

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREAT WOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2018 IN THE CHURCH

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

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2018 were approved and signed.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

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

Nethercote Fields: new roof to barn (part retrospective) (reference number 18/02350/FUL).

(b) The following application was considered and it was agreed to make no representations:

10 Carters Leaze: Tree felling (reference number 18/03110/TREE). It was agreed that where suitable, i.e. appropriately sited away from buildings, the planting of replacement trees should be encouraged.

(c) It was noted that the next meeting of the WALC in Stratford on 13th February 2019 would cover the topic "Planning procedures with Stratford District Council".

UPDATE TO VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT (VDS): Councillor Mrs. Green reported that a response to the draft updated VDS was still awaited from SDC following the receipt of which the final draft version would appear on the Parish Council website. Further reports would be made on its progress in due course.

UPDATE ON PUB SITUATION: The Chairman reported that following the withdrawal of the planning application for change of use of the Great Wolford listed public house to two dwellings (SDC planning reference number 18/01396/FUL), and after representations made to SDC by the Parish Council, a notice had been served on the owners on 12th November by SDC Enforcement Dept querying the owners' legal entitlement to live in the property with 21 days for them to comment. The Chairman invited Mr. Graham Roberts, representing the Wolford Pub Campaign Group, to address the meeting. Mr. Roberts thanked all those who were supporting the campaign and confirmed that continuing pressure was needed to move towards the re-opening of the pub. He outlined the possible use by SDC of a Compulsory Purchase Order and also emphasised the importance of legal and financial preparedness for the pub's future. He also reported that the Campaign Group is investigating possible options for future ownership and sources of investment funds. He further reported that the pop-up pub arrangements were continuing to be successful both financially and as a community bonding hub and were an indication of strong support for the campaign in the village and beyond. The Parish Council reiterated its support for the re-opening of the pub.

POSSIBLE VEHICLE SPEED CHECK CAMPAIGN: Following the talk at the last meeting by PCSO Emma Turner from the Shipston on Stour Safer Neighbourhood Team based at Shipston Police Station and also the comments made at the public meeting to discuss the Village Design Statement (see above), the Chairman raised the possibility of arranging a speed check campaign in the village with police-trained residents using speed checking devices. Other traffic calming methods were also discussed. It was agreed to include this in topics for discussion at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following were reported and noted and would be circulated to Councillors for information: (a) WCC road gritting arrangements for winter 2018/19 (unchanged from last year); (b) Draft Local Industrial and Economic Development Strategy for Stratford on Avon District 2019-2023; (c) Invitation from Shipston Medical Centre to a meeting on 29th November to discuss possible developments at Medical Centre premises; (d) SDC Model Code of Conduct: it was agreed that at the next meeting a paper would be put forward to consider proposals to amend the current document to include policy on social media; (e) Invitation to the WCC Chairman's Open Evening at Shire Hall on 1st December; (f) Details of changes to county bus routes (none of which pass through Great Wolford); (g) Other general correspondence and circulars.

FINANCE: (a) It was reported that the following payment had been made since the last meeting:

£253.80p to Stratford on Avon District Council ref annual charge for emptying (2) dog waste bins

(b) The following payment was unanimously approved, proposed by Councillor Mrs. Green and seconded by Councillor Mr. Duck:

£400 grant to St. Michael and All Angels parish church towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: (a) A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Keith Murphy for clearing leaves from village footpaths.

(b) Concern was expressed at increasing amounts of dog waste found in fields containing livestock, a danger to both grazing animals and to walkers.

(c) It was agreed that residents be reminded to prune back garden trees and shrubs where they obstruct footpaths and roads.

(d) It was reported that grit bins would be refilled by WCC before the end of November. Clerk to check.

(e) It was suggested that the possibility of the Parish Council considering an application from the village hall for a maintenance grant be investigated. Clerk to check.

(f) It was noted that Parish Council elections would take place in May 2019 with associated financial implications. This would be discussed at the next meeting when the 2018/19 precept would be considered.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8.00 pm in the church.