

**Minutes of a meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston
Parish Council held in Wheaton Aston Village Hall on
Thursday 6th January 2010 at 7.30 pm.**

Present:	Mrs. B. Cox in the chair	Mrs. E. Morgan-Williams
	Mr. N. Barnsley	Mr. P. Timson
	Mr. P. Elson	Mrs. D. Wildman
	Mr. M. Fox	Mr. T. Noblett
	Mrs. S. Gould	Cllr. R. Wright

Parish Council Manager: Mrs. D. Bate

Apologies:	Cllr. R. Roberts	PC A. Smith
	Mrs. J. Wright	Mr. A. Monckton

001 Public Participation

3 members of the public attended.

The following issue was raised: King Street Wind Farm Planning Application

It was questioned whether the Parish Council would be submitting a comment concerning the application. The Chairman informed those present that she would be proposing that a public meeting would be held to allow residents the opportunity to air their views before the parish council made any comments to South Staffordshire Council.

Cllr. Wright advised the member of the public that any objections should be material considerations.

002 Apologies

The apologies were accepted.

003 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

004 To approve the minutes of 2nd December 2010

The minutes were approved and the Chairman given permission to sign them after the meeting when the following amendments have been made:

418 "Mr. Palmer" to "Mr. Palmer's letter".

005 To receive report from Parish Council Manager

The Parish Council Manager gave the following report:

**Parish Council Manager's Report
6th January 2011**

- **425 Parish Council Manager's Report**
 - The Christmas lights debrief went well with one or two improvements suggested.
 - The winter News & Views was printed by South Staffordshire Council at half the cost of the previous printer. The Parish Council Manager welcomes comments from councillors about the quality of the paper and print.

8. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. None Reported.

9. CRIMINAL DAMAGE. None Reported

OTHER ITEMS OF ATTENTION.

1. PC SMITH and PCSO PRICE will be unable to attend the meeting on 6th January 2011.
2. No incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour have occurred in Lapley.
3. The burglary other was reported on 5th December 2010 where 2x copper water cylinders were stolen from a shed at Somerford Home Farm, Stretton. No CCTV, no witnesses and no forensic evidence.
4. The theft from motor vehicle was reported on 6th December 2010 where a battery was stolen from a tractor at White Pump Farm, Ivetsey Bank. No CCTV, no witnesses and no forensic evidence.
5. The theft of vehicle was reported on 18th December 2010 where a Mini Cooper was left by it's owner in Lapley Lane, Stretton due to the heavy snowfall and too scared to continue to drive. When the owner returned to get her car, it was found in a field behind the primary school in Stretton and had been completely stripped down. No CCTV, no witnesses and no forensic evidence.
6. Despite the heavy snowfall around the villages, no reports of snowballs occurred and no reports of anti-social behaviour or criminal damage!
7. PC Smith and PCSO Price wish to thank the Parish Council for there continued support and will continue to Police the villages as best as they can for 2011.

PC 4830 SMITH & PCSO PRICE

The report was accepted.

007 To receive report from the County Councillor

County Councillor Roberts sent his apologies and the Chairman delivered his report as follows:

LAPLEY, STRETTON AND WHEATON ASTON
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 6th DECEMBER 2011

1 THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN EVALUATING THE VIABILITY OF EACH PROPERTY USED FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR YOUTH THAT THE COUNTY INTEND TO CONTINUE THE PROVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE BREWOOD DIVISION BUT EMPHASISE THE NEED TO REDUCE THE RUNNING COSTS.

2 VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IS THE SUCCESSFUL PREFERRED BIDDER FOR THE PROVISION OF THE NEW WASTE TO ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY (W2R) AT FOUR ASHES INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. VEOLIA ENVIROLMENTAL SERVICES, A FRENCH COMPANY, HAVE A MAIN OFFICE AT 1 STATION ROAD FOUR ASHES. THE SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OVER 25 YEARS WILL BE £250 MILLION

PLANNING PERMISSION AND APPROVAL BY THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY WILL NOW ALLOW THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO THE A5/VICERAGE ROAD JUNCTION TO BE CARRIED OUT

THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED BASED ON THE PFI FIGURE OF £ 122.4 MILLION AND THE VICARAGE ROAD IMPROVEMENT WILL BE COMMENCED IN DECEMBER 2010 AND COMPLETED AT THE END OF MARCH 2011 THE DESIGN IS TO IMPROVE SAFETY BY IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW, PROVIDING A REFUGE ON THE A5 FOR TRAFFIC TURNING RIGHT, ALLOWING SEPARATE LANES FOR TRAFFIC TURNING LEFT AND RIGHT OUT OF VICARAGE ROAD

A LIASON COMMITTEE TO MONITOR THE NEW PLANT IS TO BE ESTABLISHED AND IT IS INTENDED THAT THE NEW PLANT WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY THE AUTUMN OF 2013

- 3 THE GOVERNMENTS EMERGENCY BUDGET AND SPENDING REVIEW WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES BUT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THE DELIVERY OF FRONTLINE SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS AT LEAST FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND COMPULSARY REDUNDANCES HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. ENSUING YEARS WILL HAVE DRASTIC EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS AMOUNTING TO TENS OF MILLION POUNDS
- 4 THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DELIVERY OF LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES WILL SEE THE COUNTY COUNCIL WORKING IN GREATER PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GPs.

008 To receive report from the District Councillor

Councillor Wright reported the following from South Staffordshire Council:

South Staffordshire Council were hoping to not have to have any redundancies but due to the fact that the deductions are 4% more than expected, there will be some redundancies but hopefully most will be voluntary redundancies.

They are still looking at department budgets.

009 To consider planning matters:

Following discussion the following response was agreed:

10/00867/FUL Doal Food and News, Long Street, Wheaton Aston

As this is just a correction of the address, the Parish Council resolved to make the same comments as the previous application.

10/00963/FUL King Street Wind Farm
SS.10/16/636/W Waste facility

It was resolved to hold a separate meeting to consider these applications on either 18th January or 27th January at St. Mary's Church, Wheaton Aston at 7.30pm.

It was agreed that the meeting would be publicised as follows:
Press releases to Stafford Newsletter and Express and Star.
Posters

Word of Mouth
 Email to as many addresses as possible.

Vaughan Arms

It was resolved to write to the agents to inform them that the Parish Council doesn't feel that it is appropriate to comment on the planning application other than to South Staffordshire Council.

The Clerk reported the following planning decisions:

10/00806/FUL	19 Ivetsey Road, Wheaton Aston	Refused
09/00808/FUL	Lichfield House	Approved
10/00741/FUL	Longnor Mill Farm	Approved

010 To receive financial statement to 30th November 2010

It was resolved to accept the financial statement.

Expenditure	Budget 2010/2011	Exp to 30.11.10	Committed Expenditure to 31.12.10	Balance
General Administration	25050.00	17381.01	3721.89	3947.10
Repairs & Maintenance	20665.00	17886.25	92.66	2686.09
Villages' Improvements	3000.00	422.10	0.00	2577.90
Play Areas	1000.00	490.48	0.00	509.52
Summer Play Scheme	4000.00	2952.00	0.00	1048.00
Christmas Celebrations	8000.00	1560.01	414.50	6025.49
Youth Facilities	2275.00	0.00	1421.09	853.91
Donations	4000.00	2820.00	0.00	1180.00
General Administration Petty Cash	1682.00	1135.40	116.40	430.20
Capital Expenditure	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
TOTAL excluding VAT	69922.00	44647.25	5766.54	19508.21

Income	Budget 2010/2011	Inc to 30.11.10	Remaining expected income	Balance
Precept 2009/10	61494.00	61494.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	880.00	925.00	0.00	-45.00
Interest Lloyds TSB 30 Day Notice Account	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Interest Nationwide Treasurer's Account	250.00	1288.33	0.00	-1038.33
Miscellaneous	0.00	274.61	0.00	-274.61
Summer Play Scheme	1000.00	566.00	0.00	434.00
Playing Pitch Hire	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Total	63944.00	64547.94	0.00	-603.94

Bank Balances	30.11.10
Petty Cash	250.00
Actual Lloyds TSB Treasurer's Account	17862.67
Unpresented Cheques	531.66
Real Lloyds TSB Treasurer's Account	17331.01
Lloyds TSB Business 30 Day Notice Account	27.01
Nationwide Community Facilities Account	35345.60
Total	52953.62

Ear Marked Reserves	
Election Reserves	3000.00
Contingency (4 months of precept)	20348.67
Projects	2500.00
Total	25848.67

Total Funds Available	31/10/10
Total of Bank Balances	52953.62
Money Held for Third parties	0.00
Ear Marked Reserves	25848.67
Total	27104.95

011 To consider renewing membership of the Community Council of Staffordshire

It was resolved to renew the council's membership of the Community Council of Staffordshire (£22).

