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Minutes for the Full Council meeting of The Gorge Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st November at 7pm.

FC/2017/150: Public Session: No members of the public attended the meeting.

FC/2017/151: Attendance and Apologies: Councillors Oldershaw, Bragg, Bennett, Rhoden, Healy and Borough Councillor Greenaway were present. Apologies were received from Councillor Hobson and Borough Councillor Lowery. Absent – councillor Horden and Borough Councillor Mehta.

FC/2017/152: Dispensations. None

FC/2017/153: Borough Councillors:

Councillor Greenaway reported that residents in Lightmoor were sourcing their own quotes for gritting the village to compare to the quotation obtained by BVT which equates to £30 per household. She had recently attended the BVT consultation meeting. Issues raised included the annual management charge and IRS upgrade. The meeting was not well attended, and the findings have not yet been published. Upcoming local events include the Christmas crafts night on 30th November and Tea with Santa on 20 December. Both at the Oak Tree Centre.

Councillor Lowery submitted a written report. Evidence is still being collected to determine the status of the alleged path through Reynolds Wharf and a public meeting to set out the process, attended by the Rights of Way Officer, was planned for the 22nd November. She confirmed the £36,000 investment by the Borough Council to improve the two public toilet blocks in Ironbridge. The Borough Council Enforcement Team were due to send letters to residents leaving their bins on the pavement along High Street and discussions were still ongoing with businesses. As has been reported, planning permission has been granted for the demolition of the power station. A public consultation session is still planned and is likely to be held once the demolition contractor is appointed. Key issues for the Gorge area are hours of operation for demolition, protecting the rail infrastructure for future use, HGV routes and transport plans to avoid drivers going through the Ironbridge Gorge and these have been conditioned as part of the planning consent. Councillor Lowery has requested that should the planning officer be minded to approve application TWC/2017/0873 - glamping & camping site, Wesley Road, Ironbridge, it should be called in to be considered by planning committee.

FC/2017/154: Minutes of the Full Council meeting of 17th October and Planning Meeting of 7th November: The Full Council meeting minutes were amended to include the list of attendees and apologies – in attendance Cllrs Oldershaw, Bragg, Bennett, Healy, Hobson, Rhoden and Horden and Borough Councillor Lowery. Apologies from Borough Councillors Greenaway and Mehta. Also to note that the Councillors did approve the list of payments. The planning minutes were amended to correct a typing error.

FC/2017/155: Items outstanding: The street name sign on Church Road has been replaced. Work on footpath 177 has been completed. The pot hole at the side of Hiscock's shop has been filled. The hedge along Coalport Canal has been cut back,

FC/2017/156: Co-option for Vacancy at Lightmoor: there has been no interest in the position so far. Cllr Oldershaw to seek advice from the monitoring officer on how to proceed.

FC/2017/157: Planning

TWC/2017/0909	Half Moon Inn, 174 Salthouse Road, Jackfield, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7LP	Erection of a single storey front extension, storage building and external drinks bar (Part Retrospective)	No comment
TWC/2017/0910	27 High Street, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7AD	Conversion of basement to 1no. flat and part of ground floor to 1no. self contained bedsit, reconfiguration of first and second floor rooms with associated external works (Listed Building Application)	No comment
TWC/2017/0908	27 High Street, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7AD	Conversion of basement to 1no. flat and part of ground floor to 1no. self contained bedsit, reconfiguration of first and second floor rooms with associated external works (Full Planning Application)	No comment
TWC/2017/0901	1 St Lukes Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7PU	Felling of 1no. Conifer tree and crown reduction by 3m of 1no. Hawthorne tree and 1no. Cherry tree	No comment
TWC/2017/0896	Brackenwood, Barnett Leasowes, Ironbridge Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7NB	Replacement of 15no. windows and 2no. doors	Object. The installation of uPVC windows is not in line with current planning and conservation area policy.
TWC/2017/0883	Dane House, 15 Madeley Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7QZ	Installation of 1no. replacement glazed panel door to front elevation	No comment

Pre- Applications

PE/2017/0961 - Site of 3 Southside, Church Hill, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire.

The Parish council is concerned about parking provision. There are no available spaces for guests.

PE/2017/0951 - Site of 4A The Woodlands, Woodlands Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire. The Parish Council has no objections in principle, subject to the details of the final plans.

Decisions were noted.

FC/2017/158: Financials:

a) The following were approved for payment. It was noted that the office rent payment was incorrect as the direct debit needs amending. This will be corrected in future payments. Payments made to Cllr Healy are reimbursements for payments made on her credit card as the parish council was unable to make such payments. One of the bank signatories was not present and so the Acting RFO counter signed reimbursement cheques payable to Cllr Healy.

