WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr K Griffiths (Chair), Cllr J Morrison (Vice Chair)

Cllrs P Nixon, L Ibbs, B Hughes, D Brindley, N Barlow

Cllr C Foster-McTigue (Co-Opted), Cllr K Whitehurst (Co Opted)

G Keiher-Knapper (Clerk)

SMDC Cllr P Hughes

There were 6 members of the public present including two candidates for Co-Option..

The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair thanked Cllr J Morrison for Chairing the December meeting in his absence and welcomed the members of the public to the Parish Council meeting.

A member of the public reported the height and thickness of the hedgerow at Kerry Hill and said that it would be too late to address it if action wasn't taken as soon as possible. The Chair agreed to visit.

A member of the public raised concerns concerning a planning application for 19 Meigh Road as the location is inappropriate as the property backs onto a park where there are already issues regarding anti-social behavior. The Chair informed the members of the public that the application will be discussed under planning on the agenda and encouraged all residents to log onto the planning portal and make their comments for or against it.

Question Time closed at 1910hrs

210/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr R Ward and Cllr S Hills' apologies were received.

211/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

212/25 REGISTER OF INTEREST

None.

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213/25 The **minutes** of the following minutes were reviewed for accuracy and approved:

a) Full Council Meeting Monday 13th January 2025.

214/25 Co Option of Carl Foster-McTigue onto Werrington Parish Council – Windmill Ward.

Proposed: Cllr P Nixon Seconded: Cllr D Brindley

For: 7 Against:0 Abstain:0

Co Option of Kerry Whitehurst onto Werrington Parish Council – Washerwall Ward.

Proposed: Cllr B Hughes Seconded: Cllr n Barlow

For: 7 Against:0 Abstain:0

215/25 The **action plan** was reviewed and updated.

216/25 The following **accounts** were approved:

a) January 25 Bank Reconciliation.
b) Jan/Feb 25 payments list.
c) The 2025 Asset Register was approved disposing of the carousel and resolving the Vice Chair Chain by the end of the financial year 2024/25.
d) The Budget Review was noted.

217/25 Werrington Parish Council discussed the following planning applications and had no comments: SMD/2025/0019

Werrington Parish Council voted to object against SMD/2025/0045 19 Meigh Rd Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed use of land as a residential children's home for up to 3 children with care provided by up to 3 non-residential members of staff. Werrington Parish Council also voted to request the District Councillor to call the application in.

Cllr N Barlow gave the meeting an update about SMD/2024/0547 Cellar Head Electrical Sub Station Parish Council objection.

218/25 Werrington Parish Council approved the following **policies**:

a) Risk Register and Terms of reference
b) Privacy Notice
c) Publication Scheme

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219/25 Werrington Parish Council received **reports** from:

a) Staffordshire Moorlands Councillors. – Nothing to report.
b) County Councillor – Not in attendance.

220/25 Staff Reports:

a) **Clerks report** was circulated.
-Waste contracts were agreed for Meigh Rd and the Sports Ground.
-Warden works request approved and equipment order approved.

b) **Village Warden's report:**
-Motorised bikes and scooters causing issues to grass banks around the pump track.
-Completed Sports Ground painting.

b) **VE Day Thursday 8th May 2025 80 years**
WPC approved VE Day Afternoon Tea and Grant application.
Councillors to assist with food quotations per head, entertainment and invite list.

221/25 Neighbourhood Plan

The literature informing residents what a Neighbourhood Plan is and requesting volunteers to join the Neighbourhood Plan steering group has gone live on the website, Facebook, noticeboard and some local amenities.

A short three-question questionnaire has also gone live asking residents what they think is good, and bad and what they would change about Werrington. Copies can be found in some local amenities and an electronic version will go live by the end of the week on the website and Facebook.

The next Working Group meeting is Monday 25th February at 10 am in St Phillips Church where the data will be analysed from the short questionnaire to help write a more in-depth questionnaire to establish what is important to the residents of Werrington.

Werrington Methodist Church is also booked for Wednesday 1st April for the Parish Council to invite all businesses of Werrington to come together to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.

222/25 Devolution

No update

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223/25 Allotments

AGM to be arranged and importance of plot numbers to be stressed.

224/25 Sports Ground

Covered in Clerks report.

225/25 Meigh Road

Covered in Warden's report.

226/25 Community Office

Deferred until after the Devolution plan is confirmed.

227/25 Village Life

The Chair informed the meeting that the Spring Edition is complete and will investigate if the PC can include Neighbourhood Plan articles and if the PC can support the future of Village Life.

228/25 Correspondence

The Chair informed the meeting that the FOI is now closed, and the Chair thanked the resident for bringing the issues forward and allowing the Parish Council to progress.

Letter of thanks from Ash Café for the £300 Grant to provide Christmas Lunches.

229/25 Councillor Updates/items

Cllr B Hughes reminder about the Police and Councillor Clinic at the Library on Saturday 22nd February at 10am.

230/25 Chairmans Report

Cllr K Griffiths would like to thank everyone for rallying round whilst he was out of action and also for stepping up and getting involved in moving the Parish Council forward especially with the Neighbourhood Plan.

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Confidential Items (public and press excluded)

231/25 Meigh Road Signage

Werrington Parish Council approved the Signability quotation to produce the Meigh Road entrance signs.

232/25 Solicitors Quotes

Werrington Parish Council approved Beswicks to act for the Parish Council with regard to the transfer of the parcel of land on Meigh Road Playing Fields. Cllr K Whitehurst will act as the Councillor overseeing the transfer in support of the Clerk.

233/25 Meigh Road Barriers

Cllr N Barlow informed the meeting that he had researched barriers to prevent motorcycles from gaining access to Meigh Road Playing Fields, but it would be very costly. He would recommend that the PC exhaust other options first, for example, support from the Police.

234/25 Items for the next agenda

Meigh Road Playing Fields Entrance safety

VE Day

Grant Application

Retention Policy

235/25 Date of next meeting is Monday 10th March 2025

Meeting Closed at 2045hrs

Signed _____ **Date** _____