

LITTLE WOLFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the General Assembly of 24 October 2018 at The Wolfords Village Hall

Present: Ralph Döring (Chairman, RD); Simon Beeching-Lewis (SB-L); Chris Cond (CC); David Farman (DF); Jane Hobbs (JH); Jane Revere (JR); Michael Revere (MR); Diz Shirley (DS).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.02pm.

1. **Apologies:** Colin & Gillian Ablewhite; Gillian & Roger Cotter; Charles Hobbs; Bob & Shirley Large; Henry & Roz Warriner.
2. **The Draft Minutes** of the Annual Assembly of 24 April 2018 were read, approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising:

- a) Following refusal of their planning for an extension to their home, Paul and Chrissie Merrick have decided to leave the village.
- b) There has been no progress regarding the new noticeboard, but RD will meet with Colin Ablewhite shortly to progress this; it was agreed that the size would be two bays (one lockable, for official notices), each capable of displaying 4xA4 notices.
- c) The recent planning application at Kings Brake Farm has been approved.
- d) The provision of fibre (FTTC) broadband to the village is ongoing: "Long Compton Cabinet 3" has been installed in the village, but is not yet operational.
- e) Potholes in Little Wolford Road and Broadmoor Lane have been filled in.
- f) The faded speed limit road marking have been reported via FixMyStreet.
- g) RD has contacted neighbours closest to the proposed site for a Christmas Tree and none has expressed an objection.
- h) The planned Classic Car Rally has been deferred until next year.

4. Chairman's Report:

- a) An old-style, red telephone box has been donated by an anonymous donor to house the planned defibrillator. RD has ascertained that planning consent will not be required to install it on the Village Green on the site of the former telephone booth, although permission may be required from Stratford-on-Avon District Council, which owns the Green. The matter of an electricity supply requires further investigation: if it proves not to be possible to utilise the supply that served the former telephone booth, it may be necessary instead to install the defibrillator on an outside wall of the Village Hall, subject to the grant of permission by the Village Hall Trustees.
- b) If the red telephone box is to be owned by the Parish Meeting, the need for Public Liability Insurance would need to be considered (at present, the Parish Meeting has no real assets).
- c) The model for owning, maintaining and insuring the defibrillator has yet to be agreed, although fundraising has already begun. It was unfortunate that the Lego event organised by RD had clashed with the final of the football World Cup; nevertheless, the event achieved a surplus of £509, of which £100 had been donated to the Village Hall and the remainder to the defibrillator fund.
- d) The opportunity to acquire *gratis* a 2.0-2.5m Christmas Tree for the Village Green had been missed, but another opportunity would arise, although probably not until next year. The lights for the Tree would need to be battery-powered.

5. RFO's Report:

- a) The second tranche of the Parish Precept had been received from Stratford-on-Avon District Council.
- b) Two items of budgeted expenditure had been settled under delegated powers since the last meeting: £36.78 for website hosting and £11.00 for WALC membership. A further three items of expenditure will arise before the end of the current financial year: a £200.00 contribution towards the cost of cemetery maintenance, around £27 to renew our Internet domain and an as yet unknown sum in respect of the new noticeboard (£400 budgeted).
- c) The estimated year-end balance will be around £1,447 *less* the cost of the noticeboard.
- d) Henry Warriner wishes to stand down as bank account signatory, thus a replacement signatory is needed. SB-L, currently the External Auditor, kindly offered his services, which were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

6. Budget and Precept Requirement for 2019/20:

The Chairman proposed that this item be slipped to a further Assembly to be held on 11 December; this was agreed unanimously.

7. Matters of Local Importance:

A local road closure on 7-8 November would lead to a diversion of traffic through Little Wolford village.

8. Matters raised by Electors:

- a) JR enquired whether a gate installed at Molly's Lodge blocks a public footpath.
- b) MR brought to the attention of the meeting the unsightly state of rubbish, and the number of vehicles in various states of repair parked, outside No.2 The Green. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Orbit Housing, the owner of the property, and to Stratford-on-Avon District Council, the owner of the roadway (which had originally been cut into the Village Green).

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

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Ralph Döring, Chairman
11 December 2018