

The Gorge Parish Council

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting of The Gorge Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 in The Gorge Parish Council Office

FC/2016/60: Public Session: Ironbridge Business Consortium. Two members of the consortium attended the meeting. They explained the consortium is a loose network of retail, hospitality and craft businesses within the Ironbridge Gorge. Bi-monthly meetings are held usually attended by around 12 members. It has been working for around six months and there is a good communication flow developing. Whilst the group was set up to discuss visitor experience and numbers it has already engaged with others over the pavement project, flooding issues and roadworks. The WHS Steering group was attended. There is a willingness to work with the parish council to develop a Christmas event. To add to just a switch on event with perhaps a late night shopping evening for the whole of December. The leading members have no big ambitions but want to be realistic in what can be achieved. A dialogue has started with Destination Telford. The Pride in your high street bid still remains of interest especially signposting. The group are happy to send a representative to be on a committee regarding Christmas lights. **Their next meeting is 11th May a Parish Councillor will attend.** The Christmas event is important to the businesses. The Walkers are Welcome status was discussed and further discussions will be needed to ensure there is business support for the status.

FC/2016/61: Apologies and Attendance: Apologies were received from Borough Councillor J Greenaway. Present Councillors Bennett, Rhoden, White, Hodge, Hobson, Healy, Bragg and Oldershaw. Borough Councillor Lowery and Mollett were also present.

FC/2016/62: Dispensations. None required.

FC/2016/63: Borough Councillors: Councillors Jayne Greenaway and Clive Mollett and Nic Lowery: Borough Councillor Mollett reported he has had three visitors to his monthly surgeries at Horsehay. He was able to help the residents.

Borough Councillor Lowery reported:

The footways project is progressing well with 400 metres of paviour laid. The plans are to have completed the project by the end of May. There is not likely to be a one way system needed. There have been a lot of positive comments about the works and the contractors. The proposed traffic survey for early June will be able to go ahead from 13th June 2016. **There are three sites for clerk to query.** The responsible authority for the collapsed mine surrounded by heras fencing on Lodge Field has now been established and Telford and Wrekin Council will be designing a scheme to protect the area as economically as possible. The scheme will include fencing off the area and some landscape solutions. The Lodge Field group will be consulted. There is funding in the current financial year to improve HGV signage for Jiggers Bank. A paper about criteria for speed reduction will be forwarded by Councillor Bragg. Borough Councillor Lowery will hold a surgery on 30th April at the YHA Café Coalport.

FC/2016/64: Environmental and highways issues.

- a. Roadmen works and re tender. The works carried out note. It was RESOLVED to ask for photographs of works carried out. It was RESOLVED to ask A & B Landscaping to continue with the current arrangements for a further six months whilst the future is decided on how funds in this area are spent.
- b. Friends of Dale End Park (update) Councillor Healy. No progress on the formation of a group. it is planned to have a walk around with Telford and Wrekin to find out what interested residents want from the park and want to contribute.
- c. Rights of way project. **Clerk to discuss** with TWC officer what map he is going to provide.
- d. Consider way forward with PET and Environmental budget cuts. Deferred.
- e. Ironbridge Pavement project. See Borough council report.
- f. Telford and Wrekin Council permit scheme consultation. (Utilities works). Noted.
- g. Information about resurfacing of highways in Lightmoor. Noted.
- h. Information about transfer of land to BVT management. Noted.
- i. SIDS extra programme update. The programme should start at the end of April.

FC/2015/65: Reports from outside bodies Parish Council is represented on:

Councillor Oldershaw reported that the WHS Steering group had met and discussed the future of the power station, there is no news on its future. The management plan consultation was also discussed with the public consultation likely to be in late June into July. The engineering team and planning team at Telford and Wrekin Council are currently being revamped with some jobs being lost. As part of this two officers whose expertise in The Ironbridge Gorge are competing for one job. It was agreed a letter of concern should be written about the loss of the expertise.

FC/2016/66: 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 meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2016 and Tuesday 5th April 2016.

FC/2016/67: Matters Arising: a. various matters raised with TWC (see Report). none.

- b **Local Council awards.** A letter will be written.

FC/2016/68: Planning: a. New Applications: a. It was RESOLVED to make the following comments.

TWC/2016/0319	N/A	The Bungalow, Church Road, Jackfield, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7ND	Felling of 1no. Beech tree and crown reduction to 1no. Beech tree with the removal of 3m overhanging limb	11/04/2016	02/05/2016
No comment.					
TWC/2016/0318	N/A	Saint Kilda, Dale Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DT	Felling of 1no. Yew tree	11/04/2016	02/05/2016
The Gorge Parish Council notes the applicant has ticked the box stating there is a tree preservation order on this tree. Therefore the Parish Council ask the Borough Council arbourcultrist inspect the tree.					
TWC/2016/0297	N/A	Strethill Lodge, 10 Strethill Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7EY	Erection of a single storey side extension incorporating existing outbuilding to front to form 2 new bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and living accommodation	06/04/2016	27/04/2016
No comment.					
TWC/2016/0294	N/A	28 Church Hill, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7PZ	Replacement of existing shed	06/04/2016	27/04/2016
No comment					
TWC/2016/0287	N/A	15 Dale View, Dale Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DL	Replacement of all existing windows with double glazed timber windows	05/04/2016	26/04/2016
The Gorge Parish Council has no objection to the replacement of the windows. However many of the other properties along Dale View have triptic style.					
TWC/2016/0272	N/A	Picnic Area, Bower Yard, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire	Felling of 4no. Sycamore trees, 3no. Ash trees, 2no. Birch trees, 2no. Rowan trees and 20no. Small Broadleaves		
No Comment.					

b. Decisions See list of decisions.

