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Minutes for the Full Council meeting of The Gorge Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th July at 7pm.

FC/2017/100: Public Session: no members of the public attended.

FC/2017/101: Attendance and Apologies: Councillors Oldershaw, Bragg, Bennett, Horden, Rhoden, Healy and Hobson were present. Apologies were received from Councillor White, the Clerk Gavin Patience, and Borough Councillors Lowery and Greenaway.

FC/2017/102: Dispensations. Councillor Rhoden has links to Lightmoor Primary School and did not take part in discussion for item 107d.

FC/2017/103: Borough Councillors: Written reports were submitted by Councillors Greenaway and Lowery.

Councillor Greenaway will be attending the inaugural Lightmoor Wildlife Steering Group. She recently attended the Lightmoor Community meeting where the circular walking route on the parish boundary was raised. Councillor Greenaway will encourage Dawley Hamlets Parish Council to liaise with BVT to open up this public right of way. At the same meeting the issue of a non working SID outside the school was also raised and Councillor Greenaway has requested a replacement.

Councillor Lowery reported that the traffic light at the junction of Calcutts Road and Ironbridge Road will be removed and returned to a give way junction following a series of problems with the lights.

Traffic monitoring on the Wharfage has been carried out during July and data will be compared to that collected in July 2016. An additional counter was placed outside Darlington's following concerns raised about the locations of the other counters. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) are now in place and will remain for an extra week due to some works taking place on the Wharfage this week. A meeting involving the Parish council will be held to consider the data.

Conveyors 6 and 7 and the conveyor tower at Ironbridge Power Station will be demolished ahead of other demolition works on the site. The process will take around 10 weeks. Uniper have been urged to liaise with the local community and have appointed a company to do this.

Conversations continue with Network Rail regarding the rail infrastructure including the viaducts.

Telford and Wrekin Council and the Environment Agency are investigating the iron oxide pollution in the Coal Brook. There is no risk to the public but potential harm to aquatic invertebrates. Once the source of the pollution is found a solution will be sought.

FC/2017/104: Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 4th July and Full Council meeting of 20th June: On the Planning Meeting minutes reference to District Council officers was amended to Borough Council. The question about the management plan for Rough Park and details of the LNR designation were added to the minutes. The minutes were then approved. Approval of the Full Council minutes was deferred to the September meeting as some financial information was missing.

FC/2017/105: Matters arising. It was agreed that the matters arising list would not form part of the agenda in future, but be presented as a separate document.

Item 6n, the damaged Coalport Hall overspill car park sign has been repaired.

Item 6o, temporary closure of Coalport Memorial Bridge during the Remembrance Day Service. It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer to request a PCSO to be present on the day. Councillor Hobson to make the offer to the Royal British Legion.

FC/2017/106: Environmental and highways issues. The purchasing of uniform was deferred until the Clerk is back in work.

FC/2017/107: Financials:

a) The following were approved for payment

Trans No	Cheque no	Gross	VAT	Net	Invoice Date	Invoice Details	Cheque Total
44	D/D	£11.47	£0.91	£10.87	13-Jun-17	E.on Gas	£11.47
45	180	3.35			18.7.2017	Clerk; stamps	£3.35
46	DD	213.75			1.7.2017	July Rent	£213.75
47	181	461.4	£76.90	£384.50	23.06.2017	TFM (Pride)	£461.40
48	182	18	£3.00	£15.00	18.7.2017	Tax assist	£18.00
49	DD	41.21			4.7.2017	Plus Net	£41.21
50	183	£143.70	£23.95	£119.75	7.7.2017	VISS	£143.70
51	184	683.87			18.07.2017	Clerk , July	£683.87
52	185	55.66			18.07.2017	HMRC	£55.66
53	186	196.04			18.07.2017	Shrops Pensions	£196.04
54	187	691.33			18.07.2017	Clerk, August	£691.33
55	188	55.66			18.07.2017	HMRC August	£55.66
56	189	196.04			18.07.2017	Shrops Pensions	£196.04
TOTALS		£2,771.48					£2,771.48

b) Councillor Bennett had completed the financial reconciliation and all was correct. The next review will be in 3 months.

c) The quarterly financial report was approved. It was noted that figures were gross and some VAT will be claimed back.

d) A £200 grant to Lightmoor Primary School was approved. It was agreed that before the grant for Jackfield Village Hall could be determined a copy of the accounts and the group's constitution including confirmation of any payments made to committee members needed to be submitted.

e) the item was deferred until the Clerk returns to work.

FC/2017/108: Office lease renewal. It was agreed to renew the lease for the coming year.

FC/2017/109: Christmas lights. The report from Councillor Healy was considered and the following was resolved –

- Enquiries to be made to the Parish Council's insurers to determine under what circumstances the policy could provide cover for the switch on event.
- If the Parish Council does decide to provide insurance cover, the risk assessment and other details about the management of the event including parking and crowd management will need to be approved by the Parish Council.
- TWC need to advise if it is appropriate for the Parish Council to apply for the road closure if we are not organising the event.
- The Parish Council would purchase the small trees and add them to our asset register, subject to written confirmation that there will be no additional costs to the CMK contract for putting up the trees and storing them.
- The purchase of the trees is based on the understanding that Ironbridge Business Consortium will raise sufficient funds to reimburse the Parish Council, ideally within the current financial year and certainly within two years.
- The large trees are to be purchased from the event budget, including any costs associated with putting them up and taking them down.
- A list of corporate sponsors can be promoted on the Parish Council's website.
- The above demonstrates the Parish Council's commitment to supporting the IBC to develop a Christmas Lights Committee that will be entirely independent of the Council by the end of this electoral term.

FC/2017/110: Newsletter Distribution. The Clerk to investigate print and post options for the next edition of the newsletter. To be reported to the September Full Council meeting.

FC/2017/111: Rights of Way. It was resolved to refer the enquiry about replacement way marker discs on the South Telford Way to the Strowp Project Officer, Alec Connah. A number of queries were raised at the Rights of Way drop in session organised by the Parish Council last year. Responses have been returned for most of these. Some paths are not on the definitive plan and will need applications, however, these cannot come from the Parish Council, only from individual residents. A summary of the queries and responses will be made available to the public.

FC/2017/112: Groups that TGPC is represented on.

World Heritage Site Steering Group. Councillor Oldershaw had circulated a report from the Borough Council. A key item to note was that action is now underway to restore the Jackfield Crossing gates. They will need to be removed from site for repair.

English Heritage have now appointed a contractor for the works to the Iron Bridge and scaffolding should go up from September and a public drop in session is planned for the next few weeks.

Walking Festival / Walkers are Welcome: It was resolved that the Parish Council did not wish to form a Walkers are Welcome committee following the Walking Festival Committee withdrawing their membership. The Walking Festival events will be unaffected by this decision.

FC/2017/113: Items for the next agenda. Christmas lights, newsletter, Jackfield Village Hall and report from the Personnel Committee.

FC/2017/114: Dates of next meetings: Planning 5th September and Full Council 19th September 2017. As there are no meetings in August, the usual protocol for dealing with planning application comments will be in place.

