

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT WOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2018 IN THE CHURCH

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. Lynn Mathias in the chair and Councillors Mrs. Jennifer Green, Mr. Steve Duck and Mrs. Lynn Bryan plus the Clerk Mrs. Janet Piller. Apologies were received from Councillor Mr. Paul Riley. Also present were County Councillor Mrs. Jo Barker and District Councillor Mr. Stephen Gray. There were thirteen members of the public present.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2017 were approved and signed.

Matters arising: All matters arising were covered individually on the agenda.

PLANNING: (a) It was reported that approval had been granted by SDC for the following applications:

(i) Land off Moreton Road: Non-material amendments (reference number: 17/03568/AMD) to conversion of industrial building to residential (as previously approved, reference number: 17/02600/FUL).

(ii) Christmas Cottage, Nethercote: Demolition of existing single storey extension and outhouse, and construction of new single storey extension, link and garden room (reference number: 17/03086/FUL). It was noted that the Parish Council's comments on proposed building materials had not been taken up by SDC in reaching a decision.

(b) It was reported that snow damage tree work had been carried out (Dead and Dangerous Tree Notification reference number: 18/00083/DDT) at Ash House Farm.

(c) It was reported that the following pending application had been withdrawn:

Four Shires House, Great Wolford Road: Remodelling of house, erection of two storey and part single storey extension, creation of front porch and new dormer window to north east elevation (reference number: 17/02873/FUL).

DEFIBRILLATOR "CASCADE" SCHEME: The Chairman reported that several more volunteers were required to reach the recommended number of 6-8 to make the scheme viable. Two offers were received from the floor. It was suggested that the possibility of a further training session be considered prior to the scheme being started.

UPDATE TO VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT: Councillor Mrs. Green reported that the working group had designed the questionnaire to be delivered to every household in the village to obtain views on where the present Village Design Statement (published in 2002) required updating. Support/advice had been provided by SDC and it was proposed and agreed that an application be made to the National Lottery Awards for All scheme to cover production and other associated costs of approx £500. It was planned to carry out the survey in late January.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: The Chairman thanked Mr. Charles Pearmain for maintaining a presence for the Parish Council on the village website until it had become necessary to comply with the requirements of the Smaller Authorities Transparency Code by setting up an independent dedicated website. Local web and software developer Mr. Chris Dyer's quote had been accepted and the new website was nearing completion. It was noted that it would include a direct link to the SDC Planning Dept thus providing access to full details of all planning applications relating to Great Wolford. Following the advice and guidance of WALC, an application to cover costs of setting up the new website was being made to the Government's Transparency Fund.

UPDATE ON PUB SITUATION: The Chairman reported that following correspondence with the SDC Planning Enforcement Officer vis a vis the current use of part of the pub premises as a dwelling rather than a public house with bed and breakfast accommodation, it was SDC's view that the present residential use was ancillary to the main approved use, i.e. a public house. Further advice on the latest situation from the planning consultant provided for the Parish Council by WALC proposed that SDC's opinion could be challenged as the closure of the pub invalidated the ancillary use. It was emphasized that the group working towards the reopening of the Wolford public house, supported not only by those present but also by virtually the whole village, was engaged solely in the re-opening of the pub and was not taking personal issue with the current owners. It was proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Duck and agreed that the Chairman present the latest opinion of the planning consultant to SDC and ask that SDC move to require an application from the pub owners for

change of use of the pub premises if they intended to stay in residence at the property. Following the pub owners' stated intention of making such an application before the end of January, it was further agreed to delay contacting SDC until mid February to allow time for their application to be submitted. County Councillor Mrs. Barker confirmed her support for the reopening of the pub.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following were reported and noted: (a) Notice from Shipston on Stour Police Team on fresh proposals to combat local crime (b) Notice from WALC inviting nominations for attendance at a Royal Garden Party (c) Notification from Healthwatch Warwickshire of its new website, www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk (d) Other general correspondence and non-essential circulars were noted/tabled and would be circulated to all Councillors for information.

FINANCE: (a) Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bryan and unanimously agreed that the 2018/19 precept be set at £2,100, (b) The following payment was unanimously approved, proposed by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Duck: £3.50 for one copy of "The Good Councillor's Guide to Finance and Transparency".

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: (a) In response to recent heavy snow the Chairman reported that she had approached a Todenham farmer to ask if in future he could include in his snow plough route those roads in Great Wolford not covered by the WCC gritting lorry. It was agreed that a combination of gritting and snow plough use would be most effective. Councillor Barker reported that WCC would offer guidance and advice as well as filling grit bins but would not supply bins.

(b) Councillor Gray reported on the implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy (applicable to larger areas of population).

(b) It was reported that plans were in hand for the updating and display of the map drawn up by the late Mr. Frank Lax showing the position and names of village properties.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: It was proposed that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 8.00 pm in the church.