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Minutes for the Full Council meeting of The Gorge Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th September at 7pm.

FC/2017/115: Public Session: Two members of the Reynolds Wharf Residents Association attended to ask about the process to determine if the path through the development is a right of way or not, and enquire about the possible implications for land owners.

FC/2017/116: Attendance and Apologies: Councillors Oldershaw, Bragg, Bennett, Horden, Rhoden, Healy, Hobson and Borough Councillor Greenaway were present. Apologies were received from the Clerk Gavin Patience, and Borough Councillor Lowery. Absent – Borough Councillor Mehta

FC/2017/117: Dispensations. Councillor Healy's company are involved in the planning application TWC/2017/0730 and associated Listed Building application, and so she did not take part in discussions for that item.

FC/2017/118: Borough Councillors:

Councillor Greenaway had attended the inaugural Lightmoor Wildlife Steering Group and had queried with the organisers why The Gorge Parish Council were not invited. She shared the minutes and terms of reference. Councillor Rhoden will be attending the next meeting. Councillor Bennett asked about snow clearance in Lightmoor. Councillor Greenaway confirmed that BVT will provide grit bins and grit in BVT owned areas, other roads were the responsibility of the developers but enquiries suggested that they would not be carrying out and gritting or providing grit bins. The bus route through the village will be gritted by TWC who have offered to grit more areas but there would need to be a recharge for the service. The earliest this could be in place is January 2018. Dawley Parish Council have been asked to coordinate weed spraying on Little Green Avenue with that of the The Gorge Parish Council. The issue of Lightmoor Way traffic priorities was still to be resolved.

Councillor Lowery submitted a written report. She is supporting the Parish council and residents to resolve the issue of the footpath through Reynolds Wharf. Work to erect the scaffolding on the Iron Bridge will be allowed to continue during weekends up to 1st October to ensure all is in place ready for the crane lifted beams to be lowered into place. Demolition of the two conveyors at Ironbridge Power Station has started and should take around 6 weeks to complete. Councillor Lowery had attended a meeting together with Councillor's Oldershaw and Healy, the managers of Aftab's and Cleo's, and officers from TWC to discuss recent spates of anti-social behaviour and the location of commercial bins on the High Street. A new location had been agreed for the bins, the businesses had made operational changes to minimise disturbance to neighbours, and local residents have noise diary sheets to record issues. Further to the meeting, Councillor Lowery has discussed with the local policing team who are establishing a Risk Management Plan to record actions and decisions relating to anti-social behaviour in the Gorge. The Police and Crime Commissioner is planning to give a presentation sometime in October about future plans for local policing and how these may address some of the local issues. Traffic speeds continue to be monitored along the Wharfage. Data to date suggests a slight increase in speeds. 20mph roundels have been painted onto the road and a new 20mph sign has been ordered for Dale End roundabout. The borough council is replacing cash only parking machines with ones that will accept chip and pin and

contactless payments. The New Bridge Road temporary closure is likely to be in place by mid October. Tickets are still available for the World Heritage UK conference and a discretionary fee is available for local residents. Bollards have been installed at the bottom of Bridge Bank to prevent HGVs from mounting the curb and additional signage and barriers are being looked into to deter HGVs using that route.

FC/2017/119: Minutes of the Full Council meetings of 20th June and 18th July and Planning Meeting of 5th September: The Full Council meeting minutes for June and July were approved. Councillor Healy had declared dispensation for planning applications TWC/2016/0554 and TWC/2017/0653 as her company have produced documents submitted with the applications.

FC/2017/120: Items outstanding: The speed humps in Dale End Park have been reinstalled.

FC/2017/121: Casual Vacancy at Lightmoor: The Clerk has requested the notice from TWC so that the vacancy can be advertised.

FC/2017/122: Financials:

a) The following were approved for payment

Trans No	Cheque no	Gross	VAT	Net	Invoice Date	Invoice Details	Cheque Total
58	DD	£213.75		£213.75	1/8/17	Maws rent Aug	£213.75
59	DD	£15.58	£0.74		31/7/17	Eon Gas	£15.58
60	191	£150.00		£150.00	6/7/17	Refill planters	£150.00
61	DD	£42.17	£6.87		2/8/17	Plusnet phone	£42.17
62	192	£100		£100	21/7/17	SALC training Avon	£100
63	193	£100		£100	19/7/17	SALC training Gavin	£100
64	194	£18.00	£3.00	£15.00	28/7/17	Tax Assist Aug	£18.00
65	DD	£36.18	£1.72	£34.46	5/8/17	SSE Electricity	£36.18
66	196	£12.00	£2.00	£10.00	22/8/17	Emporium steps	£12.00
67	195	£18.00	£3.00	£15.00	25/8/17	Tax Assist Sept	£18.00
68	DD	£213.75		£213.75	1/9/17	Maws rent Sept	£213.75
69	197	£691.33		£691.33		Clerk salary Sept	£691.33
70	198	£55.60		£55.60		HMRC tax, NIC Sept	£55.60
71	199	£196.04		£196.04		Pension Sept	£196.04
72	DD	£40.98		£40.98	1/9/17	Plusnet phone	£40.98
73	200	£140.14		£140.14	19/9/17	Lyreco work wear	£140.14
74	201	£48.00	£8.00	£40.00	11/8/17	Emporium steps	£48.00
TOTALS		£2091.52	£17.33	£1845.07			£2091.52
Income							
5		£2285.76			20/7/17	HMRC tax rebate	
6		£93.60			4/9/17	Allotment insurance payment	

b) The purchase of uniform for the Parish Environment Team was approved.

c) Following the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, it was reported that the external audit has been concluded and that the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met.

