**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 17th JULY 2019 NO 103**

**1. Present:**

Cllr. Ray, Cllr Shilvock, Cllr. Fraser, Cllr. Simmons, Cllr. E. Lee, Cllr. J.

Lee, Cllr Stewart, Cllr. McMillan, five members of the public and one

member of the press.

Part meeting: County Cllr Cargill, District Cllr. Shenton.

**2. Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

**3. Written requests for dispensation for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

**where that interest is not already in the register of members’**

**interests.**

No written requests were received.

**4**. **To approve for signature the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council**

**and ordinary parish council meeting held on 22nd May 2019.**

These minutes were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Public Participation:**

Four members of the public, Mr.& Mrs. Worton, Mr. Ledger and Mrs. Drysdale had an interest in the planning applications to be considered in agenda item 7 and one member of the public had an interest in agenda item 12. With the agreement of Councillors the Chairman brought these items forward to enable them to take part in the discussions. The agreed Parish Council planning representations are detailed in agenda item 7.

Mrs. Murphy expressed her objections to the proposed modification of the Definitive map to add a piece of land in her ownership as a public right of way. Mrs. Murphy said this access point is used for farm machinery and at times it could be used for up to 40 racehorses. At this stage Mrs. Borman, Rights of Way Officer is only asking for information relating to the status of the route and Mrs. Murphy was advised to make direct contact with her.

**6. County & District Councillors’ reports:**

District Cllr. Shenton provided a copy of his full report and this is attached on page 7.

County Cllr. Cargill reported on the following:

He had attended a demonstration against the re-submission for a proposed gas fired power station at Croft Lane, Haselor together with about 60 other people.

On 15th July a Site Allocations Plan was endorsed by the District Council for the purposes of statutory consultation. Cllr Cargill explained that it will sit alongside the Core Strategy and be part of the Development Plan for the district. It identifies reserved sites that could be required if the 5 year housing land supply is not achieved. This doesn’t change the Core Strategy in relation to Green Belt

Prior to the meeting Cllr.Cargill provided a plan of a proposal for the junction of the Binton/Billesley crossroads to slow down traffic on the A46. He has many concerns about the improvements to the A46 that are being considered including this one that he considers would increase queuing on the Binton and Billesley roads. Cllr Cargill provided the relevant planning application number and asked that the Chairman/Council sends him their views.

Cllr. Cargill is now responsible for Broadband in the District and any issues should be reported to him.

Finally Cllr. Cargill expressed his disappointment that promises made regarding the Pathlow Traveller Site have not turned out as expected and he has a meeting arranged with Mark Ryder to pursue the issues.

**7.** **Planning Applications: status of current planning applications:**

*Planning application No. 19/00626/FUL* 145 Aston Cantlow Road, Wilmcote: Alterations to roof to form adequate living accommodation on first floor including associated internal alterations. Withdrawn.

*Planning application No. 19/01025/FUL* Dunroaming Stable, Gospel Oak Lane, Pathlow: Planning application for second mobile home and shared utility block with associated hard standing on existing Gypsy Traveller Site. Application granted at Committee

*Planning application No. 19/01378/TREE* 6 Church Road, Wilmcote: Magnolia – crown thin by 15% and reduce top sections 1m-1.5m and side sections 0.5m-1m. Tree works approved.

*Planning Application No. 19/01543/LDE* 22 Glebe Estate, Wilmcote: Use of land for the parking of up to 4 domestic vehicles (including caravans, campervans and other vehicles) in connection with the residential use of No. 22 Glebe Estate. Pending.

**The following applications were discussed in the Public session and representations agreed as follows**:

*Planning Application No. 19/01628/FUL* Land to the rear of 8 Aston Cantlow Road, Wilmcote: Erection of one dwelling and associated works.

Recommendation Objection. Advice had been sought from our Consultant, David Holmes, and in conclusion the proposed development is unacceptable in principle because the claim that it represents a local need fails to understand that the local needs provision must be supported by the local community. There is no evidence that this is the case. Proposed by Cllr. Shilvock and seconded by Cllr. Simmons.

*Planning Application No. 19/01517/FUL* The Wharf, Wharf Lane, Wilmcote: Single storey front extension.

Cllr. Simmons declared a non-pecuniary interest.

Recommendation of No objections. Proposed by Cllr. Ray and seconded by Cllr. J. Lee.

