Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting of The Gorge Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th May 2016 in The Gorge Parish Council Office.

FC/2016/77: Election of Chair: It was RESOLVED to elect Councillor Oldershaw as chair. FC/2016/78: Public Session: Charlotte Cain Destination Telford: Charlotte Cain from Telford and Wrekin Destination Programme Team Leader attended the meeting to provide the Parish Council with an update on the work of the team. The aim of the programme is to retain local spend around the Borough and to retain visitors when they come to the Borough. A Visitor Economy forum has been formed and one successful meeting held. The Forum is aimed at taking tourism to the next step. Not just about accommodation but what else visitors can do whilst in the Borough. The website Visit Ironbridge is experiencing a drop in hits. A new bespoke website is being developed for Ironbridge separate to Discover Telford but cross selling the two destinations. It is proposed to set up a board to oversee the Destination team. It is hoped representatives from Parish Councils, Borough councillors and businesses from each area will be on the board. It is hoped projects can be run collaboratively. It is hoped to hold the first board meeting in August. Clerk to add to the next agenda to determine if and who will represent The Gorge Parish Council. There is a visitor economy pack being developed, it will be free to join. the team will be "waking the pavements "distributing registration forms and explaining the forum. There will also be monthly newsletters. There will be a destination management plan and a business support workshop.

FC/2016/79: Election of Vice Chair and other representation. It was RESOLVED to elect the following councillors to the following positions:

office	Current holder	Holder 2016/17 Councillors:
Chairman	H Oldershaw	Councillor H Oldershaw
Vice Chairman	M Bragg	Councillor M Bragg
Severn Gorge Countryside Trust	M Bragg	Councillor M Bragg
CICCA management committee	C Healy	Councillor M Bragg
Coalport Village Hall Management Committee	T Hobson	Councillor T Hobson
Lightmoor Residents Association.	P Rhoden	Councillor P Rhoden
WHS Strategy Group	H Oldershaw	Councillor H Oldershaw
Christmas Lights Group	H Oldershaw/C Healy	Councillors H Oldershaw and C
		Healy
Allotments committee	T Hobson	Councillor T Hobson
Personnel Committee	M Bragg, T Hobson and P	Councillor M Bragg, T Hobson
	Rhoden.	and P Rhoden
Grievance Committee	H Oldershaw,	Councillor H Oldershaw and two
		other councillors
Ironbridge Gorge walking festival	H Oldershaw	Councillor H Oldershaw
Jackfield Village Hall	S Hodge	Councillor Hobson will stand in until a new councillor is elected.
Walkers are Welcome	H Oldershaw	Councillor Oldershaw
Pride in your High street committee	H Oldershaw, M Bragg, C Healy,	Councillors H Oldershaw, M
	J Bennett.	Bragg, C Healy, J Bennett.
Any other groups.		

FC/2016/80: Date of Scheduled meetings. A schedule of meeting dates for the next 12 months was distributed as appendix one to the minutes.

FC/2016/81: Adopt policies as per list for 12 months: It was RESOLVED to adopt all policies and the risk assessment and review all over the next 12 months.

FC/2016/82: Apologies and Attendance: Councillor Hodge resigned due to ill health. Clerk to start the casual vacancy policy. Apologies were also received from Borough Councillor Greenaway. Present Councillors Bennett, Healy, White, Rhoden, Hobson, Bragg and Oldershaw. Also present Borough Councillor Lowery.

FC/2016/83: Dispensations: None required.

FC/2016/84: Borough Councillors: Councillors Jayne Greenaway and Clive Mollett and Nic Lowery. Borough Councillor Lowery reported with the extra works made possible by the sale of the Yorkstone and saving within the pavement contract the works will be completed towards the end of June. The traffic survey will be carried out in early June after the completion of the pavement project. She is exploring the mapping of the Gorge, looking to combine all the existing maps. There is a proposal to bring electric bikes to the Gorge. The WW2 event has a robust event management plan. The river festival she is keen to ensure local community engagement.

