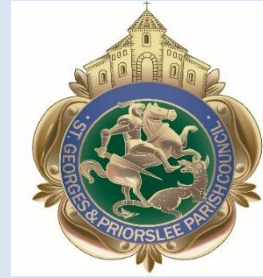


Minutes



Meeting held: St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council Meeting
Date: 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15th February 2022
Venue: The School Hall, St Georges C of E Primary School, London Road, St Georges, Telford

Chairman: Cllr Richard Overton

Minute Taker: Vicky Brain (Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer)

Present:

Councillors:	R Overton (Chairman)	E Dabbs	I Fletcher
	V Fletcher	S Handley	A Harrison
	B Richards	M Warner	R Williams
	D Wright		
In attendance:	J Ellis, Parish Support Officer	C Lane, Community Projects & Events Officer	

138/22	Public Question Time	
	<p>There were three members of the public present.</p> <p>Paul Thomas raised concerns about the delay in agreeing a Construction Management Plan for the Miller Homes development on Castle Farm Way which resulted in mud being transferred onto Castle Farm Way during the first phase of the ground works. He asked for the parish council's support in ensuring that the Construction Management Plan, which has now been agreed, is adhered to during the next phase of the groundworks, during which huge volumes of earth will be transported off the site, starting in March. Resolved: to write to the Telford & Wrekin Council Planning Officer about this matter and to ask for assurance that a wheel wash and other mitigating measures will be in place before any further soil movement is permitted.</p>	
139/22	Apologies	
	<p>Resolved: to accept the apologies from:</p> <p>Cllr R Cadman – unwell</p> <p>Cllr B Richards who would have to leave the meeting at 8 p.m.</p>	
140/22	Declarations of interest	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr I Fletcher declared an interest because of his position on the Borough Council Planning Committee and said that he would take no part in discussions about planning matters.• Cllr Mrs V Fletcher declared an interest as a substitute member of the Borough Council Planning Committee and reserved her right to speak and/or vote on planning matters.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr R Overton declared a non-pecuniary interest as Telford & Wrekin Cabinet Member with responsibility for housing and infrastructure and said that he would not take part in any discussions about strategic planning matters. Members agreed that they would make any other declarations if they arose during the meeting. 	
141/22	Cllr Derek White, Chair of Telford & Wrekin Council's Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee	
	<p>Resolved: to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow members of the public to ask questions during this item.</p> <p>Following concerns raised at the December parish council meeting about access to primary care services, Cllr Derek White was invited to attend a meeting to talk about the work of the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, to listen to concerns and to answer questions. Issues raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems with accessing GP services, especially for people who do not have access to the internet or who lack the necessary cognitive skills to cope with remote consultations. • Patients putting off seeing a GP because they know it will be hard to obtain an appointment. • The impact on carers if they have difficulties accessing medical care for the person they care for. • Increased demand for hospital emergency care because patients are unable to obtain a timely appointment with a GP. • GP practices finding it hard to recruit and retain doctors. • Hospitals overstretched because of problems elsewhere in the system (the local hospital trust declared an internal Critical Incident on 11th February and again on 17th February). • Mental health issues have increased during lockdown and mental health services are very stretched. • Long waits for child and adolescent mental health services. Lack of therapy for children leads to long term mental health issues in adults. • Concerns that people in mental health crisis do not have a safe place to go. <p>It was acknowledged that these issues would not be solved by additional funding alone since there are shortages of doctors and other health professionals.</p> <p>Cllr D White was thanked for attending the meeting.</p>	
142/22	Minutes of previous meetings	
	<p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2022, having been circulated, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p>	
143/22	Clerk's Update	
	The Clerk's update was received and noted.	
144/22	Draft Town and Parish Council Partnership Agreement	
	<p>The proposed agreement, developed with input from members of the Parish Charter Monitoring Group and officers and members from Telford & Wrekin Council, was received.</p> <p>Resolved: by a majority that the parish council is content with the wording of the draft Agreement and would be willing to adopt it.</p> <p>Cllr B Richards left the meeting.</p>	

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(a)	<p>Planning Applications received from Telford & Wrekin Council for consideration at Parish Council meeting on 15th February 2022</p> <p>TWC/2022/0079 Site address: Tree Tops, Panorama, St Georges, TF2 9BX Description of proposal: erection of single storey rear extension Resolved: to support the proposal.</p> <p>TWC/2022/0086 Site address: Ricoh UK Products Ltd, Shifnal Road, Priorslee, TF2 9NS Description of proposal: variation of Condition 10 (deposited plans) of planning application TWC/2020/0293 (erection of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure) to allow amendments to previously approved plans. Resolved: to support the proposal</p> <p>TWC/2022/0112 Site address: 49 Collett Way, Priorslee, TF2 9SL Description of proposal: crown reduction up to 2m to 1no. Oak Tree (T1) Resolved: to object to the proposal on the grounds that there is no report from the tree surgeon to explain why the work is necessary to reduce the size of a beautiful oak tree.</p>																																													
(b)	<p>Results of Planning Applications notified by Telford & Wrekin Council None</p>																																													
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Hydro-Tech Environmental	Water risk assessment	£192.00	Bank Transfer
Baker Ross	Children's craft supplies for stalls at events (enough for the whole year)	£364.86	Bank Transfer
Cartridge People	Toner for the printer	£149.50	Debit Card
MJS Gardening Services	Clearing raised bed and laying membrane and gravel	£735.00	Bank Transfer
Caris Jackson	50% payment for children's art activity for the Jubilee event	£100.00	Bank Transfer
Total		£6,076.28	

- (b) Budget Comparison Report for the ten months ended 31st January 2022
The report was received and noted.
- (c) Finance Check for the Quarter ended 31st December 2021
The report was received and noted. There were no points of concern.
- (d) Revised Quotation for clearing the raised bed in the centre of St Georges
At the previous meeting it was resolved to use a bio-degradable weed suppressant mat even if it cost more. MJS Gardening Services had issued a revised quotation since the bio-degradable mat cost £140 more than a plastic based one.
Resolved: to accept the revised quotation of £735.00.
- (e) Quotations for Bus Shelter Repairs
Two quotations had been obtained for repairs to two brick-built bus shelters in Priorslee Avenue.
Resolved: to accept the quotation from DR Seabury Builders & Building Services of £755.00 for repairing the two bus shelters because it was the lowest price and the contractor had been recommended by the Clerk of the Donnington and Muxton Parish Council.
- (f) Quotations for Parish Council Coach Trips in 2022
Three quotations had been obtained from coach companies for the parish council coach trips to Llandudno on 4th August and Worcester on 16th November. The quotations were considered without knowing which companies had quoted. Based on the cost and the ability to accommodate wheelchairs in the coaches, it was
Resolved: to accept the quotation from coach company 'B' at a total cost of £2,980 for three coaches for each trip. It was then revealed that the company was Boultons of Shropshire, which has provided excellent service for the coach trips in recent years.

147/22	Grant Applications	
	<u>Meeting Point Trust</u> – support for weekly 'Well-Being for Women' meetings. Resolved: to request a copy of the most recent accounts and to defer consideration of the grant application until the next parish council meeting.	

148/22	Declaration of a Climate Change Emergency	<p>Mark Latham is in the process of calculating the parish council's carbon footprint. The working group will be organising climate emergency consultation activities over the spring and summer months, aiming to establish people's priorities for addressing climate change.</p> <p>The Clerk read out a response from Andrew Gittins, Area Team Planning Manager, regarding the impacts of developments on the carbon footprint of the property or site. He said that there is not currently a requirement for planning applications to record the impacts of development on the carbon footprint. He believes that there is a government metric in development which will measure wider sustainability issues rather than just biodiversity but due to its complexity, it may be a while before it is ready. He went on to explain some of the sustainability measures which are already in place including the requirement for major developments (10 or more houses or 1,000 sqm or more of commercial/industrial building) to replace any tree loss with on-site planting or if that is not possible to make a financial contribution so that trees can be planted on Council owned land elsewhere in the Borough.</p> <p>Cllr V Fletcher remarked that the Telford & Wrekin Tree Officer has been working hard to ensure that a large number of trees will be planted on the Miller Homes site in Priorslee.</p>
149/22	Environment/Public Realm	<p>(a) <u>Community Action Team (Enforcement) Update</u> A report on activities in January 2022 was received and noted. The Clerk was asked to provide a glossary of acronyms for future reports. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to request Traffic Regulation Orders for the bus laybys near the Priorslee Co-operative store. Other points were raised including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of the 'Daisy Bank' play area on Keepers Crescent into the action plan. • Parking around the Priorslee Co-op obstructing access to houses in Priors Gate (however, this is private land). • Parking on Cockshutt Road. • Traffic on Willows Road. • Litter in the alleyway between Chapel Street and the Stafford Street crossing <p>Resolved: to ask the Clerk to follow up all of these issues with the Enforcement Team or Highways, as appropriate.</p> <p>(b) <u>Community Action Team (Public Realm) Update</u> The Clerk gave a verbal report.</p> <p>(c) <u>Grit Bin Requests</u> The Clerk presented an illustrated report regarding two requests for grit bins. The first request, for a grit bin at York Road, Priorslee, is in a newly built part of the development, where the roads have not yet been adopted. Resolved: to inform the resident requesting the grit bin, that since the road has not yet been adopted, she will have to ask the developer to install a grit bin. The second request, for a grit bin at the top of Glen Brook Road, Priorslee was made on behalf of the residents who live at the top of the road, a distance from the grit bin that is already located on the corner of Glen Brook Road and Priorslee Avenue. The road slopes upwards from Priorslee Avenue, with quite a few side turnings. Resolved: to provide a grit bin for the top of Glen Brook Road provided that a location can be found that is not going to cause an obstruction and with the agreement of one of the households to have it on the boundary of their property.</p>

150/22	Gower Project Update	
	<p>The Gower working group met on 7th February 2022 to discuss how the building will be used and particularly the requirements for the kitchen and for security. The Clerk had the opportunity to go on a site visit to the building on 2nd February 2022. The upstairs layout has had to be changed to take into account walls that cannot be removed because they are load-bearing. This will make the upstairs meeting room bigger.</p> <p>The Parish Council and Telford & Wrekin Council solicitors are working on the Agreement to Lease. It is hoped that this, together with the Landlord's Specification, will be ready for the Gower working group to review on 28th February 2022.</p>	
151/22	Health & Safety	
	Nothing to report.	
152/22	Community Projects and Events	
	<p><u>Report from the Community Projects & Events Officer</u> The Community Projects and Events Officer's update report was received and noted. She will be looking for volunteers to help with events.</p> <p><u>Update from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group</u> Cllr A Harrison gave an update on plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event on Friday 3rd June 2022. An application for a Telford & Wrekin Council Jubilee Events grant has been submitted and plans for the event are progressing well.</p>	
153/22	Correspondence	
	<p><u>Letter from the NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group.</u> A response to a letter written by the Clerk in October 2022 regarding problems with accessing GP surgeries was received. The letter did not contain anything of substance and did not address the issues adequately. The Clerk was asked to send a copy to Cllr Derek White.</p>	
154/22	Next Meetings	
	<p>The next meeting will be a Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15th March 2022.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.</p>	

Signed by Chairman..... Date.....