*Planning Application No. 19/01818/FUL* 145 Aston Cantlow Road,

Wilmcote: Alterations to roof to form adequate living accommodation

on first floor including associated internal alterations. No proposed

increase in volume.

Recommendation support as following the applicant’s consultation with SDC the alterations proposed in this application are now acceptable, there is no proposed increase in volume, and the result would be a more family friendly property. Proposed by Cllr. Ray and seconded by Cllr. Simmons.

*Planning Application No.19/00968/FUL* The Training Shed, Unit 1

Pathlow Farm, Featherbed Lane, Pathlow: Application for permanent

use as health and fitness facility (class D2 use) following expiry of

condition 1 of permission 14/00467/FUL.

Recommendation support for permanent use of the premises as health

and fitness facility on condition that the visibility splays are being

maintained as specified in application No 14/00467/FUL, in the interest

of highway safety.  Traffic to this site has increased considerably since

the original permission was granted. Proposed by Cllr. Ray and

seconded by Cllr. McMillan.

*Planning Application No. 19/01625/FUL*Poplar Cottage, Birmingham Road, Pathlow: Conversion and change of use of former garage building to use as a holiday let and insertion of dormer window.

Recommendation support this retrospective application providing the following conditions are imposed:

a) This converted garage at Poplar Cottage, called The Lodge, should only ever be used as a holiday let, not for any other residential use, or sold as a separate property.

b) Confirmation is received from Mr. Pilcher, Development Management Engineer, WCC that the conditions imposed by the Highways Dept. have been satisfactorily met. Proposed by Cllr. Ray and seconded by Cllr. Stewart.

**8. Correspondence:**

- Information about Warwickshire Insights updated version of the

Council’s local information system.

- Notice of temporary closure of A3400 Birmingham Road, and

A3400 Bearley Cross to facilitate bridge signing works.

- Copy of letter from residents relating to Planning application No. 19/01543/LDE 22 Glebe Estate, Wilmcote

- Details of Planning Briefing for new Councillors on 17th July 2019.

- Rural Housing Briefing Event.

- Stratford on Avon District 3 Tier Rural Transport Event.

- SDC Briefing: Homelessness Reduction Act/Welfare Reform and Housing

Benefit Training.

- VE Day 75: Advisory that 8th May 2020 will be a Bank Holiday to

celebrate the 75 anniversary of VE Day.

**9. Progress report:**

Bank Mandate: An updated mandate has been completed and signed for delivery to HSBC. **Clerk to action**

Wilmcote Parish Council Grant Fund: Two application forms have been requested.

Defibrillators: Notification received of a new National Defibrillator network following recommendation from WMAS – Mrs. Stewart has confirmed she will register ours.

Two briefing events have been attended by various Councillors, Rural Housing Briefing on 4th July and the 3 Tier Rural Transport event on 11th July. Reports from Cllr. Simmons and Cllr. J. Lee were circulated prior to the meeting.

Pathlow Traveller Site updates: One received from Mark Ryder on

behalf of Cllr. Izzi Seccombe and one to Cllr. Cargill from Paul Gibbs

Both circulated to Councillors for information.

Glebe Estate grass cutting: The Clerk met with a representative from

Orbit Heart of England, Mr. Thompson, and their mowing contractor.

All areas apart from around the garages and either side of the entrance

to Glebe Estate were going to be cut. The area around the garages is

apparently now the responsibility of the security company that looks

after the garages. Mr. Thompson also advised that the grass either side

of the entrance to the estate is adopted highway and has been since

2016 although it appears the County Council has not made the District

Council aware of this change. He will contact the County accordingly.

**10. Mary Arden’s Car Park Proposal:**

At a recent meeting with Abi Moore and Mark Ratcliffe, Cllr Ray and the Clerk were advised that a pre application report indicated SDC was currently not in favour of the car park proposal in the Green Belt and recommended that they engage with the local community before finalising their proposal. Cllr. Ray advised them to provide details of their special circumstances and plans to the parish council so that consideration can be given to hosting a second public meeting.

**11. The Masons Arms Public House:**

Purely for information,Cllr. Ray advised that as there is a lot of concern about the future of this public house a survey is being circulated to support this community facility.

**12. Application to modify the Definitive map by adding a Footpath in**

**Wilmcote:**

The Definitive Maps Rights of Way Officer is contacting parties that may have an interest in the route and requesting any information we may have about it. The information should relate only to the existence or the status of the route and the council will examine all of the available evidence. The piece of land in question runs between 141 and 145 Aston Cantlow Road. The Clerk has contacted both householders and no objections have been raised subject to the comments raised on this topic in item 5 above.

