

WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th January at 7:30pm Wroxeter and Uppington Cricket Club

Present: Councillors Miss V Amos, Mr B Nelson, Mrs J Davies, Mr P Davies, Mr M Millington, Mr K Rowlands, Mr I Sherwood

In attendance: Councillor C Wild (Shropshire Council), Mr A Gough (Clerk) and 14 members of the public.

1. PUBLIC SESSION

There was a presentation by Openreach on the roll out of broadband in the following postcode areas **TF6 5HJ; TF6 5HD; TF6 5ET and TF6 5EN**. Openreach explained the scheme, the voucher programme, promote pledges and how to register for the scheme. They also answered questions residents had regarding the scheme. Alongside the meeting, Openreach representatives had visited properties in the postcode areas to promote the scheme and distribute leaflets and flyers explaining the scheme. Whilst it was acknowledged that the scheme is not open to all postcodes in the parish it is understood that there should be opportunities for further broadband projects within the parish in the coming year. Details of these schemes have yet to be released. Residents asked if self-funding might help the development of a broadband scheme. It was suggested that contact be made with the local M.P. who had been working to try and support the roll-out of broadband in his constituency.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

No Declarations

4. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 11th November 2024.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

- a) Norton Crossroads – Over the Christmas and New Year period there had been two further accidents at the junction. Councillor Wild said she would have a conversation with Dave Gradwell from Shropshire Highways about the junction and what measures could be taken to slow vehicles as they approach it. She said she would also speak to Rod Lake from West Mercia Police about the introduction of speed restrictions. The National Trust has submitted a planning application to develop the area near Atcham Business Park as a visitor centre. This will lead to a large increase of traffic in the area and put more pressure on the junction. The Parish Council will need to consider the application considering a probable increase in the speed and volume of traffic at the junction and make any comments that might help support traffic calming measures.

John Cooke, who's property is most affected by the traffic accidents that have occurred at the junction, attended the meeting and thanked the Parish Council for its continued work to try and get this issue resolved.

6. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Housing Plus had been taken over by Wrekin Housing, and Cllr Wild had arranged to meet with the local MP and representatives from Wrekin Housing to discuss several issues affecting properties it now had responsibility for. This would include the properties at Brookside in Wroxeter and the concerns residents have about the installed sewage system and how it will be managed going forward. This will hopefully lead to a meeting with the

appropriate person who will have responsibility for the sewage plant and who will be able to meet with the Parish Council and residents to try and resolve the outstanding issues that residents have.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To approve the 2025/26 budget and set the precept
Councillors considered the draft budget for 2025/26 and whether to keep the precept at the same level as last year or agree a slight increase. It was felt that as the precept had remained at the same level since 2022 that the precept should reflect the increase in costs that the Parish Council faced. It was proposed by Councillor Amos and seconded by Councillor Millington that the precept be increased by 2%. Following a vote where 6 councillors supported the increase and one abstained, it was **RESOLVED** to agree the draft budget and increase the precept for 2025/26 to £5197.00.
- b) Update to Asset Register
It was **RESOLVED** to update the Asset Register
- c) To approve the Q3 Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Q3 budget report and bank reconciliation.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments made between meetings:

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P23-2024/25	SLB Groundcare	Ground Maintenance	£390.64
P24-2024/25	A Gough	Salary – December	£190.04

- e) To approve invoices for payment by online banking:

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P25-2024/25	A Gough	Salary – January	£190.04
P26-2024/25	A Gough	Expenses – Dec / January	£24.17

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None received

9. PARISH MATTERS

There were several issues raised in respect of flooding across the parish. The Clerk **RESOLVED** to raise these on Fix My Street. He also said he would pass on the concerns about flooding at Norton Crossroads and signage at Lower Longwood with Cllr. Wild as she had dealt with them previously.

A resident had raised a concern about the change of venue for the meeting. All public notices setting out the agenda for the meeting, and the venue, are placed on the public noticeboards in the parish at least a week before the meeting. Also, the information on the change of venue had been updated on the Parish Councils website.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Wroxeter and Uppington Cricket Club, The Avenue, Uppington.

The meeting was declared closed at 21:04

Signed (Chairman):.....

Date:.....