

WALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Walford Parish Council



Held online Wednesday 22nd April 2021, 7:30pm

Present: Councillors: van Lienden (Chair), Akers (Vice-Chair), Cole, Dolman, Evans, Drummond, Chinn

In attendance: D Berry (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

2. **Declarations of interests:** Councillor Cole planning application 210774 – pecuniary
planning application 210888 – pecuniary
agenda item 5.1 Dawleys – pecuniary
Councillor Chinn planning application 210774 – nonpecuniary
Councillor Drummond planning application 210569 – nonpecuniary
agenda item 6.2.1 – nonpecuniary

3. **Minutes: Resolved** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021 subject to minor correction 7.2.2 change “Pavement” to “Footway”
Certified as a true record of the meeting. The Chair will sign the minutes once physical meetings resume

4. **Public Participation Session:**

- 4.1. No West Mercia police representative was present
- 4.2. A written report was provided by Ward Councillor Watson (who was not present)
- 4.3. A written report was provided by the Localities Steward (who was not present)
- 4.4. Clerk’s report – **Resolved** to write to HC and BBLP regarding lack of responses to Council actions
- 4.5. Public participation session – Mr Cansdale spoke regarding lack of response re Leys Hill junction, Council agreed that this will be an agenda item going forward until resolved (see action at 4.4)

5. **Finance: -**

- 5.1. **Resolved** to approve the payments on Appendix B
- 5.2. **Resolved** to ratify the payments on Appendix B
- 5.3. Updated Financial Regulations, to be deferred until new banking arrangements are finalised
- 5.4. **Resolved** to approve councillor Evans as temporary bank signatory for Unity Bank to facilitate switch from Lloyds Bank

6. **Projects:**

- 6.1. **Community Support Scheme** - A written report was provided
- 6.2. **Kerne Bridge Canoe Launch**
 - 6.2.1. **Phoenix Meadow - Resolved** to establish a task & finish working group comprising councillors Akers, Chinn and the clerk to finalise a permissive agreement and write to the landowner with a view to either close the access or negotiate an agreement.
 - 6.2.2. The tree works have been completed.
 - 6.2.3. **Resolved** to publish the Environment Agency permit and RHL insurance policy on the Council website
- 6.3. **Smartwater** awaiting update from the PCC office
- 6.4. **Neighbourhood Development Plan**
 - 6.4.1. **Resolved** to accept the FY21_22 budget and the consultant’s quote both dated 5th April 2021 objection from Councillor Cole for unspecified legal reasons
 - 6.4.2. **Resolved** to submit a grant claim to Locality for FY 21/22

7. **Highways and public rights of way: -**

- 7.1. To receive report from Lengthsman Co-ordinator
 - 7.1.1. **Resolved** to approve the draft Lengthsman contract
- 7.2. To receive report from the Rights of Way Officer
 - 7.2.1. Request an update re bridge at WA25 from the Locality Steward
 - 7.2.2. Footway improvements – Locality Steward to advise



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8. Planning: -

- 8.1. **210569** (Cllr Drummond moved to waiting room) no objection
- 8.2. **210774** (Cllrs Chinn & Cole moved to waiting room) no objection
- 8.3. **210888** (Cllr Cole moved to waiting room) objection WPC wish development works to be reinstated to the original natural grassed area

9. The Dam: - the clerk provided a written report on the site meeting of 12th April 2021

10. Resilience Plan: - no update at present

11. Items for the next meeting agenda: -

- 11.1. Financial regulations
- 11.2. Permissive access
- 11.3. Standing Orders
- 11.4. Smartwater

12. Next meeting: - Annual Meeting Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7:30pm – venue and style of meeting to be confirmed. The Annual Parish meeting also needs to be held by the end May 2021.

The meeting closed at 21:26

13. Confidential session: - minutes of the incident at KBCL are confidential and are published separately

The confidential session closed at 21:50

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