**13. Willow Wood Play Area update:**

Playground Supplies have carried out the visual monthly inspections of the play area for many years and now advise they will have to increase their costs to £120.00 per inspection. They are no longer able to include Wilmcote with any of their other visits so it would become a separate journey from Kettering. Operational inspections carried out quarterly are an option and the annual inspection will of course continue to be carried.

It has not as yet been possible to find a replacement company that carries out monthly visual inspections. In the meantime it was agreed that the Clerk should ask Playground Supplies to carry out the August and September visits at the increased fee.

Copies of the Lease and Insurance policy to be circulated to Councillors.

**Clerk to action.**

**14. Road Traffic items:**

Cllr Fraser has agreed to take responsibility for liaising with the speed watch team and will start by organising a meeting to get this back on track. **Cllr Fraser to action**.

**15. Items for the agenda for the next meeting:**

Pathlow Traveller Site

**16. Date of next meeting:** 18th September 2019.

*No.*

No further business – Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

**District Councillor report - July 2019**

**Wilmcote**

Dear Chairman, Members & Parish Clerk

This is a brief summary of issues that I’ve been involved in that affect Wilmcote and in many cases not only my ward but the whole of Stratford District.

**Climate Emergency**

Earlier this week (Monday 15/07/2019) a motion was presented to the full Council meeting, with cross party backing, that **we should declare a climate emergency with the aim to be carbon neutral across Stratford by 2030.**

I fully support the aim and the motion, but we must be honest and say that this is mammoth task and will involve great cost financially and to each of us personally. This is a declaration of a lifestyle change which has implications for absolutely everyone in the district.

On a day to day basis this could mean that we have to, personally & consciously limit the use of the internal combustion engine, people must move towards a healthier lifestyle and reduce the consumption of red meat as herds are known to be a major contributor of greenhouse gases, abolish single use bottles (if each day if just 10% of us filled up our water bottles with tap water and reuse the bottle, we would reduce the number of single use bottles by 340m).

In additions simple things like putting the waste in the correct bins so that much more goes to recycling and composting help. You may not know this but up to 34% of waste in the grey/black bin is compostable such as food and should be in the green bin. All paper and card should be in the blue bin.

We are good at recycling and composting being 10th out of 345 local authorities but the rate has stagnated at 60% and with a little bit more care over where waste is put could be up at 70% making us the best and leading authority in recycling/composting.

We also have to consider whether we gain energy from waste or put it into landfill as evidence shows that as we become better at recovering and recycling the result is that waste that goes to incinerators to generate heat and electricity or just electricity can be as dirty as fossil fuels were and whether you landfill or incinerate you create greenhouse gases.

Full details of what should be in each bin is on the Council’ website and I will be talking more about this as the month’s go by as Waste is part of my portfolio and is a key issue.

We must have a complete change of mindset and move towards the circular economy now and move away from the linear economy.

You should see more advice being filtered out by the Council as we need to be proactive and a leader on this issue.

Make no mistake though that being green means massive changes and there is a cost to this as we need to invest in green industries, farmers need to move to more sustainable food production such as arable crops rather than livestock, use of cars must be reduced, transport networks need to be improved and planning could become even more prescriptive as we insist on better design and sustainability such as the houses at Wootton Wawen (Passiv houses).

There will be tough decisions going forward if we are to have any chance of limiting global warming and limiting the damaging effects of the past 250 years.

**On the subject of singe use bottles**

I have been in touch with the REFILL scheme supported by water companies and set up a group to coordinate this within the Stratford District . This basically aims to encourage people to use refillable bottles rather than buying water and at the same time encourage shops and businesses to refill peoples water bottles with tap water for free. At present we have 19 businesses around Stratford (including big names such as Costa, Greggs and Premier Inns) and need lots more. They display the Refill sticker in a prominent place and anyone can have their bottle refilled for free. I would like to not only have this scheme in the Town Centre but all over Stratford District and I aiming once I have all the details and registration sorted to try and involve Parish Councils and Councillors in helping to push the scheme and get more refill points. I gave you a statistic earlier about single use bottles but there is also the fact that there is very little reason not to use tap water rather than paying for spring water. I will be sending further details out soon.