- **TWC/2016/0031** Creation of a driveway at the front of the house 36 Paradise Coalbrookdale. **Withdrawn.**
- **TWC/2016/0184** Felling of 1 Blue Leylandii tree. 17 Hodge Bower Ironbridge. **Trees in Conservation Area.**

- c. World Heritage Site Draft management plan consultation. Chair will collate the responses.
- d. How decisions are made regarding consultation on amended plans. **Clerk to ask** if it is possible for amendments to trigger an alert to people who have responded to consultation.
- e. Appeal Decision: APP/C3240/C15/3132615 appeal is dismissed. 24 Woodside Coalbrookdale. Noted.
- f. Any other planning matters. **Clerk to** follow up queries re previous enforcement reports. 26 Church Road Coalbrookdale, fence around Old School House Coalbrookdale. **Clerk to** report outbuilding at 51 Wellington Road and outbuilding at 48 Coalford.

FC/2016/69: Christmas lights. **Defer until** planning meeting.

FC/2016/70: War Memorials: a. Clerk now has 3 quotes two have to be sent to War Memorial Trust and 75% can be applied for. It was RESOLVED touse the two quotes provided from Eura Conservation and IMI. Clerk to apply costs to Parish council will be £2865.50 (preferred quote) and £1061.25. **Clerk to** point out on application form why the more expensive quote is the preferred one. It was RESOLVED list the Ironbridge War Memorial as p co art of the national project to list as many free standing war memorials as possible to mark the first world war.

FC/2016/71: Financial: a. Invoices to pay: a. It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

	Gross Amount	Net	VAT	Chq no
Coalport Village Hall	50.00			1044
Emporium Steps	36.00	30.00	6.00	1045
A & B Landscaping	490.00			1046
Lyreco	479.66	471.72	7.94	1047
Madeley Print Shop	420.00			1048
Mrs J Madeley	1036.48			1049
Shropshire County Pension	177.28			1050
HMRC	200.03			1051
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Telford and Wrekin Council Business Rat	0			

- b.** Consider grant to Ironbridge Brass Band. It was RESOLVED to pay £500.00.
- c.** Consider a grant to Jackfield Village Hall. It was RESOLVED to pay £750.00.
- d.** Consider grant to Friends of St Mary's Jackfield. It was RESOLVED to pay £100.00.
- e.** Consider grant to Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Community Centre. It was RESOLVED to pay £1500.00.
- f.** Consider grant to Crucial Crew. It was RESOLVED to ask the applicant to complete a grant form.
- g.** Valuation Office Agency. Draft rateable value. (Information about the new rateable value due next year.) noted.
- h.** Consider purchasing GIS map facility from Telford and Wrekin Council £100.00. clerk to invite the team to do a presentation at the July planning meeting.
- i.** Debit card application. Conditions of use and when to be used. It was RESOLVED to use the points below as a policy. Clerk to run it past the internal auditor for advice before ordering the card.
1. The card is only used for permitted uses.
 2. Permitted use will be purchase of stamps for newsletter and day to day postage. Receipts to be produced.
 3. Purchase of goods agreed beforehand at a parish council meeting.
 4. Can be used in extreme circumstances in accordance with financial regulations.

FC/2016/72: Pride in your high street. A. committee terms of reference. It was RESOLVED to use these terms of reference:

1. A committee of four parish councillors and up to 2 representatives of the business consortium will form a committee.
2. The committee will manage the project for its duration.
3. The Committee will only spend the funds granted as part of the Pride in your High Street Grant and the agreed Parish Council contribution. No more than £60000.00 in total.
4. The committee will cease to exist once the project is complete.
5. Only Parish Councillors will have a vote.
6. The committee will only make decisions regarding the agreed grant objectives.
7. If the objectives change the full council will have to agree them first.
8. The committee will have an ability to co opt anyone with relevant expertise.

FC/2016/73: Annual Parish Meeting: The annual parish meeting will be on 11th May 2016 at Coalport Village Hall.

FC/2016/74: Correspondence: a. Request from Telford and Wrekin Council to support the retention of A & E services in Telford.

- a. Living on the edgeAa guide to your rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership. (Emailed out). Do you want a copy? Link on website.
- b. Flood prevention measures. Article on website.
- c. Good Councillors Guide 2016 (do you want a downloadable copy?) Link on website.
- d. Senior Citizens Forum newsletter link <http://twseniors.org.uk/>
- e. Information about Festival Telford
- f. Update on the superfast-broadband Telford project.
- g. Information about child workers.
- h. Came & Co (insurance brokers) spring newsletter and useful information.
- i. Local Council Advisory Service. Information.
- j. List of re enactment groups attending the WW2 event.
- k. Crime Figures for both policing areas Jan 2016

FC/2016/75: Any other business: (Only items advertised should be discussed and decided upon. Items can be suggested for the next meeting). None.

FC/2016/76: Date of next meeting: Planning 3rd May 2016 and Full Council 17th May 2016 Annual Meeting at The Gorge Parish Council office Maws Craft Centre. Annual Parish Meeting 11th May 2016 Coalport Village Hall. The meeting was declared closed at 9pm.