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

**FC/2017/164: Public Session:** No members of the public attended the meeting.

**FC/2017/165: Attendance and Apologies:** Councillors Oldershaw, Bragg, Healy, Hobson and Borough Councillors Mehta, Greenaway and Lowery were present. Apologies were received from Councillors Bennett, Hordern and Rhoden.

**FC/2017/166: Dispensations.** None

**FC/2017/167: Borough Councillors:**

Councillor Greenaway reported that the recent snow and ice had highlighted several issues. One of these was a section of road in Lightmoor that was a cul de sac without a turning head and no signage to indicate it wasn't a through road. A truck had got stuck there, as had the recovery vehicle. Similar issues had previously been reported to BVT regarding this road. BVT have been liaising with TWC

Councillor Lowery reported that the Borough Council is considering the learning from the recent period of heavy snow. Some roads and pavements were still affected and gritting continues. £400 had been allocated from the Councillors Pride fund to Severn Gorge Countryside Trust towards the tree work needed to rectify snow damage. Approximately 6 forms had been returned following the Reynolds Wharf meeting. The planning application for the glamping site in Ironbridge had been withdrawn. Some customers of the Telford Steam Railway Polar Express had driven down Crackshall Lane. This also happened last year. The Borough Council is reviewing signage. Discussions were ongoing about whether a planning application could be considered for commercial bin storage on the roundabout between Pondicherry and Nock Deighton. An arts project will see large ducks, decorated in various designs by community groups, located around the town in the spring.

Councillor Mehta reported that he had been dealing with a number of snow related issues. There had been some initial enquiries regarding snow clearance on Jiggers Bank and these had been dealt with quickly.

**FC/2017/168: Minutes of the Full Council meeting of 21 November and Planning Meeting of 5 December:** The minutes were approved.

**FC/2017/169: Items outstanding:** The Conservation Officer had provided advise about the process to list the Coalbrookdale Foundry gates and these had been passed to the resident making the enquiry.

**FC/2017/170: Co-option for Vacancy at Lightmoor:** One person had enquired about the position.

**FC/2017/171: Planning**

<b>TWC/2017/0793</b>	The Valley Hotel, 22 Buildwas Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DW	Display of 2no. non-illuminated wall signs, 1no. static externally	Object subject to comments. Why are the 5 signs not
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		illuminated double sided projecting sign, 1no. static externally illuminated sign on the side of the existing building and 1no. non-illuminated directional sign (Listed Building Application) ***Amended description and amended plans received***	all of the same style? signs 1,2 and 4 are far better in appearance than 3 and 5. TGPC would refer to see the signs all in the more acceptable style of the brass signs 1,2 and 4 and not the wooden signs like 3 and 5
<b>TWC/2017/0792</b>	The Valley Hotel, 22 Buildwas Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DW	Display of 2no. non-illuminated wall signs, 1no. static externally illuminated double sided projecting sign, 1no. static externally illuminated sign on the side of the existing building and 1no. non-illuminated directional sign (Advertisement Application) ***Amended description and amended plans received***	As above.
<b>TWC/2017/0990</b>	12 Hodge Bower, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7QG	Installation of 1no. rooflight and 1no. replacement roof light to rear roof slope	No comment

#### Planning preapplications

PE/2017/1003 - Land adjacent, 1 Brook Cottage Brick Kiln Bank, Lightmoor, Telford, Shropshire erection of 9 no. residential dwellings. The Parish Council objects to this proposal as it constitutes encroachment into the green buffer around the World Heritage Site, there are concerns about the impact of flooding from the brook, and the ecological report suggests spreading spoil onto an area of the site with native woodland ground cover.

#### Planning Decisions

TWC/2017/0883 - Dane House, 15 Madeley Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7QZ Listed Building Granted

TWC/2017/0840 - The Horse and Jockey, Jockey Bank, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7PD Full Granted

TWC/2017/0901 - 1 St Lukes Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF87PU Trees in Conservation area consent

**FC/2017/172: Financials:**

a) The following were approved for payment.

102	501223	£332.40	440/9	19/11/17	Edge IT Systems - Annual charge for hosted services	£332.40
103	501224	£12,500.00	510/1	27/12/17	Telford and Wrekin Council - Second payment PET Scheme Oct-March 2017	£12,500.00
104	501225	£150.00	240/3	23/11/17	Helen Pearson - Entertainment Xmas switch-on event	£150.00
105	501226	£18.00	440/10	27/10/17	Tax Assist Accountants - Oct payroll	£18.00
106	501227	£18.00	440/10	24/11/17	Tax Assist Accountants - Nov payroll	£18.00
107	501228	£600.00	240/3	27/11/17	Stage & Studio Services Ltd - Stage for Xmas Event	£600.00
108	501229	£840.00	240/3	30/11/17	Jubilee Fireworks - Xmas event	£840.00
109	501230	£13.64	240/3	30/11/17	Telford Farm Machinery - Hi Vis vests Xmas event	£13.64
110	501231	£109.74	510/2	30/11/17	Lyreco - Clothing PET operative	£109.74
111	DD Plusnet	£41.70	440/6/1	29/11/17	Plusnet - Phone Nov	£41.70
112	DD	£213.75	440/4	01/10/17	Maws Craft Centre - Dec Rent	£213.75
113	DD	£46.63	440/6/1	29/10/17	Plusnet phone Oct	£46.63
114	501232	£516.00	240/1	16/11/17	Weston Sawmill and Nursery - Xmas trees	£516.00
115	501233	£12.00	440/7	12/12/17	ES Cleaning - Cleaning Dec	£12.00

b) Proposed budget – it was agreed to create a £1000 budget for additional grit bins and grit supplies. It was agreed to create a budget for lamppost poppies as part of Remembrance commemorations. Initially these would be focussed around Coalport. The suggestion for a budget for event road closure signs was deferred pending further consideration on costs and logistics.

c) Reserves Policy. It was agreed to include salary reserves in the General Reserves. The policy to be revised and brought to next meeting for approval.

**FC/2017/173: Highways and environmental.**

It was agreed to write to Telford and Wrekin Borough Council to thank them for their efforts during the recent bad weather.

**FC/2017/174: Recruitment of clerk.** One candidate had been interviewed and a further two would be interviewed on 21<sup>st</sup> December. It was hoped the appointment would be made before Christmas so that the new clerk could start work before the next full council meeting. Some minor changes to the staff contract were approved and the starting salary agreed.

**FC/2017/175: Reports from groups TGPC is represented on.**

Nothing to report.

**FC/2017/176: Pride in Our High Street**

This item was deferred until the next full council meeting.

**FC/2017/177: Items for next agenda and for information.**

It was agreed the Parish Council would conduct its own review into the snow response to feed into the review by TWC. Councillors asked to submit thoughts ahead of the meeting so these could be included in the report.

**FC/2017/178: dates of next meetings.** The January planning meeting would not be held. Councillors asked to consider urgent planning matters and submit comments to the Acting Clerk. Next Full Council 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm.