



St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 commencing at 7pm at The School Hall, St Georges C of E Primary School, London Road, St Georges.

Chairman: Cllr Richard Overton
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Lane (taking minutes)

Present:

Councillors: R Overton (Chairman) R. Cadman, E. Dabbs, S. Handley, S. Harrison, J. Little, G. Singh, J. Smart, P. Thomas.

In attendance: J. Ellis (Community Events & Parish Support Officer). PCSO W. Jervis.

Welcome from the Chair: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

156/24 Apologies: Cllrs A. Harrison and R. Tyrrell. Clerk K. Southgate.

Resolved to note the apologies.

157/24 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr	Interests
S. Handley	Substitute member of Borough Planning Committee
P. Thomas	Substitute member of Borough Planning Committee
R. Overton	Cabinet Member with responsibility for strategic planning

Members agreed that they would make any other declarations if they arose during the meeting.

158/24 Public session: 15 minutes is allowed for members of the public to raise their concerns.

There were six members of the public present.

The following matters were raised:

- Residents raised concerns about the amount of litter that could be found along Stafford Street, especially around the Co-op shop.
- Concerns were raised about the amount of dog fouling around the Durant Road / Ivor Thomas Road area. Residents also suggested that some of the school children's hand drawn dog fouling posters could be installed. Cllr R. Overton advised that there was due to be a big campaign on Dog Fouling and that Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers could fine people who were not carrying poo bags while out walking their dog.
- A resident shared with the Council an incident regarding her grandson falling into the Lake at Priorslee. The resident had to get into the lake in order to rescue the toddler, but then struggled to get back out again. A passing dog walker was able to assist in getting out. Thankfully the toddler was okay, but the issue has raised concerns over the safety of the pedestrian bridges at the lake where the accident happened.

159/24 Minutes:

Resolved to defer the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th February 2024 to enable the following amendment to the Public Session – *Cllr P. Thomas advised that he had been in discussion with TWC planning about the proposed centre on the miller homes development.*

160/24 Clerk's update on any matters arising from the previous meeting:

(a) Calluna Drive Tree Preservation Order (TPO) – A 20-day work order has been issued for work to be carried out on the tree on Calluna Drive.

(b) Roman Croft Walkway – TWC have arranged a meeting with Miller Homes to discuss the walkway.

(c) Chewing Gum at Freeston Avenue Play Park – Following on from a site meeting with our TWC representative, further investigation will be made into the maintenance for the park, carried out by Idverde.

161/24 Planning:

Note: for every planning application it will be considered whether any proposed climate change mitigation measures are adequate.

Planning Applications & Decisions notified by Telford & Wrekin Council.

Applications: None.

Permissions Granted:

TWC/2023/0565

Site address: Site of Greenacres & The Bungalow, Church Street, St Georges, Telford, Shropshire.

Description of proposal: Demolition of 2no. bungalows and erection of 4no. dormer bungalows *** Amended Plans ***

Decision: Full Granted 27.02.24

Permissions Refusals: None.

Any other planning matters: None.

162/24 St Peters Church Priorslee.

(a) To receive and consider the "draft Pastoral Scheme" regarding the closure for regular public worship of the church of Saint Peter - noted.

163/24 Finance:

(a) to approve payments of accounts due in March 2024.

Resolved to approve all payment in March's expenditure sheet.

Expenditure Approvals List for Parish Council meeting on 19th March 2024

Name	Particulars	Amount	Detail	Law
Screw Fix	Safety Boots x2 3/1	75.98	DC	H&S Work Act 1974
Unity Trust Bank	Investment Trf 3/2	100.00	BT	Trustee Investments Act 1961 S11
Unity Trust Bank	Investment Trf 3/3	99,900.00	SO	Trustee Investments Act 1961 S11
Staff Salaries	March 24 3/4 5 6	3527.18	SO	Local Government & Housing Act 1961 S11
HMRC	Tax & NI March 3/8	668.59	BT	Local Government & Housing Act 1961 S11
Pension Fund	Contributions March 3/7	1,110.47	SO	Local Government Pension Scheme 2013
SG Cricket Club	Grant for Covers	750.00	BT	S137

Total £106,132.22

Expenses Awaiting Authorisation For Payment:

Name	Particulars	Amount	Detail	Law
I&A Publishing	Newsletter 3/9	1,036.78		Local Government Act 1972 S142
TWC	Q3 Additional Streetlighting Works	114.61		Parish Councils Act 1957 S3
Idverde	Freeston Inspection Feb 24 3/11	156.00		Local Government Act 1976 S19
TWC	O3 Streetlighting 3/12	9,761.04		Parish Councils Act 1957 S3
Hydro Tech Ltd	Water Risk Assessment	192.00		Local Government Act 1972 S133

Total £11,260.43

Payments Total £117,392.65

(b) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation to 29th February.