**Speeding and road safety**

The Police Commissioners Office and the Police have agreed to work with me on exploring ways that we can make our roads and neighbourhoods safer due to inconsiderate drivers and as a first step I am engaging with the Arden Safer Neighbourhood team and Sgt Bob Shaw but I could do with details of which team covers your area and any contacts. The aim is to work up a proposal in readiness for the next tranche of grants that will be available later this year. As I go round each of the Parishes I will advise you on the date of the meeting and invite you through your Chairman and Clerk to join us as you know the area far better than I do and your involvement is key.

**Planning**

It is interesting to note that at last week’s Planning Committee meeting concerning the additional mobile unit in green belt land that we were collectively (Parish and myself) unsuccessful in resisting the application and approval was granted. Its seems apparent that the whole application “turned” on a couple of issues , the openness of the green belt and special reasons (which planners said in conversation to me afterwards) which were that they are part of the Gypsy & Travellers community - after conversations with planners since. There is no right of appeal on an application that has been granted, even if the Parish Council wanted to. It is for individuals to ponder whether there are wider implications possibly to the greenbelt or whether the decision will raise challenges to green belt policy.

There was a presentation earlier this month which all Councillors were invited to on Affordable Housing and today there has been a training session on how planning works and I would encourage anyone that can spare a couple of hours to go along to these sessions as they are very useful and informative even if you don’t necessarily agree with the views given.

**Grass Cutting**

Please let me know if an area fails to get a cut when you expect it and I will investigate this. I have asked the officers to produce a map and timetable for each Parish so that we know what is going to be cut and when. This may take some time, but the information must be there with Idverde who cut the grass.

**Johnson’s service no 20 from Stratford to Shirley to Stratford**

I have notified each clerk within each Parish and the neighbouring wards/parishes where they are close to the route, that Johnsons have served notice that the above service will be discontinued from September. Currently the situation is that the County Council and Johnsons held a meeting on Wednesday 17/07/2019 and I am awaiting details of the outcome. At this meeting the CC were aiming to present 3 options to Johnsons and as soon as I have the feedback, I will advise you all via your Clerk. Everyone wants the same result, a continuing service and whilst passenger numbers are not the prime issue, revenue is as the bus operator only receives a ¼ of the fare for anyone who uses a bus pass. I have been advised that the route is losing up to £45k per annum and is obviously not viable on that basis as we mustn’t lose sight of the fact that Johnsons is a business not a charity. Hopefully this issue will be resolved today, and the service will continue. I have made representations to both John Johnson of Johnsons and to the County on the need to keep this route

**UBUS**

I am a big fan of UBUS which is the “dial a ride service for all ages in the Stratford District”. This service is for everyone in our Parish as the rules are simple, if you cannot access public transport because of mobility problems or other issues or you live in an isolated location with no or infrequent services then you can use it.

I have some leaflets which I will leave with you plus some rather nice linen bag that promotes the UBUS service. At present it runs Monday to Friday 9.30 to 2.30 but as from May next year there will be an expanded service and bus passes can be used on the service. Details on how to use the service and register are in the leaflet but any questions then feel free to contact me.

**3 Tiers of Rural transport Forum**

This was held at Stratford Racecourse on 11/7/2019 and I went along to this. Everyone involved in transport from volunteers to County Council were encouraged to go along. I was encouraged that a few broad themes seemed to be emerging in terms of funding, communication between providers and mapping out who does what.

I have asked to be included in the next session where we review the themes from each of the groups there and I will report back to you.

Something that did make me smile was that one of the volunteer groups used e cars as they are more environmentally friendly but in conversation with them I discovered that they had come to the forum not in an e car but in old Porsche…a real gas guzzler (very environmentally unfriendly)

**Site Allocations Plan**

You may have already seen details of this in local papers and on the internet and if anyone has any questions on it then I will do my very best to answer them for you.

**And finally, for this month**

I’d really like to set up a “surgery” for say September and I really need the Parish’ help in this as it needs to be publicised on your website and in the local publication plus I’m guessing that the club, here, might be the best location, who do I need to speak to, to book this.

Residents can call me anytime and I will always do my best to help.

For information only

The following payments were made between meetings:

Mrs. L. Stewart (Defib pads) 70.80 BACS

E.on energy 171.42 BACS

G. Compton (mowing The Green) 150.00 BACS

HMRC (PAYE) 377.40 BACS

E.on maintenance 137.44 BACS

E.on energy 165.90 BACS

WILLOW WOOD PLAY AREA

Playground Supplies (Inv 5729) 72.00 BACS