

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th January 2017 AT 7.30p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WENLOCK.

- 1/17/314 **Members Present:** Cllrs J Davidson, R Drakeley, S Hutchison, J Esp, A Lees.
- 1/17/315 **In attendance:** Clerk Sonja Davidson, Borough Cllr J Seymour
- 1/17/316 **Members of the public:** 1 member of the public.
- 1/17/317 **Apologies and reasons for absence:** No apologies
- 1/17/318 **To receive declarations of interest (existence and nature) with regards to items on the agenda & disclosable pecuniary interests.**
Cllr J Esp – Crash Barrier
- 1/17/319 **Members of the public are invited to address the Parish Council on items listed in the agenda.** Resident reported that there was a branch down on Malthouse Bank.
Action: Clerk to report this.
- 1/17/320 **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 12th Dec 2016**
The minutes were confirmed.
- 1/17/321 **Update from meeting with Dominic Proud TWC Highways Department & Matt Powell TWC Liaison for LWPC.** Cllr Esp and Cllr Hutchison noted that speed monitors are in place near the forest glen car park, on the incline outside Cllr Esps property and on Wellington Road at the junction of Church Lane. The Clerk had an update on email from Matt Powell:-

1. Willowmoor Bank, from Little Wenlock through to The Wrekin – We are aware of the eroded edge of carriageway. The road is safe at this present time and will be monitored over the winter as part of routine highway inspections and any enquiries that come through. We are hoping that this section of road will be agreed for a maintenance scheme in 2017/18 but unfortunately cannot confirm this at present. A scheme has been recommended which would include drainage and kerbing improvements through the woods and resurfacing between Forest Glen and the top of Willowmoor Bank.
2. Buildwas Lane – Is this in the programme for resurfacing? Again as above this road is safe at this present time and will be monitored as above, and will be added to a list for capital funding.
3. Damaged cover by Huntington Lane – The whole length of Malthouse Bank, Wellington Road, and the road from Malthouse Bank to Dog in the Lane were inspected and unfortunately no damaged cover could be found. There is a low gully at the very top of Malthouse Bank hill, however this is in allowance to take water. Cllr Davidson to check and report back at next FC meeting.
4. Dropped cover o/s Church Cottage – An order has been issued to the contractor to raise this gully cover, which should have now been completed

1/17/322 **Highways**

- a. **Update on Crash Barrier outside Willowmoor House The Wrekin**
No update on the crash barrier but the speed monitor is in place.
- b. **Update on Huntington Lane flooding from Lady's Well**
There are no updates from TWC
Action: Clerk is to contact Matt Powell/Dominic Proud TWC to report that the Well is still flooding and to suggest TWC to either fix it or put salt bags where the flooding is in case of icy conditions

- c. **Verge Erosion at the corner of Church Lane / Buildwas lane** TWC are waiting for the order of the wooden bollards to be delivered, which should be the end of January.
- d. **Quiet Lane update** – Quiet Lanes on Spout Lane is now in force in Little Wenlock. Awaiting Matt Powell TWC to provide the revised quote to LWPC for the signs.
- e. **Parking at the Wrekin** – Clerk has not had any response from John Hughes
Action: Clerk will chase for an update.
- f. **Road eroding between Willowmoor Bank and The Hatch**
Awaiting update from Matt Powell from TWC, it will keep being reviewed until they can carry out a resurfacing scheme. (please see copy email above on minute number 1/17/321)
- g. **Fly Tipping update from 3rd May,**
Cllr A Lees explained that the case is being heard at Crown Court on 9th February 2017.
- h. **Road Sweeping**
TWC instructed the road sweeping to include the additional roads requested by Cllr Davidson at no extra cost to the Parish Council. This will not be a permanent arrangement. Cllr Davidson contacted Adrian Corney at TWC for the cost of additional road sweeping in the future.
- i. **Witchwell Lane & Millers Land Bridleway**
Witchwell Lane needs re stoning and should have been done by TWC Contractors. Bridleway gate area (Ms Millers land) is very muddy and needs stone laying.
Action: Clerk is to chase this with Andrew Careless ROW Officer.
- j. **Lighting New Works**
There is a light in new works that has failed and is constantly on.
Action: Clerk is to chase Eon for an answer and to ask why this light has failed in its first 3 years and to research the option of adding the 7 additional lights at New Works on to the insurance or put on the maintenance contract.
- k. **Any other highways issues**
Cllr Hutchison informed the council that Leighton Lane has now been cleared and is fully Accessible.
Cllr Drakeley reported that there is a new telegraph pole in New Works after a vehicle had crashed into it.
Cllr Alan Lees will report the Fly Tipping on Huntington Lane and the fridge that was thrown over the gate into Mrs Roberts field.

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Footpaths & Bridleways.

- a. **Footpath 189 Stiles Update**
Cllr Davidson will get in contact with Andrew Pickstock as nothing has been done at present.
- b. **Swanpool Footpath** – Cllr Lees contacted Tamara Pickstock on 15th December to discuss the erosion and informed Cllr Lees that they have the problem sorted and will get the work finished in a couple of days. Since this there has been clods of earth laid against the fence all the way along the path. Cllr Lees to communicate with T Pickstock and await further updates.
- c. **Footpaths across the Coal Site** reference letter from Resident Jan Mees Robinson. A letter was received from Jan Mees Robinson wanting to bring to the attention of LWPC the state of the rights of way across the coal restoration site. Cllr Seymour stated, The Restoration site is not open to the public as the works are not complete.

Also Jan Mees Robinson wanted LWPC to complain to TWC about the Trundle not being finished, LWPC do not wish to make a complaint as LWPC did not support the

Trundle. Any complaints about the coal restoration site should be made at the completion of the work. LWPC do not have the authority to open footpaths as this is the responsibility of TWC ROW Dept. **Action:** Clerk is to request an update from Andrew Careless TWC Row officer.

1/17/324 LWPC information sheet

Cllr Lees has updated the LW information sheet. This will be distributed with the village newsletter

1/17/325 Scrutiny review of civil parking enforcement

The survey was filled in Online.

1/17/326 Borough Liaison. Borough Cllr J Seymour updated LWPC on matters regarding the Future Fit. There is an enforcement meeting regarding the S P Holding Site and Cllr Seymour will attend and speak at the meeting and report at the next FC meeting.

1/17/327 Clerk's Report.

Clerk read out the report to the council and updated on actions taken. Also in the Clerks report was the response from Ken Smith regarding the gritting of the roads and the costs will be £150.00 per visit for gritting, this cost can vary according to how severe the weather is. Snow ploughing will be £30.00 Per Hour.

1/17/328 Budget & Precept setting

The Budget for the forthcoming year was discussed and finalised. The precept was discussed and will remain the same for 2017/18 at £14228. LWPC reserve funds will cover any shortfall that may occur.

1/17/329 Planning: to discuss any new planning applications:

One application was discussed. LWPC objected as the footpath through the land hasn't been diverted and the access to the property is on a bend. TWC/2016/1143 Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and detached double bay garage Land adjacent Falcon House, New Works Lane, Little Wenlock, Telford, Shropshire

1/17/330 Individual Councillors reports and updates:-

There were no councillor updates.

1/17/331 Finance:

Accounts to be paid: Bank Balances:

Business Current Account (Community Fund): £12,898.53

Business Savings Account (Base Rate Reward Account): £10524.03

9.1.17	S Davidson (Office renewal)	101952	£	79.99
9.1.17	S Davidson (salary & expenses)	101953	£	370.36
9.1.17	HMRC	101954	£	55.99

1/17/332 Date and Agenda items for next meeting

Next meeting February 13th 2017

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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