There was an error which was repeated from the previous 2015/16 return, and so the Council had to correct the statement.

The statement of accounts and the conclusion of the audit will be published by 30th September including the rights of inspection and the address at which, and the hours during which, those rights may be exercised.

FC/2017/123: Sign office lease renewal. Deferred.

FC/2017/124: Christmas lights. Following advise from the Council's insurers, it was determined that the Christmas lights switch on event should be covered by a separate insurance policy. The Parish council will apply for the road closure.

FC/2017/125: Newsletter Printing and Distribution. Councillors agreed that posting the Gazette was the preferred method of distribution. Clarification was needed on the lowest quote before it could be approved. Councillors were asked to supply articles by 13th October.

FC/2017/126: Jackfield Village Hall. The grant application was refused as the village hall committee members take an honorarium payment amounting to a significant proportion of the grant applied for.

FC/2017/127: Grant application form. Councillors to send comments on the revised form to the clerk by 25 September.

FC/2017/128: Personnel Committee Report. The recommendations of the Personnel Committee were approved. These related to extending the probationary period for the Clerk, approving training, and noting the period of sick leave.

FC/2017/129: TWC Local Plan: The Parish Council noted the removal of the support for a large hotel development within or around Ironbridge. The Parish Council supported the inclusion of the importance of green infrastructure in relation to the appreciation of the historic environment. It was noted that the increase in the area of H5 was due to an incorrect measurement in the first draft and that there would be no increase in the number of dwellings on the site.

FC/2017/130: Report on Licence Consultations with Enforcement Officer. Noted.

FC/2017/131: Maws Centre Tenants Association. It was resolved not to join the tenants association to avoid any future potential conflicts of interest.

FC/2017/131: Planning applications and decisions

TWC/2017/0735	Eastfield House, Buildwas Road, Ironbridge	Crown reduction by up to 1.5m to 1no. Yew tree and crown reduction by 1.5m to 1no. Magnolia tree	No comment
TWC/2017/0732	48 Newbridge Road, Ironbridge	Felling of 1no. Spruce tree, crown reduction by 3m to 1no. Birch tree and recoppice of 1no. Hazel tree	No comment

TWC/2017/0729	The Old Vicarage, 28 Church Road, Coalbrookdale	Resurfacing of existing pathways, ramps and upper terrace, replacement of existing stepped pathway leading to car park and steps to the north and south of the dwelling, repair and rebuild path drainage and existing garden walling, installation of 3no. replacement gates and repair and replace existing rainwater goods (Listed Building Application)	No comment
TWC/2017/0730	The Old Vicarage, 28 Church Road, Coalbrookdale	Resurfacing of existing pathways, ramps and upper terrace, replacement of existing stepped pathway leading to car park and steps to the north and south of the dwelling, repair and rebuild path drainage and existing garden walling, installation of 3no. replacement gates and repair and replace existing rainwater goods (Full Planning Application)	No comment
TWC/2017/0715	45 Lincoln Hill, Ironbridge	Removal of existing window to facilitate the installation of a door	No comment
TWC/2017/0687	38 Coalford, Jackfield	Felling of 1no. Cherry tree and reduction of height by 30% to 1no. Hawthorn tree	No comment
TW/2017/0686	Land adjacent & site of Ivydale, High Street, Coalport	Front bow reduction by up to 10m on 1no. Ash tree	No comment
TWC/2017/0685	6 Paradise, Coalbrookdale	Felling of 1no. Chery tree and 1no. Sycamore tree	No comment
TWC/2017/0684	2 Wesley Road, Ironbridge	Erection of a metal fence and gate to rear and installation of metal railings to top of existing front brick wall	No comment
TWC/2017/0681	Dane House, 15 Madeley Road, Ironbridge	The re-painting of the front and side elevations, the re-painting of the existing front door, door surround, storm porch, lintels and windowsill	No comment
TWC/2017/0682	Land rear of 47 Coalford, Jackfield	Reduction of branches by 9m to boundary line of 47 Coalford to 4no. Cherry trees	No comment

Planning Decisions:

TWC/2017/0627 Land South of Reynolds Wharf, Coalport; Trees in a Conservation Area . Granted

TWC/2017/0443 - 8 Ladywood, Jackfield, Change of use from outbuilding to holiday let Full
Granted

TWC/2017/0392 The White Horse Inn Lincoln Hill change of use from Public house to Hotel
Withdrawn.

FC/2017/132: Items for next agenda and for information. Grit bins and gritting.

FC/2017/133: dates of next meetings. Planning 3rd October 2017 and Full Council 17th October 2017.