FC/2016/85: Environmental and highways issues:

- **a.** Roadmen works update. The team have agreed to carry on with the contract whilst the future of environmental services is considered.
- b. Friends of Dale End Park (update) Councillor Healy. No progress at this stage.
- **c.** Rights of way project. Three paths have been suggested for immediate progress. St Lukes Steps, Steps to Coalbrookdale Church and near the former Hiscocks shop Coalbrookdale. Clerk and chair to find out more. Clerk to arrange a drop in session for interested residents on 7th September 2016 in the Parish Council office.
- **d.** Consider way forward with PET and Environmental budget cuts. A task and finish group will to explore the options after assessment of the works required. The group will be Councillors J Bennett, C Healy, M Bragg, T Hobson and Chair H Oldershaw.
- e. Ironbridge Pavement project. The following extra schemes will be carried out as part of the pavement scheme. Clerk to find out what materials are proposed for the replacement of railings.
 - Replace Yorkstone between Nock Deighton and 54 Waterloo Street £24,643.51
 - 2. Repair block paving outside Nick Tart £2,500
 - 3. Refurbish all bins within site extents £8,876.98
 - 4. Renew all railings along the river front of The Wharfage £80,000
 - Address surfacing and trip hazard issues outside Museum of the Gorge TBC agree private financing
 - 6. Repairs to steps by the Ironbridge £,1800.
- **f.** SIDS extra programme update. The scheme is awaiting sockets to be added to the sites.
- **g**. Jackfield Railway Crossing What next. Clerk to report to Telford and Wrekin all avenues have been explored and funding has not been found. All complaints about the condition will be referred to Telford and Wrekin. Chair will refer this to the WHSSG.
- **h.** Traffic Survey update. The three places extra survey points were requested have been added to the list. Clerk to confirm the one on Madeley Bank will be moved.
- **l.** Report of footpath blocked along riverbank. Clerk has referred this blockage to rights of way and licensing, because the blockage is the tow rope to a pleasure boat.

FC/2016/86: Reports from outside bodies Parish Council is represented on:

- a. WHS Steering Group. verbal report given at planning meeting.
- b. River Festival. The company Walk the Plank gave a presentation on their proposals.
- c. Woodside Allotments. Nothing to report to the Parish Council the meeting was about internal committee stuff.
- d. Meeting with Emergency planning team (questionnaire.) noted.
- e. Meeting with Ironbridge Business Consortium. The consortium will attempt to fill the shortfall between parish council budget and costs for the switch on event.

FC/2016/87: Approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15th March 2016 and Planning meeting 5th April 2016: It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the full council meeting on 15th March 2016 and planning meeting on 5th April 2016.

FC/2016/88: Matters Arising: a. various matters raised with TWC

- 1. Vegetation behind railings by Museum of The Gorge. Clerk has investigated. The area belongs to IGMT however TWC have cut it in back in the past and it will be scheduled again shortly.
- 2. Poor condition of loos on The Square. Forwarded to TWC.
- 3. Land at top of Jiggers Bank. Clerk still investigating who is responsible
- **b.** Local Council awards. Response to letter received just before meeting. Clerk to amend instruct website to be amended as per instructions and SALC will find out if it is necessary for a revisit to committee.
- c. GIS demonstration will be on 5th July 6pm. Confirmed.
- **d**. Letter re management restructure TWC. (acknowledgement received reply awaited.) no reply received before meeting.

FC/2016/89: Planning: a. New Applications: a. It was RESOLVED to make the following comments:

Application or enforcement number	Appeal number	Site Address	Description of proposal	Date consultation received	Reply by date
TWC/2016/0419	N/A	20 Dale View, Dale Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DL	Erection of a two storey side extension	11/05/2016	01/06/2016

The Gorge Parish Council has no comment to make on the principle of the development. however the row of former Council homes have several extensions they is a similarity to the majority. it seems more appropriate that this extension should follow the same format. including the extension of the front porch area.

TWC/2016/0416 N/A	3 Southside, Church Hill, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7PZ	Crown reduction of 50% and prune of 2no. Sycamore trees	11/05/2016	01/06/2016
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TWC/2016/0382	N/A	3 & 4 Darby Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7EL	Installation of 3 water pipe protection boxes	28/04/2016	19/05/2016
Support					
TWC/2016/0379	N/A	Land rear of 4 St Lukes Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire,	Change of use from open space to garden land and erection of fencing (Retrospective)	27/04/2016	18/05/2016
No Comment.					
TWC/2016/0376	N/A	17 The Lloyds, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7HJ	Replacement of 6no. timber windows to front and rear elevations with PVCU windows	27/04/2016	18/05/2016
No Comment.					

