WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr Morrison (Chair)

Cllrs P Nixon, C Brownsword, L Ibbs, B Hughes, S Hill , Cllr D Brindley

Cllr N Barlow (Co Opted)

G Keiher-Knapper (Clerk)

There were 4 members of the public present.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council paid to upgrade the fence, gates, CCTV and plants at Meigh Road Playing fields. The member of public went on to ask the following questions:

1. Where is the CCTV camera?
2. What is being done about the vandalism?
3. Was a professional assessment carried out before planting laurel?

The Clerk answered the questions:

1. The second CCTV camera has been removed because the solar panel is faulty.
2. The fence, gates and first CCTV camera were paid for with S106 funding because at the time ASB and vandalism at Meigh Road Playing fields was becoming an increasing issue. They were installed in view of if the ASB and vandalism continues exploring the possibility of closing the park at all the entrances overnight. However, since installation the ASB and vandalism has massively reduced. The pulling out of the laurel is the first incident reported on Meigh Road in a while. The Parish Council is unaware of any other residents experiencing ASB issues from Meigh Road and no ASB reports have been made to the police, so we are unable to action closing the playing fields of an evening from one residents request.
3. The Clerk informed the resident that the Parish Council does not have the funding available to pay for a professional assessment for every project that it carries out and a certain degree of knowledge is held by the Councillors. The Clerk referred the MOP to Meigh Road Working Group minutes where they can see a dynamic risk assessment and reasons why laurel was chosen to be planted.

The MOP went on to inform the Parish Council that there are lots of ASB issues that the residents experience because of Meigh Road playing fields being open at night. The MOP agreed to bring a petition to the next Parish Council meeting with the residents that would like Meigh Road playing fields closed of an evening. The Clerk informed the MOP that the Parish Council must be careful that by closing Meigh Road Playing Fields of an evening that the problem is not just moved to

another area of the Parish and that contact will be made by the PC with the PCSO to discuss what can be done.

A second MOP requested that SMDC supply a temporary bus shelter until the bus shelter on Ashbank Road is re-instated. The Clerk informed the MOP that the PC had written letters of complaint to SMDC, SCC and the Housing Development company and that the PC will also make this request.

Public Question Time closed at 1930hrs

162/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr P Brown apologies were accepted.

Cllr K Griffiths apologies were not accepted.

163/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

164/24 REGISTER OF INTEREST

None.

165/24 Co Option of Neil Barlow onto Werrington Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr J Morrison Seconded: Cllr C Brownsword

For: 7 Against:0 Abstain:0

166/24 The **minutes** of the following meeting were reviewed for accuracy and approved:

a) Full Council Meeting Monday 11th November 2024

167/24 The **action plan** was reviewed and updated.

168/24 The following **accounts** were approved:

a) November 24 Bank Reconciliation.
b) Nov/Dec 24 payments list.
c) 2025/26 Precept. – Deferred Until January as Base Rate not received from SMDC.
d) Application for CCLA Deposit Fund for PC Reserves providing no penalty charges.

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169/24 Werrington Parish Council discussed the following planning applications and had no comments: SMD/2024/0506.

Werrington Parish Council wants to ensure that SMD/2024/0486 has been called in for the Planning Committee.

WPC decided to comment on DET/2024/0506 with regards the excessive size in relation to the land and the multiple uses listed.

WPC wishes to object on DOC/2024/0090 Discharge of conditions 12,14,18 and 19

170/24 Werrington Parish Council deferred the following **policies**:

a) CCTV Policies

171/24 Werrington Parish Council received **reports** from:

a) District Councillors had nothing to report.

Cllr P Hughes gave apologies.

Cllr B Hughes informed the meeting that SMDC met last Wednesday, and it was agreed to write to Parliament in support of Farmers and request Parliament re considers farmers inheritance tax. WPC decided to support the Farmers in the Parish by doing the same as SMDC and writing to Parliament.

Cllr B Hughes also informed the meeting that Leek hospital is under review, so SMDC have again written to Parliament requesting that the facility stays open for our residents. WPC decided to also write to Parliament stressing the importance of Leek Hospital staying open.

b) Cllr R Ward was not in attendance.

172/24 Staff Reports:

a) **Clerks report** was circulated.
-Quotes being requested for possibly supporting VH with cold weather treatments for the carpark.
-Introduction of Wardens works request.

b) **Village Warden's report:**
-Some laurel were pulled out but have been re planted.
-Continuing with Sports Ground painting.

173/24 Highways To begin working groups again in the New Year.

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174/24 Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Working Group

PCSO drop-in Clinic at the library for February.

Cllr C Brownsord to re connect with Moorside in the New Year.

175/24 Allotments

Cllr Brindley carried out an inspection and reported that housekeeping is always improving. The allotment gates require a new sign. Also, Cllr K Griffiths to update with regards Nature corridor.
Cllr Brindley also reported that the notice board may require painting and the planter topping up with compost.
Cllr B Hughes to confirm plaque details for late Mr McNicol.

176/24 Sports Ground

Phase 2 of the drainage project for the Sports Ground is complete and the S106 funds from SMDC has been paid.

Third instalment Invoices have been issued to all hirers.

177/24 Meigh Road

Investigation into if S106 funds can be used to improve drainage on Meigh Road Playing Fields and on the back of the Neighbourhood plan consultation WPC hopes to consult with the residents with regards to the future of Meigh Road playing fields and create a 5-year plan.

178/24 Footpaths

Cllr Nixon handed over a complete list of footpath issues in Werrington and has reported them in the Highways app with photograph evidence and the Clerk would add them to the Highways table for Werrington.

179/24 Community Office

Deferred until January.

180/24 Village Life

Werrington Parish Council would like to support if it is required.

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181/24 Correspondence

a) Liquidation outstanding invoice refusal response approved.

182/24 Councillor Updates/items

Cllr B Hughes reported that Moorside High School collection is getting more and more dangerous and that it has been reported to Staffordshire County Council.

Cllr D Brindley ensured that a letter had been sent with regards tree cutting. Cllr D Brindley also informed the meeting that he attended the Village Hall AGM however Cllr S Hill and Cllr L Ibbs will remain the Parish Council representatives of the Village Hall Committee.

183/24 Chairmans Report

No report

MOP left the meeting

Confidential Items

184/24 Equipment to stream Parish Council meetings
Werrington Parish Council voted to purchase the equipment.

185/24 Speed Indicator Display
Werrington Parish Council voted to purchase the SID.

186/24 Items for the next agenda

186/24 Date of next meeting is 13th January 2025

Meeting Closed at 2130hrs

Signed _____ **Date** _____