

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD TRUST MEMORIAL HALL ON 2nd August 2018

Members Present

Councillors A. Bailey, M. Harriman, J Holmes, S. Atherton, M. J. Edwards, J. Hobbley, J. Dutton, R. Smith J. Blackmore, B. Blackmore

Chair: Councillor J. Holmes

Clerk: Serena Baxter

Apologies given and accepted: Councillors R. Gilmartin, , M. Wilde, M. Lightwood A. Atkinson, S Atherton.

273. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given and accepted.

274. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest on the form provided for this purpose for any item under discussion. Councillor Holmes declared an interest on a Planning Matter to be discussed.

275. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

276. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2018 were considered. A discussion took place about the status of the August Meeting as technically August used to be considered as a recess period. It was agreed by those present that the meeting had been advertised and convened as a proper meeting of the Council and therefore the minutes of the previous meeting could be considered and approved. The minutes were therefore confirmed and seconded by Councillor Bailey and **agreed** as a true record. Councillor Holmes asked for the item of the status of the August meeting to be put on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting for discussion.

277. AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF 7th JUNE 2018: The Clerk wished to draw to Members attention to an amendment required for clarity to the minutes of the 7th June 2018. This concerned the wording of the approval being granted for the Annual return to be sent to External Audit. Members expressed the view that the wording previously approved may well have been sufficient but **resolved to approve** the additional wording for further clarity.

278. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

i. *P/2018/0603* : Erection of 8 No. Mews style properties in two blocks of 4 No. Units with central access road and associated parking to rear land adjacent to the Paddock, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford, Wrexham. Councillor Holmes declared an interest and left the room. Under consideration, Members expressed a number of concerns. Members present resolved that they wished to object to the proposal being put forward on the following grounds: It is outside the settlement area. There is an ancient and attractive hedgerow providing harbour for wildlife which will be lost. The ecology report is not accepted. There will be a loss of rural amenity. The properties opposite do not have parking and park on the roadway, therefore there will be difficulty with access opening as it would be across the way from parked cars, which would in turn give rise to traffic issues. There will be increased traffic in this location which the roadway may be unable to absorb. Councillor Holmes rejoined the meeting at the end of this discussion.

ii. P/2018/0578: Application for works to tree subject to TPO WCBC No. 7- TS Gauge: - Cut branches to reduce height of tree by 500mm: Reduce longer branches by 500mm: Kingsley, Pant Lane, Gresford, Wrexham. There were no objections raised providing the advice of the Arboricultural Officer is followed.

iii. P/2018/0593: Demolition of Existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling together with associated works: 43 Wynnstay Lane, Marford, Wrexham. There were no objections raised.

iv. TPO WCBC 276/2017: Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order WCBC 276/2018: Caravan Park Old Wrexham Road, Gresford, LI12 8UA . The Tree Preservation Order was noted.

v. P/2018/0632: Listed Building Consent for internal alterations and erection of single storey rear extension Beech cottage Marford hill, Marford, Wrexham. The Members wished to raise the following concerns: The building is out of keeping with and does not complement the existing properties. It has the appearance of a municipal building. It is therefore requested that should this go ahead, that there is sufficient vegetation, trees etc to be planted to mask the building thus reducing its impact set against the existing residential properties.

279. FINANCE:

i) The following items of expenditure were presented and **Approved**.

| Date | Payment To | Reason | Cheque Number | Amount £ |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 2.8.18 | Michelle Jones | NJC Salary and reimbursement | 202575 | |
| 2.8.18 | Serena Baxter | NJC Salary and reimbursement | 202576 | |
| 2.8.18 | HMRC | Monthly amount due | 202577 | 78.46 |
| 2.8.18 | M Harriman | Travelling expenses claimed | 202578 | 82.00 |
| 2.8.18 | Information Commissioner | Renewal of registration | 202579 | 40.00 |
| 2.8.18 | WCBC | School Crossing patrol fee | 202580 | 1097.00 |
| 2.8.18 | WCBC | Street Lighting repairs | 202581 | 243.94 |
| 2.8.18 | WCBC | Quarterly Street Lighting Maintenance | 202582 | 2131.09 |
| 2.8.18 | Encore Office systems | Quarterly rental fee | 202583 | 39.60 |
| 2.8.18 | CB Lightwood | Fitting of lectern | 202584 | 120.00 |
| 2.8.18 | WCBC | Repair to Matting in Play area | 202585 | 80.59 |
| 2.8.18 | Scottish power | Monthly charges Lighting supply. | 202586 | 834.95 |
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280. MEMBER'S URGENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

i. Councillor Holmes raised an urgent matter of unauthorised vehicular access onto Allington Park. The existing bollard had been damaged by persons unknown. A quotation was being prepared by the previously approved Contractor, who fitted the bollard and who operates to an approved price list with WCBC. This was for two staggered gates across the open entry. Councillor Holmes proposed that this work should be undertaken as a matter of urgency, in order to protect Allington Park. Councillors agreed to suspend the normal Standing Orders in order to consider and approve the works proposed. It was **resolved to approve** the installation of the two staggered gates, provided the quoted amount does not exceed £700.