- b. Decisions See list of decisions. The following decisions were reported:
 - TWC/2015/0913 Demolition of existing flat roofed single garage, erection of a double detached garage and alterations to driveway entrance gates (Listed Building) Severn Lodge New Road Ironbridge. **Listed Building Consent.**
 - TWC/2016/0139 Demolition of existing flat roofed single garage, erection of a double detached garage and alterations to driveway entrance gates. Severn Lodge New Road Ironbridge. Full Planning Permission.
 - TWC/2016/0238 Installation of new door and window to side elevation to former openings. Queenies Cupcakery Shop 9 The Wharfage Ironbridge. **Full Planning Permission.**
 - TWC/2016/0272 Felling of 4 Sycamore Trees, 3 Ash Trees, 2 Birch Trees, 2 Rowan Trees and 20 small broadleaves. Picnic area Bower Yard Ironbridge. **Trees in Conservation Area Consent.**
 - TWC/2016/0391 various works at 28 Wellington Road Coalbrookdale. Withdrawn.
- c. Meeting in Coalport regarding new development ref: TWC/2016/0091. 19th May. Chair and Councillor Hobson will attend.
- d. Response re amended plans consultation. (being investigated). No update.
- e. Response regarding possible enforcement issues. reported all given to clerk and are being investigated.
- f. Telford and Wrekin Council Development Management Town and Parish Survey 2016. The survey accessed and clerk will complete and return.

FC/2016/90: Christmas lights: It was RESOLVED to go with the CMK quote subject to the contractor attending the planning meeting for discussions and clarifications.

FC/2016/91: War Memorials: a. The grants applications have been submitted. Clerk has also applied for listing of the War Memorial.

FC/2016/92: Financial: a. Invoices to pay: a. It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

- 1. Mrs J Madeley £1006.30 salary chq no 1056
- 2. HMRC £200.23 chq no 1057
- 3. Shropshire Council Pension £289.87 chq no 1058
- 4. A & B Landscaping £490.00 Chg 1059
- 5. Came & Co Insurance £792.92 Chg 1060.
- 6. Jake Bennett Website £1000.00 Chg 1061
- 7. Emporium Steps Ltd £12.00 Chg 1062
- 8. ICO £35.00 Chq 1063 Data protection.
- 9. E.on Gas £27.16 DD
- 10. SSe Electric £37.80 refund dd
- 11. Plus Net phone and broadband £22.99 dd
- 12. Maws Craft Centre Rent £213.75.
- **b.** Consider Grant to Holy Trinity Coalbrookdale. It was RESOLVED to grant £400.00.
- **c.** Consider joining SALC. It was RESOLVED not to join the organisation.
- d. Consider Grant to Crucial Crew. It was RESOLVED to grant £250.00.
- e. Precept Telford and Wrekin Council £31821.00 Received. Noted.

FC/2016/93: Pride in your high street. A. update and date of first committee meeting.

A meeting with TWC officers regarding the flower bed on the High Street was very productive with verbal agreements regarding clearance of the site and a planting scheme arranged.

FC/2016/94: Annual Parish Meeting. Three good presentations were made and further information about Telford and Wrekin Cuts were presented. Clerk to circulate documents.

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FC/2016/95: Correspondence: a.

- a. Warmer Marches Communications Pack.
- b. Thank you letter from Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival.
- c. Telford and Wrekin Bus Users Group.
- d. Clerks and Councils Direct.
- e. Rodington Parish Council newsletter.
- f. The Hype magazine.
- g. Parish Council copied into a letter regarding re building of a wall Hodge Bower.
- h. VIP Invitation to Crucial Crew 13th July 2016.
- i. Information about Tesco Community Scheme. https://www.groundword.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/Pages/large-grants-tes
- j. FloodRe Making insurance available and affordable for homes affected by flooding (forwarded by TWC).
- k. Complaint received from a resident to walking festival regarding parking at Maws forwarded to Maws Craft Centre Administration.
- l. Query from Walking Festival regarding right of way or not through Reynolds Wharf Coalport. Clerk has explained current position.

m. Invitation to Coalbrookdale Scout AGM Day 29th June 6pm-8pm.

FC/2016/96: Any other business: (Only items advertised should be discussed and decided upon. Items can be suggested for the next meeting). Clerk to report Japanese Knotweed on land behind the bus stop in Coalport. Information about further signage has been obtained and further signage may be available. The railings along the private road through the museums' at Coalbrookdale is unsafe clerk to report.

FC/2016/97: Date of next meeting: Planning 7th June 2016 and Full Council 21st June 2016. The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.