

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH JULY 2014,
7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM.**

Present: Cllrs Smith (Chairman), Eldridge, Knott, Moore, C/Cllr Mrs Compton, the Clerk, and Mrs B. Ellwood.

1. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Coates, Eassom, Tunkle, D/Cllr Mrs Gallagher.
 - a) Casual Vacancy. There was no call for an election, and after the required timescale for declaring a casual vacancy it was proposed that Mrs Belinda Ellwood be elected as a Parish Councillor. This was unanimously agreed. Mrs Ellwood then signed her Acceptance of Office form countersigned by the Clerk, and will sign and return her Interests form shortly.
2. Public question time – no public present.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June were approved.
 - a) Matters Arising – The Jackson bench is now in place.

4. PLANNING

Little to add since the last meeting. New app No W14/0936LB, Loes Farm, replacement window, discussed – no objection

WDC's Local Plan submission - A response has been sent by the Chairman. Copy attached. **Page 3.**
Neighbourhood Plan – The Chairman reported on a meeting held on 30/06 by members of the Steering Group to discuss future actions- designation is expected to be in September.

5. FINANCE

Status report previously circulated. Balance in account £7436.77. Annual audit returned for approval. Letters of thanks received for the recent grants to the PCC and Sports Club.

Bank confirms that cheque signatories now changed to Cllrs CS, RC, PE, DE, and the Clerk.

Payments approved for Clerk's IT/sundries £68.93, Fairways maintenance (3months) £810, and B Tebby, village maintenance £75.

It was agreed to apply to the WRW Forum for a grant of £500 to help finance the new website.

6. PLAYGROUND

Quotes received from Fairways for the addition of bark to the play area and other maintenance work discussed. Bark alone would cost £900 plus vat. It was agreed to obtain further information/prices. Due to budget restraints a working party may be needed to carry out some of the maintenance.

- a) Recreation Ground/Memorial Ground areas satisfactory.

7. HIGHWAYS/TRANSPORT

When enquiries were made to the Police about enforcement of the weight restrictions, information received indicated that these could not be imposed due to some of the signs being obscured by foliage. After action from C/Cllr Mrs Compton, County Highways have now completed this work.

a) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

FLOODING –The school was flooded recently during very heavy rainfall. It was felt that inadequate drainage could be one of the causes. Severn Trent carried out emergency maintenance, and C/Cllr Mrs Compton obtained information from WCC of contacts who can provide help and advice to the head and school governors.

Various areas of the village need maintenance. Clerk to action details/prices.

8. It was agreed to defer publication of the “Bulletin” until after the September meeting as it is anticipated that more information will be available by then about planning concerns, particularly regarding Police HQ, which can then be made available to the public via this newsletter.

a) Correspondence/Meetings attended.

Jackson bench - letter of thanks sent to Mrs Martin and family.

Changes to Electoral Boundaries - Response has been made by the Chairman – copy attached **page 4**.

The Chairman also attended a recent meeting on the changes to Parish Boundaries and was able to explain and discuss the rationale behind our objections which were favourably received, and may result in keeping the status quo or some minor adjustments.

b) C/Cllr Mrs Compton reported that strike action is planned by unions/fire services over various dates in July, contingency plans are being put in place.

County Highways are conducting surface dressing in the County, and have published their latest Highways/Transport Update which contains details of extra funds being made available from the DfT for the repair of potholes, and how to report these. (details will be added to the PC’s website). C/Cllr Mrs Compton drew attention to the Meals on Wheels launch, and urged Cllrs to notify anyone who might wish to take advantage of this service.

c) Neighbourhood Watch

A local resident has indicated an interest in setting up and running a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Parish and will attend the September meeting.

10. Any Other Business – for information only

Cllr PE – some recent problems with noise at the Village Hall.

Cllr AM - pothole in Hill Wootton near Greenacres – to be reported.

The meeting closed at 9.05.

11. Date of next meeting 9th September. 7.30 pm.

Signed.....Date.....

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23rd June 2014

Planning Policy Manager
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Warwick District Local Plan 2011 – 2029

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Parish Council, I am writing to record our support for the Draft Local Plan as pertains to the proposals for this Parish.

In particular the Parish Council would like to note the following:

- The reduction in the number of proposed new dwellings to 45 from the 85 suggested in the November 2013 Consultation document represents a more realistic expansion of the existing housing stock.
- The proposed 'village inset' boundary is agreed as drawn, representing, as it does, a minimal incursion into the Green Belt. The Parish Council is aware of various proposals from developers to include further Green Belt land around Leek Wootton for prospective new housing, but feels that these must be firmly resisted in order to preserve the integrity and separation of the village.
- The settlement boundary for Hill Wootton is also agreed and it is welcomed that the hamlet will continue to be washed over by the Green Belt.
- The Parish Council continues to be concerned about the potential, future development of the Warwickshire Police Headquarters buildings (Area 4 in the November 2013 consultation). This area has the potential to again add significantly to the number of new dwellings proposed for the village, with all of the impact upon infrastructure expressed in our original representation.

The Parish Council has embarked upon the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. This will conform to the strategic principles expressed in the Local Plan, especially with regard to the scale, mix and layout of proposed new developments.

Yours faithfully,
Colin Smith.Chairman
Leek Wootton & Guy's Cliffe Parish Council

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For the attention of janepollard@warwickshire.gov.uk

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

16th June 2014

RE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

The Parish Council acknowledges the proposals relating to changes to the Electoral Boundaries and wishes to record its concern over the process of "creeping incorporation" into the town of Kenilworth. Whilst there is clearly a strong commercial and social relationship between the Parish and the town, we believe that it is essential that the separation between the two settlements is maintained and that the urban expansion of Kenilworth does not challenge the independent rural community of the Parish.
