



The Gorge Parish Council

Unit C22

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Minutes of the planning meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at The Parish Council Office Unit C22 Maws Craft Centre Jackfield TF8 7LS

PL/ 2017/72 Public Session: no members of the public attended

PL/2017/73 Reports from Highways Department of Telford and Wrekin Council

a) **Adam Brookes** gave a summary relating to the state of repair and proposed replacement of the metal railings next to The Wharfage footpath. In summary, there were three options available to the Council : First, repair ,refurbish and replace the existing rails. This would no doubt reveal further defects and because of that , was not seen as a preferred option. Secondly, remove existing rails and replace with a matching design, including a steel core extending into the stone foundations. The Third Option suggested replacement with a new “off the shelf” design constructed from polyurethane , steel or iron. Councillors asked if a Fourth option may be to replace with new cast iron , but Mr Brookes did not see this as a cost effective alternative. In previous meetings , there had been a suggestion , that any money savings on the replacement railings would be reinvested in other work along the Wharfage , but Mr Brookes could not give any guarantees here , as a lot of monies had been spent on the road works this summer .He did however agree to look into the possibility of putting iron railings on the path from Tontine Hill to Severnside, replacing wooden ones . After some discussion , it was felt appropriate that all 3 options should be open to public consultation , and Mr Brookes agreed to send the Clerk a synopsis of all 3 options , although he restated his doubts about the feasibility of Option No. 1.

b) **Phil Evans** from TWC circulated a report on the post - scheme, traffic speed findings , indicating that on average the speeds were recorded at about 21 mph. It was felt that the speed roundels and traffic calming measures at Dale End had contributed to this result and that, on balance , it was not appropriate to reinstall the speed bumps (although they were in storage and could be refixed , if speeding became a problem again).

PL/2017/74 Attendance and Apologies: Cllr P Rhoden presented his apologies

PL/2017/75 Dispensations: there were none recorded

PL/2017/76 The Planning Applications and Decisions set out below , were noted , and the Council had no comments to make on them .

PL/2017/77 Consideration of Provisional Enquiries from:

a) Shropshire Raft Tours Ltd (PE/2017/0868) to install 8 bike racks next to the Museum of the Gorge was noted and comments would be filed that any application to extend the operating period of the green kiosk (currently from Easter to end of September) should require a new planning application .

b) Severn Trent Water PE/2017/0872 for installation of new water mains across the Ironbridge was noted and there would be no comments

c) Uniper ,in respect of works at the Power Station was noted . The Clerk would circulate copies of the notice and comments would be filed on Shropshire Council's planning portal.

PL/2017/78. Reports from communities:

Cllr Healy had been approached by a resident who was suggesting community work in Coalbrookdale - for example, repairs to the bus shelter . It was agreed that this should go through Keith Slater

Cllr Bragg asked if the drains in Coalbrookdale down to Dale End could be cleaned by machines , when SGCT close Jiggers Bank. It was agreed that the Council would liaise with SGCT when the works can be carried out.

The Council will also enquire if the former platforms at Coalport and Jackfield could be cleared of overgrowth

Cllr Bennett asked if the PET contractor could be asked to clear shrubs etc from around the "Ironbridge " Signs. Agreed to liaise with Keith Slater

Cllr Bragg was pleased to let the Council know that a generous donation of £150 had been received from the Veg and Produce Show held at the Greenwood Centre and thanks were due to Lesley Norfolk , who organized the day .

PL/2017/078 Dates of next meetings: next Full Council meeting, 17th October 2017 at 7pm; next Planning Meeting , Tuesday 6th November 2017 at 6pm

The meeting finished at 7.15pm

1. Planning Applications (see next page)

| Application or enforcement number | Appeal number | Site Address | Description of proposal | Date consultation received | Reply by date |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|--|----------------------------|---------------|
| TWC/2017/0756 | N/A | 24 & Four Winds, Madeley Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7RA | Resurfacing of shared driveway | 21/09/2017 | 12/10/2017 |
| TWC/2017/0755 | N/A | 10 Cherry Tree Hill, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7EF | Reduction by 30% to 1no. Sycamore tree | 21/09/2017 | 12/10/2017 |
| TWC/2017/0753 | N/A | Tontine Hotel, The Square, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7AL | Felling of 1no. Sycamore tree | 21/09/2017 | 12/10/2017 |
| TWC/2017/0743 | N/A | Severn Trent Water Pumping Station, Severnside, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire | Creation of a access track | 15/09/2017 | 06/10/2017 |
| TWC/2017/0746 | N/A | 98 The Knowle, Jackfield, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7LF | Felling of 1no. Sycamore tree | 15/09/2017 | 06/10/2017 |
| TWC/2017/0738 | N/A | 2 Belle Vue Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7PY | Felling of 1no. Sycamore tree | 14/09/2017 | 05/10/2017 |

TWC/2017/0768; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Community Hall. Darby Road ; felling of 1 no Cherry tree and lifting crown to 2.5m of 2x Cherry trees

TWC/2017/0767; erection of 1m high railing on existing stone wall TWC/2017/0767 at Woodland Grange , 48 Lincoln hill Ironbridge TF8 7QA

2. Decisions

TWC/2017/0656 ; Highfields, Station Road, Coalbrookdale, TF8 7DR ; Trees in Conservation Area ; Granted

