

LITTLE WOLFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the General Assembly of 5 December 2017 held in The Wolfords Village Hall

Present: Ralph Doering (RD), Chairman; Gillian Ablewhite (GA); Beryl Braithwaite (BB), Chris Cond (CC); Gunter Doering (GD); David Farman (DF); Charles Hobbs (CH); Jane Hobbs (JH); Bob Large (BL); Shirley Large (SL); Chrissie Merrick (CM); Paul Merrick (PM); Jane Revere (JR); Michael Revere (MR); Diz Shirley (DS); Henry Warriner (HW).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. Introduction:

RD introduced himself to those who had not been present at the previous meeting, and explained why he had chosen to stand for election to the Chair. A vote of thanks to RD (proposed DS, seconded BB) was endorsed unanimously.

2. Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Colin Ablewhite and Roz Warriner.

3. Minutes of the Previous Assembly:

Minutes of the Assembly of 18 October 2017 were approved (proposed DF, seconded GA) unanimously and signed as a true record of that meeting.

Matters Arising:

- **Grant to The Wolfords Village Hall:** DF confirmed that the grant had now been paid, following confirmation of a similar grant from Great Wolford Parish Council.
- **Parish Noticeboard:** GA reported that Colin Ablewhite would appreciate help erecting the noticeboard following its manufacture; RD offered to do so.

4. Planning Application for House Extension at 1, The Leys:

RD displayed the plans for the proposed extensions and invited PM to speak to them. PM explained the need for additional accommodation for a growing family and described the proposals for which planning consent was being sought. DF reported that the occupants of the adjacent property at 1, The Lane had already submitted a Comment to the Planning Authority supporting the application; PM reported that he had also discussed the proposal with other neighbours at 1, The Green and 2 & 3, The Leys and none had raised any objection. DS proposed, seconded by JR, that the Parish Meeting submit a Comment to the Planning Authority in support of the application, and this was unanimously agreed. HW advised that it would be helpful if individual residents also submitted Comments in support of the application.

5. Fate of the BT Telephone Booth:

RD reported that the telephone booth on the village green was due to be removed by BT on account of lack of use; DF confirmed that removal had originally been scheduled for removal in July 2016. RD proposed that the booth be replaced by an old-style red telephone box and fitted with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). A proposal in the Spring of 2016 to install an AED in the village had met with little enthusiasm, largely due to a feeling that older residents, especially those living alone, would be unable to gain access to the device within the timescale necessary for its use to be effective. RD suggested that these objections could be overcome by training fitter members of the community in the use of the AED, and calling upon them to collect and use the device when required; RD's partner, an anaesthetist, had offered to provide the necessary training. Great Wolford Parish Council had offered to share their experience of obtaining and installing an AED and their knowledge of relevant grant sources.

GA suggested that the replacement telephone box might also be used to house a "book exchange", or even the noticeboard; alternatively, the noticeboard might be mounted on the back of the telephone box. DF confirmed that he had earlier spoken with Stratford District Council's Legal Department (as SDC own

the Village Green), and had suggested that the noticeboard might be located on the site of the existing telephone booth following its removal or alongside the footpath to the rear of the bench; SDC had no objection to either location.

It was agreed that RD would look further into the practicality and cost of acquiring an old-style telephone box before proceeding further with the AED project.

6. Any Other Business:

RD suggested that we follow Great Wolford's lead and erect a Christmas Tree on the Green; alternative suggestions from the floor included lighting one of the existing trees. SL proposed and DS seconded that we light up the smaller chestnut tree, and this was generally agreed. RD will further investigate the practicalities, including a source of electrical power. DF confirmed that a modest, unbudgeted contribution from Parish Meeting funds might be possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm, followed by refreshments.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

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Ralph Döring, Chairman
24 April 2018