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice	Details	date	Cheque	Total
87	501211	£11.67	£0.00	£11.67	12/10/17	Mrs M Bragg - Expenses for training			£11.67
88	501212	£12.00	£2.00	£10.00	17/10/17	ES Cleaning - Cleaning Oct			£12.00
89	DD EON	£15.58	£0.74	£14.84	15/10/17	EON Gas Oct			£15.58
90	DD SSE	£52.04	£2.48	£49.56	18/10/17	Southern Electric - Quarter 3 2017/18			£52.04
91	DD Maws	£247.50	£0.00	£247.50	01/11/17	Maws Craft Centre - Nov Rent			£247.50
92	501213	£405.06	£0.00	£405.06	21/11/17	Mr Gavin Patience - Holiday pay			£405.06
93	501214	£106.31	£0.00	£106.31	21/11/17	Mr Gavin Patience - Holiday pension			£106.31
94	501215	£46.10	£7.68	£38.42	04/10/17	W H Darby Ltd - Engraving chain			£46.10
95	501216	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	18/10/17	IMAP - Regular grant insurance			£500.00
96	501217	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	19/10/17	Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival - Regular grant leaflets			£300.00
97	501218	£72.00	£0.00	£72.00	07/11/17	RBL Poppy Appeal - Poppy wreaths			£72.00
98	501219	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00	06/11/17	Shropshire Association of Local Councils - Clerk training			£130.00
99	501220	£12.00	£2.00	£10.00	14/10/17	ES Cleaning - Cleaning Nov			£12.00
100	DD EON	£9.57	£0.46	£9.11	03/11/17	E.On - Gas Sept			£9.57
86	50122 1	£168.00	£0.00	£168.00	31/10/2017	Cllr Healy Hiscox Xmas event insurance			£168.00
101	501222	£457.64	£76.27	£381.37	13/11/17	Cllr Healy Amberon Ltd Traffic management Xmas event			£457.64

b) The following grants were approved
£500 to IMAP for the ongoing maintenance of Beeches Field and the insurance of volunteers.
£300 to the Walking Festival to support marketing, specifically printing of leaflets.

c) Internal financial control. Cllr Bennett had completed reconciliations for July to October 2017. All were correct.

d) Review of actions from internal audit. The following actions were agreed:

- All Minutes will be checked by councillors to ensure approval payments schedules are included in subsequent minutes - Review date Nov 2017
- It was agreed to add the month and year of purchase to all items in the asset register- Review date Nov 2017

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.

e) Review of assets. The assets were agreed as follows, and will be reviewed in March 2018.

The Gorge Parish Council Asset Register 2017		
Asset Register 01/04/2017	Cost	Date of purchase
Noticeboards		
Coalbrookdale x 2	£1,500.00	01/03/2009
Ironbridge	£550.00	01/03/2009
Coalport	£550.00	01/03/2009
Jackfield	£550.00	01/03/2009
Lightmoor	£550.00	01/03/2009
Office equipment		
IT laptop	£1,000.00	pre 2008
Printer	£275.00	12/07/2011
office furniture desks, tables, chairs, carpet	£4,000.00	pre 2008
Acer laptop	£476.00	07/03/2017
Other assets		
Picnic Benches Coalbrookdale	£660.00	07/10/2014
Christmas lights	£15,000.00	11/09/2009
Xmas trees	£1,050.00	06/10/2017
Litter bins	£547.00	17/04/2012
Chair insignia	£852.00	15/07/2008
Planters	Donation	
Final assets 2016/17	£27,560.00	

f) Proposed budget 2018/19

Councillors considered the budget including reviewing spend to date on the current budget to determine budgets for the next financial year. Budget setting will be finalised at the December meeting.

FC/2017/159: Highways and environmental.

a) Bins on High Street. The Parish Council has been pressing for action on this and there have been more complaints from residents. The Parish council will now write to Paul Fenn, enforcement officer requesting enforcement.

b) New Bridge Road. The Parish council noted Cllr Lowery's response, however, the work carried out was not what residents had expected and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to TWC to reiterate this.

c) Snow ploughs. It was noted that TWC had confirmed that all eight gritters were fitted with snow ploughs. The Gorge forms part of the critical network and is allocated a specific gritting route which can be ploughed if significant snowfall. In addition, there are local farmers equipped with snow ploughs and 250 snow wardens who can be called on to assist.

d) The public meeting regarding the alleged right of way through Reynolds Wharf was noted.

FC/2017/160: Recruitment of clerk. So far there had been three applications and three further enquiries.

FC/2017/161: Reports from groups TGPC is represented on.

a) Allotments. No report.

b) World Heritage Site Steering Group.

The WHS management plan has been adopted.

English Heritage will be adding more information panels to explain the Iron Bridge restoration project. Cllr Oldershaw had stressed to partners the need for proper consultation on the surface treatment for the bridge, and this had been agreed. Severn Trent Water will no longer be replacing the water main under the bridge. Partners felt this was a mistake and the WHSSG will be writing to STW. Hard hat tours will begin in January and volunteer led tours at Easter. Cllr Healy had contacted English Heritage separately to request additional lighting on the bridge should crowd funding exceed the target.

The chair of the WHSSG is retiring and Cllr Oldershaw had requested that this position be advertised, which was agreed by the steering group.

The WHSSG are writing to Network Rail to request that the rail lines and bridges to the power station are not neglected.

TWC are resistant to housing on the Aga site and would prefer to retain an industrial heritage use.

c) Christmas lights. The main Ironbridge tree had been damaged during installation. The contractors had carried out a repair and committed to include the provision of trees next year within the existing contract at no additional cost. It was agreed that this was a very generous offer. TGPC was concerned about the safety of the repair. Cllr Healy to check with the contractor to confirm liabilities should the repair fail. An update on the fundraising income was requested. The council thanked Cllr Healy for her efforts in bringing together a community committee to organise the switch on event.

FC/2017/162: Items for next agenda and for information.

Ongoing Wharfage speed monitoring.

Feedback on additional traffic monitoring during Wharfage closure.

Delegation for making comments on planning applications over the Christmas period to allow the meeting of 2nd January to be cancelled.

At a future meeting, to discuss the Coalbrookdale Foundry, including the dismantling of the site and future use.

FC/2017/163: dates of next meetings. Planning 5th December 2017 at 6pm and Full Council 19th December 2017 at 7pm.