factors which needed to be taken into account and to assist in the decision making process the Clerk had set out a table showing the increase which would be generated by a graduating percentage increase from 1.5% up to a 5% increase on the existing precept (£227,312.00) as a guide:-

An increase of 1.95%	= £4432.58
An increase of 2.00%	= £4546.24
An increase of 3.00%	= £6819.36
An increase of 4.00%	= £9092.48
An increase of 5.00%	= £11,365.60
An increase of 10%	= £22,731.20
Should the Parish Council be minded to go with the rate of inflation this was currently running at 3.2% (figures quoted from Commons Library Parliament.	

Following thorough consideration the Parish Council **resolved** to increase its precept by 4% which represented a monetary difference of £9092.48. This was noted by Members.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Parish Council had been advised that as at 2nd January, 2026 the Parish Council's Balance at Bank totalled £252,044.52 This figure included the £10,401.88 held in the Capital Account but did not include the projected VAT reimbursement of

£8331.75. Following the changes to the earmarked funds agreed upon at the meeting the Parish Council's earmarked funds presently stood at £86,133.44p.

104/2026 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Mrs. M. Woods was not present on this occasion.

105/2026 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE advised the meeting that the District Council's submission to the Government in relation to Local Government Organisation had now been lodged with the Government and it would remain to be seen what the outcome would be.

106/2026 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that the Christmas Lunches had been very much enjoyed by all in attendance and took this opportunity to thank all the Councillors and residents who had kindly volunteered to help with the service on the day.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry thanked the Carnival Committee for providing the wine and the Christmas Crackers.

Cllr. Mrs. Perry also advised the Parish Council that the diners had all had a lovely surprise from Father Christmas this year in that they were all given a £10 refund on their ticket price by a kind donation from the Senior Citizens Centre.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

Cllr. A. J. Kelsey advised the meeting that the New Year's Day Walk had been very well attended again this year and there had been 34 walkers in attendance and all in all it had been a great success which had been topped off with the sighting of a beautiful herd of Deer. This was noted by Members.

SIGHTING OF TRAFFIC WARDEN

Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he was pleased to say that he had recently seen a Traffic Warden in the Gorsey Lane vicinity and hoped that this would be of assistance with the current issues within the Parish. This was noted by Members.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Cllr. P. Kruskonjic advised the meeting that he was currently involved in looking into creating a team of volunteers to drive a Community Speed Watch. Cllr. J. C. Jones advised the meeting that he would be prepared to volunteer to be part of this project. This was noted by Members.

107/2026 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry advised the meeting that she had received the Police Report and understood that all Members had also received a copy of it.

The Parish Administrator advised the meeting at this point that PCSO Rhys Rockley who had served Great Wyrley Parish for a number of years would be leaving his post shortly – he was now to join the ranks of Staffordshire Police as a regular Police Officer. This was noted by Members.

25/01019/FULHH – RETENTION OF BOUNDARY FENCE, GATES AND GATEPOSTS AT OAKLANDS, HOLLY LANE GREAT WYRLEY WALSALL WS6 6AQ. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

25/00858/FUL/FULHH – CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO RESIDENTIAL INCLUDING THE REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING STABLE BUILDING WITH A SINGLE DWELLING HOUSE. CHERRY TREE MEADOW, JACOBS HALL LANE GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE BASIS THAT IT ACCEPTED THAT THE PROPOSED USE WAS APPROPRIATE WITHIN THE GREEN BELT AND THEREFORE RAISED NO OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED.

HOWEVER, SHOULD THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY BE MINDED TO GRANT APPROVAL, THE PARISH COUNCIL RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT ANY CONSENT BE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THAT STRICTLY LIMITED THE USE OF THE BUILDING TO THE PURPOSE APPLIED FOR AND PRECLUDED ITS USE FOR ANY ALTERNATIVE PURPOSE IN THE FUTURE.

IN PARTICULAR, GREAT WYRLEY PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO ANY FUTURE CHANGE OF USE TO RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION. THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT THERE WAS A GROWING TREND WHEREBY APPLICATIONS WERE INITIALLY SUBMITTED FOR STABLE BLOCKS OR OTHER EQUESTRIAN-RELATED BUILDINGS, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CONVERTED OR PROPOSED FOR CONVERSION TO RESIDENTIAL USE AFTER A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SUCH PRACTICES RISKED UNDERMINING GREEN BELT POLICY AND SET AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT.

THIS REQUEST WAS REINFORCED BY THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE DECISION NOTICE AND OFFICER'S REPORT ASSOCIATED WITH APPLICATIONS 20/00814/FUL AND 20/00815/FUL, IN PARTICULAR CONDITIONS 11 AND 12, WHICH STATED:

"The stable building hereby permitted shall only be used for purposes connected with the keeping of horses on the land and for no other purpose."

- "The upper walls of the stable building hereby permitted shall be constructed from timber and not blockwork, unless otherwise submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority."***

THE ORIGINAL APPROVAL OF THE STABLE BLOCK WAS BASED ON CLEAR AND SPECIFIC PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING RECOGNITION BY THE BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY THAT SUCH FACILITIES WERE ESSENTIAL FOR THE KEEPING OF HORSES. FURTHERMORE, THE OPENNESS OF THE DEVELOPMENT WAS CONSIDERED FUNDAMENTAL TO PRESERVING THE CHARACTER OF THE GREEN BELT. THE STABLE BLOCK WAS ALSO DEEMED ACCEPTABLE DUE TO ITS MODEST SCALE AND ITS SITING ADJACENT TO A MATURE HEDGEROW, ENSURING THAT IT WOULD NOT RESULT IN ENCROACHMENT INTO THE WIDER COUNTRYSIDE. THIS WAS NOTED BY MEMBERS.

25/01006/FULHH - TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AT 382 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

25/00170/FULM – FULL 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 - LAND SOUTH OF LANDYWOOD LANE CHESLYN HAY - THE PARISH COUNCIL REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM LINEAR PARK AND ASSOCIATED GROUNDWORKS.

25/01111/FULHH – REPLACEMENT BAY WINDOW AND FRONT DOOR TO FRONT ELEVATION OF 8 YEMSCROFT, GREAT WYRLEY. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION BUT RESERVED THE RIGHT TO SUPPORT NEIGHBOUR OBJECTIONS.

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. As stated in the Declarations of Interest at the beginning of the meeting – Cllr. A. J. Kelsey and Cllr. Mrs. K. M. Perry MBE declared an interest in this agenda item.

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.

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

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