WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr Morrison (Chair)

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

G Keiher-Knapper (Clerk)

SMDC Cllr P Hughes

SCC Cllr R Ward

There were 4 members of the public present.

The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would write to Staffordshire County Council requesting that Kerry Hill and Eaves Lane be re-added onto the gritting route and grit bins or grit piles be re-instated. Werrington Parish Council agreed and Cllr R Ward agreed to also make the request.

Question Time closed at 1905hrs

187/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr K Griffiths apologies were accepted.

188/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

189/25 REGISTER OF INTEREST

None.

190/25 The **minutes** of the following minutes were reviewed for accuracy and approved:

a) Full Council Meeting Monday 9th December 2024.

191/25 The **action plan** was reviewed and updated.

192/25 The following **accounts** were approved:

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a) December 24 Bank Reconciliation.
b) Dec 24/Jan 25 payments list.
c) 2025/26 Precept was approved to remain the same as 2024/25 Band D charge £56.58.

193/25 Werrington Parish Council discussed the following planning applications and had no comments: SMD/2024/0532, SMD/2024/0581 and SMD/2024/0580

After receiving further information regarding the size of the proposed building and the reasons WPC would now like to revoke the objection for DET/2024/0057.

Werrington Parish Council approved delegated authority for Cllr N Barlow to research and work with the residents' group and Cllr R Ward to draft WPC objections and share them with the Councillors for approval and the Clerk to submit.

194/25 Werrington Parish Council approved the following **policies**:

a) CCTV Policies – Deferred
b) Data Protection Policy
c) Social Media Policy

195/25 Werrington Parish Council received **reports** from:

a) Staffordshire Moorlands Councillors.

Cllr B Hughes nothing to report.

Cllr P Hughes informed the meeting about the Beat the Cold initiative from the District Council. It was agreed that Cllr P Hughes would share the information with the Clerk and the Clerk would reach out to groups within the Parish to see if some sessions could be arranged in Werrington.

b) County Councillor

Cllr R Ward informed the meeting of the following:

- Staffordshire County Council will have to increase for 2025/26 because 83p of every pound goes to social care leaving 11p for everything else.
- 26 Floods locally working with Highways to rectify Salters Lane and Hulme.
- Submitting a notice in motion for the battery farm.
- Supporting Village Hall for £5,000 grant for community allotments.
- Devolution looks like Staffordshire County Council will have to join Stoke on Trent, Newcastle Under Lyme and possibly Shropshire. The Parish Councils future is not known.

2000hrs – Cllr R Ward left the meeting

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196/25 Staff Reports:

a) **Clerks report** was circulated.
-Agreed to obtain solicitor quotes for the transfer of land on Meigh Rd playing fields.
-Wardens works request approved.

b) **Village Warden's report:**
-Some laurels were pulled out but have been re-planted at least four times because of ASB and high winds.
-Continuing with Sports Ground painting.

b) **VE Day Thursday 8th May 2025 80 years**
WPC agreed to purchase a flag.
Councillors agreed to discuss with local groups in Werrington if they have any plans and if WPC can assist.

SMD Cllr P Hughes and a MOP left the meeting at 2010hrs

197/25 Highways To begin working groups again once the Neighbourhood Plan is up and running.

198/25 Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Working Group

PCSO drop-in Clinic at the library for February.

Cllr C Brownsord to re connect with Moorside.

199/25 Allotments

Covered in Clerks report.

200/25 Sports Ground
Covered in Clerks report.

201/25 Meigh Road

Cllr N Barlow to work with the Clerk to draft wording for entrance signage to Meigh Road to be shared at the full Parish Council meeting in February.
Cllr N Barlow to investigate motorbike barriers that still allow pushchairs, wheelchairs and pushbikes access but restrict motorbikes.

2025hrs Comfort break until 2030hrs

202/25 Footpaths

Defer until the February meeting.

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203/25 Community Office

Deferred until the February meeting.

204/25 Village Life

Deferred until the February meeting.

205/25 Correspondence

Request for notice board items to be in a larger font.

The member of the public has postponed the petition for Meigh Road to be closed in the evenings because of Christmas and New Year.

206/25 Councillor Updates/items

Cllr B Hughes reported about supporting a resident working with You Housing.

207/25 Chairmans Report

Cllr K Griffiths Chairmans Report is attached.

208/25 Items for the next agenda

Co option applications

Devolution

Meigh Road – Signage and barriers

VE Day

208/25 Date of next meeting is Monday 10th February 2025

Meeting Closed at 2030hrs

Signed _____ **Date** _____