

**HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011**  
**commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**152/11 PRESENT**

Councillors M J Smith (Chairman), R K Austin, A Bentley, M D Grindrod, J Harrison, A M Houghton, G I Moore, R R Plenderleith, L A Savage and A Twyford.

Also present: C Potts – Clerk of the Council.

**153/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** that apologies are accepted from Councillors P H Dickens, R G Dickens, W A M McClements, L Murray and J Smart.

**154/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**155/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were three members of the public present. The following matters were raised:

Councillor Plenderleith raised the matter of a recent report in the Shropshire Star newspaper about child poverty in Telford & Wrekin. Councillor Plenderleith informed the Council that the report had stated that 31% of children living in Hadley and Leegomery are living in poverty and that the figure for Apley Castle is 6%. He had made enquiries about the source of the statistics used in the report and found that they were based on figures produced in 2008 which had been projected to 2010. Councillor Plenderleith was of the opinion that the data was not sufficiently accurate or robust enough to give a true picture and that the press report had reflected badly on the local area and its residents.

Members agreed and asked the Clerk to write to Telford & Wrekin Council to convey their concerns about the report and its impact on the Parish and the Borough as a whole.

Mr Somerville spoke about a planning application in respect of 44-46 High Street, Hadley for change of use to a hot food takeaway. He raised concerns about the proposal and the Clerk was able to confirm that the Parish Council had already considered and objected to the application and asked for it to be referred to the Plans Board under the green card procedure, and that the Council's response had reflected the concerns that Mr Somerville had raised.

**156/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**157/11 LOCAL POLICING**

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Anderson of the North Telford Local Policing teams, which includes the Hadley and Leegomery Team.

Sergeant Anderson spoke about the financial constraints being suffered by the police as part of the national reductions in public spending, which it was feared could have impacted heavily on local policing. However, West Mercia Police Force has reached agreement on a strategic alliance with the Warwickshire force which will ensure that local policing will continue although there will still be budget reductions to contend with. In Hadley and Leegomery this will mean that there will continue to be only one Local Police Officer, as the second officer who was seconded to another area at the beginning of

the year will not now be replaced. The two Community Support Officers for Hadley and Leegomery will be retained. Some additional resource will be available due to an increase in the numbers of Special Constables.

Sergeant Anderson outlined police activity that has been undertaken recently in the Parish including action on speeding traffic in Hadley Park Road and parking enforcement when resources permitted it. Questions from members were answered and the Chairman thanked Sergeant Anderson for attending.

#### **158/11 MINUTES OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011**

The Council **considered** the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved and adopted.

#### **159/11 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTE 127/11 – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESOLVED** that the draft terms of reference submitted by the Personnel Committee, a copy of which had been circulated to members, be approved and adopted.

#### **160/11 MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2011**

The Council **considered** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved and adopted.

#### **161/11 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTE 135/11 – TERMS OF REFERENECE**

**RESOLVED** that the draft terms of reference submitted by the Finance and General Purposes committee, a copy of which had been circulated to members, be approved and adopted.

#### **162/11 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTE 142/11 – GRANTS POLICY**

**RESOLVED** that the draft Grants Policy submitted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, a copy of which had been circulated to members, be approved and adopted.

#### **163/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman reported the following:

- 1). Thanks have been received from Ketley Parish Council for resolving the issue over the Hadley sign on Waterloo Road promptly.
- 2). An invitation received from the Borough Council Parks and Open Spaces Officer for Parish Councillors to attend the Urban Games event at Leegomery on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Information had been circulated to members with their correspondence lists.
- 3). CRB checks for Councillors – four members have still to complete their applications for CRB checks and are asked to contact the Clerk to arrange for this to be done.
- 4). A summer concert arranged by the Parish Council takes place on the 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Methodist Church, Hadley commencing at 7.00 p.m. Shropshire Male Chorus and choirs from the primary and secondary phases of Hadley Learning Community are taking part.

## **164/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH**

The Chairman gave a brief summary of a meeting of the Markets Steering Group held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

The Clerk reported on attendance at a Localism Conference held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. Parish and Town Councils will need to be prepared to become involved in the localism process, or potentially see local services taken on by other groups. The key areas of the Localism Bill that will impact on local councils are

- A general power of competence which will widen councils' powers to provide services. The eligibility criteria for this new power are yet to be defined.
- Abolition of the Standards Board and the model code of conduct
- Giving residents power to instigate referendums on local issues and the power to veto excessive council tax increases
- New powers to help save local facilities and services.
- Provisions around planning and regeneration to include the abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies, and provision for Neighbourhood Plans initiated by the local community which could be adopted as part of local planning policy.

Councillor Houghton submitted a report of the Parish Forum meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. The meeting had introduced the Borough Council's plans for co-operative working, the revisions to the £s for projects scheme which will see £1000.00 allocated to each of the 54 ward members for spending within the wards for the benefit of the community, and a review of the parish charter.