Resolved to defer this item until next month.

(c) Comparison report for the eleven months ended 29th February 2024 – noted.

(d) Review of Fixed Asset Register.

Resolved to defer this item.

(e) To re-sign the CAT agreement (TWC had omitted the materials budget).

Resolved to resign the CAT agreement now including the 2K a year materials budget.

Comment was made that we should be mindful to spend the materials budget each year on the CAT team and that the Clerk would be responsible for monitoring this.

(f) Council to consider budget Virement.

Resolved to defer this item.

(g) Transfer to Earmarked Reserves.

Resolved to defer this item.

164/24 Environment/Public Realm:

(a) Community Action Team Enforcement Report – The team have been hitting problem areas of parking such as Redhill Primary School and Wyndham Grove.

(b) Community Action Team Public Realm – The team have been carrying on with their normal program of works as well as specific tasks such as removing lichen and moss from the benches near Teece Drive Skate Park.

165/24 Gower Project: The monthly catch up with TWC had taken place in which the parish are updated on the refurbishment of the building. Items to note included the first floor going up on some of the properties. Additional screening for residents at the rear of the site and the redundant stormwater storage tank being emptied but filling back up again with all the recent rain. The offsite gas connection was due to commence, however they are unable to locate the gas main. Further investigation is needed.

The Parish working group met a few weeks ago to discuss how we would like to see the building being used, whether that is for local clubs and groups such as fitness, youth provision, playgroups, coffee mornings etc. It is hoped that with a bigger building we will be able to provide more activities. The Parish Council is keen to hear the views and thoughts of local residents regarding activities being held in the Gower, so if there is anything you want to see please let us know. Other areas that the working group are looking into include furniture, recruitment, terms & conditions, and how other buildings operate.

166/24 Policy Review:

(a) Members Allowances & Expenses Policy

Resolved to adopt the members allowances & expenses policy.

(b) Reserve Forces Training & Mobilisation Policy

Resolved to adopt the Reserve Forces Training & Mobilisation Policy with slight amendments to change the word company to St Georges & Priorslee Parish Council.

(c) Financial Regulations

Resolved to adopt the Financial Regulations with amendments of section 11.1 h), to change above £500 to above £1000.

167/24 Health & Safety:

(a) Safety at the Flash - Council to discuss following the recent incident. The Chairman read out the response from TWC who had commissioned a report from the Royal Live Saving Society (RLSS) which found TWC were not negligent in any duty of care to the public with signage, lifesaving equipment or infrastructure.

Resolved to liaise with TWC on costings and options for further safety measures.

Discussion was had regarding fishermen trampling reed beds and flowers and constant damage to gates onto lake along the west side near to Wordsworth Way.

Resolved to speak to TWC regarding this.

(b) Concerns over air quality around Red Hill – Update from TWC Environmental Health.

The update from TWC was read out. TWC are putting together a citizen space web portal, until this is live enquires are best sent via the normal emails: enquiries@environment.-agency.gov.uk or enquiries westmids@environment-agency.gov.uk. Once the Parish Council receives more information, we will update our website.

168/24 Community Projects & Events:

(a) Report from the Community Projects & Events Officer – Barmouth Tickets are now on sale for the 29th May trip. Residents are being asked their opinions on preference for Christmas lunch or Chester Coach Trip. St Georges Litter pick taking place on Wednesday 27th March. The Parish Newsletter is now available, and the new Coffee & Crafting Club will start on Tuesday 9th April 10am – 12pm at the Parish Centre. Application are being considered for the 2024 free lawn cutting service.

(b) Priorslee Clock Proposed Footpath – The Council were still waiting for further quotes for the footpath to come in.

(c) Flower beds in St Georges Square – The Council was still waiting response from Lakeside Garden Centre about updating the planting.

169/24 Date of Next Meeting: – Tuesday 16th April 2024

The Meeting closed at 8:05pm

Chairman.....16.04.24