



WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2019 at 7.30pm
in The Ellendune Community Centre

Present Cllr S Harcourt (Chair)
Cllr A Woodhead (Vice Chair)
Cllr J Hewer (Chair to the Council)
Cllr H Hodd
Cllr G Jones
Cllr C Kennedy

Clerk Emma Freemantle (Deputy Clerk)

Others present Cllr Diane Phillips

CB/33 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr P Bhardwaj, no apologies were received from Cllr D Wells.

CB/34 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr A Woodhead declared an interest in agenda item 6 as she is the Group Scout Chairman and also declared that she has an interest in agenda item 9 as her husband plays for the Wroughton Men's football Club at the Weir Field Pavilion.

CB/35 Public Questions

Cllr Diane Phillips came as a member of the public and was invited to sit at the table with the Committee.

CB/36 Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the Community Buildings Committee dated 03 September 2018 and 05 November 2018.

CB/37 Chairs Report

The Chair advised that stages taken for the Youth Club to re-open have been a success however feels that there needs to be further information detailed on social media / with posters to advertise the open evenings which are in the near future. The Chair requested that details of the Youth Club opening times and activities is publicised again.

Cllr H Hodd asked that a strategy is produced to show how the Youth Club will be run once open to also detail procedures which will be followed.

Cllr H Hodd also asked what Youth Action Wiltshire had thought of the Councils revised structure going forward and asked if a written update would be available.

The Clerk advised that the Youth Manager will be invited along to future meetings of the Community Buildings Committee however as she had just attended the last Full Council meeting on 17th December 2018 it was felt that there wasn't much else to report.

The Chair stated he would update members on the recent Thames Water visit at Agenda Point 7.

CB/38 Maunsell Way Refurbishment

The Deputy Clerk handed out notes from the last Sports and Youth Facilities Working Party which was held on 3rd January 2019, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the minute book.

Members **NOTED** that the Working Party hope to reach the Planning application stages before the new Elections in May 2019 and that the current Architect appointed will be producing draft plans for the new building at the next Working Party meeting.

Members **NOTED** that a draft Business Plan is in hand to support the Pavilion project and that the next Sports & Youth Facilities Working Party will take place on 5th February 2019.

CB/39 Thames Water

The Chair advised that a site visit had taken place on Monday 7th January 2019 at the Overtown Hill Reservoir with representatives from Thames Water. Those in attendance were Richard Hill - Thames Water, James Maggin – Savills Property Agent, Cllr J Hewer, Cllr S Harcourt, Cllr A Richards and the Deputy Clerk.

The Parish Council had requested a meeting with Thames Water to discuss the Sewage Works land previously offered at the Maunsell Way recreation ground.

The Chair informed members that the Reservoir is a very attractive site and a lovely place to visit should anyone have the opportunity. Members **NOTED** that the reservoir is not open to the public and that the angling club are also no longer attending the site due to lack of fish. The Chair advised that the Reservoir levels are no longer monitored and the site is usually unmanaged by Thames Water and so they are looking to sell this asset with the potential to build on the adjacent car parking plot.

Richard Hill of Thames Water advised the Council that they have an obligation to sell the land to a buyer that will continue to maintain the land and must abide by the Reservoir Act 1975.

Cllr J Hewer informed members that the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust could possibly be interested in maintaining the Reservoir however funding the ongoing maintenance would be a problem. Thames Water suggested that funds raised from the sale of the site could be injected back to the Parish Council to assist with the maintenance.

The Chair advised that the Parish Council are not in a position to take on a Reservoir due to the financial and logistical restraints however would support an organisation such as the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust should they want to take this on in the future.

Members **NOTED** that the Overtown Hill Reservoir site was listed in the 2013 SHEELA and was then removed from the Neighbourhood Plan. The current SHEELA does not include the site in question.

The Chair then informed members that the land at Maunsell Way recreation ground was discussed along with the Sewage Works entrance located at Falkirk Road.

Richard Hill advised the Council that the Falkirk Road open space is a part of the “Urban Designs” project, created by Thames Water. Thames hope to build on the open space at Falkirk Road and will be chasing this up with their internal planning department after today’s meeting with the Parish Council.

The Chair advised members that he will be providing a report to the Planning, Safety & Highways Committee and that the Ward Councillors should also be updated. It was also **NOTED** that this subject is *not* private and confidential.

The land at Maunsell Way was then discussed, a map appears as appendix B in the minute book. Richard Hill advised that Thames Water were happy to proceed with creating a “Heads of Term” for the land to be signed over to the Parish Council. Members Noted that the additional land would be of great benefit to the Council as the open space has decreased over the last year due to the BMX build.

CB/40 Exclusion of Public and Press

Members **RESOLVED** in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that ‘in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw’.

Reason: Contractual matters.

Cllr D Phillips left the meeting at 7.30pm.

CB/41 Weir Field Pavilion

The Clerk updated Members regarding the new drainage system installed within the Weir Field Officials shower room.

Members **NOTED** that all works have been completed and that the toilet and sinks are now in order and in use.

The meeting closed at 7:59pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council