## **PLANNING**

### **165/11 Applications for consideration**

**RESOLVED** that the under-mentioned applications are dealt with as follows:

1. TWC/2011/0378 & 0380 (Full Planning and Listed Building applications) – erection of a single detached house with associated parking (revised siting of dwelling), former Watkins Nursery, Apley Castle, Telford – the council confirms that its previous objections to proposals to build in any form against the southern façade of the listed kitchen garden wall at Apley Castle still apply to this revised proposal.
2. TWC/2011/0483 – conversion of garage to office/ancillary use for existing residential home, Coniston House, 134 Haybridge Road, Hadley, Telford – no objection.
3. TWC/2011/0498 – erection of a side extension, 3 Red Kite Close, Leegomery, Telford – no objection.
4. TWC/2011/0513 – erection of a two storey and first floor side extension, 5 Eider Drive, Apley, Telford – no objection.

### **166/11 Permissions refused (for information only)**

**NOTED** that Telford & Wrekin Council has refused permission in respect of the following:

1. TWC/2011/0418 – 2 storey side/rear extension, 205 Hadley Park Road, Hadley, Telford.

### **167/11 Appeal decision (for information only)**

**NOTED** that an appeal against refusal to grant planning permission in respect of change of use from van rental storage facility to used car sales area, 42 High Street, Hadley, Telford has been allowed and that planning permission has therefore been granted.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### 168/11 Bank reconciliation and expenditure for ratification

The Council received a report which included a bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

**RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 is noted, and that the following expenditure incurred on behalf of the Council under the terms of Financial Regulation 3.4 is ratified:

Amount <u>excl. VAT</u>	<u>Details</u>
£40.00	K Baker – summer bedding plants for planters at CFCC ( <i>s.19, LGMPA 1976</i> )
£123.91	C Potts – re-imburement for expenditure relating to Fun Day: gazebo, milk, water, laminating pouches, cable ties, cable protector, polystyrene cups. ( <i>s.145, LGA 1972</i> )
£155.92	T R Carey – repairs and maintenance at public toilets ( <i>Schedule 14, paragraph 9, LGA 1972; s.87Public Health Act 1936</i> ).

### 169/11 Guaranteed Investment Account Maturity 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**RESOLVED** that on the maturity date of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 the sum of £50,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Co-operative Bank Guaranteed Investment Account to its Public Sector Reserve Account and that the resulting balance of the Guaranteed Investment Account, £151,983.00 plus interest due to the 7<sup>th</sup> July, is reinvested for a three month term.

### 170/11 Payments

Councillor R R Plenderleith had verified against invoices etc. the cheques to be drawn and payments to be made.

**RESOLVED** that the drawing of cheques numbered 301995 to 302019 and payment of direct debits in favour of Eon, Telford & Wrekin Services Ltd. and Neopost Ltd., all payments totaling £11,093.29 as detailed in the approval list contained in the report, is authorised; and that Councillors L A Savage and M J Smith are authorised to sign the cheques to be drawn.

### 171/11 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL – SEX ESTABLISHMENT POLICY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Council **considered** the above consultation.

**RESOLVED** that the Council agrees that the draft Sex Establishment Policy provides a suitable framework for the effective regulation of sex establishments in the borough.

### 172/11 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL 2011/12 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Borough Council has invited suggestions for subjects for inclusion in its Scrutiny Work Programme for 2011/12. No suggestions were forthcoming but members noted that they could put forward suggestions themselves at any time if they wished.

### 173/11 SUMMER RECESS – DELEGATED POWERS (s.101, Local Government Act 1972)

**RESOLVED** that delegated authority is granted to the Clerk, and in the event of his absence the Administrator deputising for the Clerk, to make decisions on behalf of the Council and to take actions as necessary in respect of matters of an urgent nature during the summer recess period 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011, such decisions and actions to be subject to consultation with the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of the Council or its Committees as appropriate. (*s.101 LGA 1972*).

### **174/11 TELFORD AND WREKIN PARISH FORUM – NOMINATION FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN (PARISHES)**

The Borough Council has invited nominations for the role of Vice Chairman (Parishes) of the Telford & Wrekin Parish Forum. It was proposed that Councillor J Smart be nominated, but as he was not present he should first be asked if he is willing to be nominated.

**RESOLVED** that should Councillor J Smart agree to be nominated, the Council will duly nominate him for the role of Vice Chairman (Parishes) of the Telford & Wrekin Parish Forum.

### **175/11 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Council considered an offer in respect of producing material for adding to the Council web site and for the monthly newsletter article published in Wrekin Link. This would include factual material, local history information, reports and photographs of parish events and other relevant items. It is an opportunity to enhance and expand the council's website at no cost, to a greater extent than could be resourced by officers. Former Council Chairman Pat Smart has offered to produce relevant features and information for the Clerk to submit for loading on to the website.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk is authorised to receive material as described above from Mrs Smart and to approve and add it to the Council's website as required.

### **176/11 HADLEY VILLAGE GREEN FUN DAY**

The Council was asked to confirm its intention to hold the annual Village Green Fun Day again in 2012, in order that the Parish Events Committee can proceed with bookings for the key participants.

**RESOLVED** that the Council will arrange its annual Village Green Fun Day in 2012 and that it will allocate a budget provision for the purpose in line with that which is in place in the current year, making an appropriate allowance for inflation and any other unavoidable increases in costs.

### **177/11 NEXT CYCLE OF MEETINGS**

The Council **noted** the dates of the following meetings:

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| • <b>Parish Events Committee</b>                | <b>12<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b>     |
| • <b>Finance and General Purposes Committee</b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b>     |
| • <b>Council</b>                                | <b>6<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b> |

All meetings commence at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.