012 To approve payment of accounts

The accounts on the attached page were approved.

013 To consider Staffordshire County Council Highways matters

The council reconsidered the provision of grit bins following a request from a local resident and suggestion by the Village Orderly. The Parish Council Manager presented advice from the council's insurance company and NALC.

Various sites in Wheaton Aston were discussed:

- Junction of Ivetsey Road & Broadholes Lane
- Junction of Fentonhouse Lane & Marston Road
- Against the church wall in the village square
- Entrance to village hall, Hawthorne Road
- Corner of Long Street and Caspian Way
- Corner of Malthouse Lane & Pinfold Lane

However, following a discussion it was resolved not to identify locations for Staffordshire Highways to install grit bins in Wheaton Aston for the following reasons:

- The budget has already been set for 2011/12 and there is no additional money available for the provision of grit bins or a worker to use them.
- It is neither feasible nor practical for the Parish Council to carry out gritting as the legal responsibility is too onerous. Once an area has been treated by an authority it must continue to be treated for that entire period of bad weather.
- The Parish Council has the power to treat footpaths but it is not a duty.
- The Parish Council is not the ideal organisation to grit roads and pavements, it is Highways.
- The effort that would be required is too great.

The Parish Council Manager was asked to report the following to Highways:

- The junction of Greenhill Lane and Long Street big puddle forms as the land has sunk due to subsidence needs reporting.
- The same problem has occurred at the junction with Malthouse Lane and Pinfold Lane. Land has sunk and puddle/ice forms.

The Parish Council Manager was asked to organise the laying of the hedge at Leeke Way.

014 To consider matters of parish maintenance

- a) Primrose Bank Play Area
- There were no issues reported.

b) Marston Road Field

The padlock has been removed to allow the play equipment contractors vehicular access to the field. Work will begin the near future.

c) It was resolved to accept the quote of £85 from Bloomin' Gardens to re-site the fingerpost at Lapley.

d) £1000 towards security for Broadholes has been awarded and an application for another grant has been submitted.

015 To receive reports from representatives to other meetings

Meeting: SPCA meeting

It was reported that Mrs. Gould missed the meeting due to illness.

Meeting: Standards Committee

It was reported that Mrs. Cox had attended to consider an appeal against a Standards Board decision on handling vexatious correspondence. She was pleased to report that the Parish Council is handling its vexatious correspondence correctly.

Meeting: WA Sports and Social Club Committee

It was reported that the roof is going on the sports and social club. The facility is still functioning as normal during the work.

016 To receive correspondence

Members noted the following correspondence:

Wheaton Aston Village Hall

Letter

Mr. Ford

Letter regarding dog fouling

The following responses were agreed:

Village Hall

- The Parish Council will remove its rubbish from the village hall.
- The Parish Council would like to see the following improvements made to the village hall:
 - Complete redecoration
 - Cleaning of seating
 - Softer lighting in the main hall
 - Covers on fluorescent lights in the Kitchen
 - Wiring overhaul
 - Solar panels on the roof

Mr. Ford

- The Parish Council Manager was asked to put an article in the next News & Views about the fine and asking residents to report people who don't pick up after their dog.

017 Any other brief matters of report

There were no matters of report.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Signed..... Date: 3rd February 2010

Payment of Accounts

Accounts paid during the month

Accounts for Payment		£ including VAT
Cash	Top up of petty cash	Up to £250
Staples UK Limited	Office Supplies	67.53
St. John's Church Stretton	Cut and strim grass at Stretton churchyard April to Nov 2010	450.00
Debra Bate (The Cartridge People)	Ink for HP Colour Office Jet Printer	92.66
Community Council of Staffordshire	2011 Membership	22.00
Ricoh	Photocopier charges to 19 th November 2010	39.07
J Parker & Sons Ltd	Re-issue of lost cheque	201.16
Blachere Illumination UK	Installation and switch on	3634.86
BT	BT Internet charges	105.71
SSC	Newsletter printing	114.74
SLCC	Annual Membership	118.00
SLCC	WWYC Updates	19.50