

OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT: Cllr J Maskall (Chairman), Cllr D Burton (Vice-Chairman), Cllr C Hellingman, Cllr R Lawrenson, Cllr J Kember, Cllr L Pugh, Cllr C Starkey and Cllr H Toone

PCSO White
K Chalk (Clerk)

1. 2164. COMMENTS & QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Alice Murray and Jo Hammond spoke to members regarding the on going plans for the Royal Wedding street party. Wrexham County Borough Council have been unable to give permission to have the High Street closed, but have suggested that School Lane could be considered.

Cllr Toone agreed to join the committee set up by Alice Murray and Jo Hammond. It was agreed that the Community Council's contribution would be discussed later in the meeting.

2. 2165. PRESENTATION FROM FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Andrew Robb gave a presentation regarding vulnerable people and the availability of free home fire safety checks. He requested that Councillors approach anyone they can think of who may benefit from the safety checks.

Mr Robb left the meeting

3. 2166. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman advised the meeting that Cllr Mick Pinder had tendered his resignation due to work commitments.

Cllr E Broad – work commitments
Cllr D Hughes – work commitments

Action: The Clerk to advise the Electoral Department of the resignation.

4. 2167. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS

14th January 2011 - a report of youths jumping on the picnic benches by the public toilets. One boy and two girls involved. PCSO spoke with them and moved them on.

Overnight 15/16th of January 2011 damage caused to parked vehicle - off Wrexham Road.

Weekend 14/15/16th of January 2011 damage caused to football pavilion.

Incident at St Mary's Church is still being investigated. Regular patrols in and around church have and will continue to be carried out.

Local youth reprimanded for the damage at the Library before Christmas.

The speed gun has been used on several occasions, at one time 3 vehicles were fined within 15 minutes of each other.

Police Cadet Leaders will be on duty in the village on the evening of 17th February

Special Constable Dean Hewitt is in negotiation with North Wales Police to have a dedicated Special Constable assigned to Overton.

Parking on the pavement on Salop Road – **PCSO White advised that letters would be going out to all residents in Salop Road requesting that parking on the pavement is stopped.**

5. **2168. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THE MTG**

None disclosed.

6. **2169. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2011.**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the previous Overton Community Council held on 11th January 2011 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

7. **2170. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Planning Committee – 11th January 2011

Cemetery Committee – 29th January 2011

The minutes from the above mentioned committee meeting were agreed and signed.

8. **2171. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Council meeting

2149. COMMENTS & QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Clerk advised the meeting that both banks have been removed.

Cllr Lawrenson has now reinstated a new map at the Playingfield.

2151. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk has sent out letters to the Police with regards to bank holiday cover. An open letter was also sent to the Oracle for publication and PCSO Large delivered a letter to all businesses in Overton who sell alcohol requesting vigilance. A letter of support has been sent to St Mary's Church with regards to the vandalism that had taken place.

With regards to the use of the speed gun and monitoring the speed of vehicles in the village, Paul Williams – Go Safe had been to Overton this morning monitoring the speed of vehicles entering the village on the Wrexham Road.

12. 2160. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS

All highways matters and footpath issues have been reported to the department.

Cemetery Committee

2011.5. Maintenance work

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mr Roberts was aware and had notified her of the damage done by his pony to the Cemetery. The fence is due to be replaced and some hedging will require replacing.

The damage to one of the graves has been cleared

The Clerk had contacted the funeral director who advised that the drive and camber was not an issue when attending a burial.

9. **2172. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILLORS RE: CONSULTATIONS/DRAFT DOCUMENTS/MEETINGS RAISED AT LAST MEETING**

1. Wrexham Community South Safety Meeting – Cllr Burton advised the meeting that a number of car fires have occurred in an area of Wrexham. Cllr Burton had raised with the Community South members the vandalism at St Mary's Church and was advised that investigations were still ongoing.

Wrexham is to be changed from three districts to two; Wrexham Town and Wrexham Rural. There is a plan to have a crossover between local CBMs to give continuity to all areas and clearer communication for all.

2. Town and Community Council Meeting – Cllr Maskall reported to the meeting the following: -

- Replies were required with regards to the empty property strategy.
- All Community Councils were to encourage youth participation.
- A response was required for the boundary review.
- All issues, which require referring to Wrexham Borough County Council should be done so through, Pride in your streets.
- Jonathan Plant, Road Maintenance had advised those attending that quarterly site visits were available for any Community Councils or Streetscene Co-ordinators to attend.

10. 2173. TO RECEIVE REPORTS /ISSUES

a) Application for financial support towards the proposed Royal wedding street party

It was agreed that the Community Council should support the street party with a £300 donation.

Action: The Clerk to write to the committee and advise them of the donation and further consideration may be given to additional financial support at a later date, if appropriate

b) Approval and adoption of Standing Orders and Complaints Procedure

Action: The Approval and adoption of Standing Orders and Complaints Procedure will be added to the March agenda.

c) Planned Maintenance at the Pavilion

The Clerk thanked Rob Lawrenson for the work carried out at short notice on the Pavilion. It is hoped the remaining work will be completed shortly. Photographs and a brief description of the condition of the Pavilion will be written up.

d) Vulnerable people steering group

An article has been printed in the Oracle, regarding the new steering group and its remit. Three volunteers have come forward.

Action: The Clerk will write to all organisations in the area, volunteers and any other interested parties to invite them to a meeting due to be held on 10th March 2011 between 7.30 – 8.30 in the Scout Hut.

11. 2174. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Wrexham County Borough Council

1. Environment Department – funding for footway lighting – **for information only**
2. Environment Department – winter service policy – **passed to Cllr Kember**
3. Precept acknowledgement – **for information only.**
4. Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – **Cllr Kember and Maskall to attend**
5. Wrexham Site Allocation Representations – **It was agreed to hold a Council meeting on Tuesday 15th February 2011 to discuss the site allocations.**
6. One Wrexham – draft community cohesion strategy 2011 to14 – **Cllr Starkey to respond**
7. Invitation to Mayor's charity Celtic evening – Saturday 12th March – **No Councillor available to attend**
8. Wrexham County Borough Museum and Archives celebration event – Tuesday 15th February - **No Councillor available to attend. However Mrs Jill Burton may be able to attend as Editor of the Oracle and feedback received from Cllr Burton**
9. Wrexham empty property strategy – **Clerk to respond and request what the procedure is once properties have been identified.**
10. City Status for Wales – **information only**

Newsletters

11. Wrexham Area Civic Society – **for information only**
12. The Clerk – **for information only**

Other

13. Following the flame – Wales at the Olympic and Paralympic Games project – **Council do not have the funds to purchase promotion items**
14. The Electoral Commission – referendum on the law making powers of the National Assembly for Wales – **information only**

12. 2175. BURIALS & MEMORIALS- none received

Mr Albert Vernon Jones	B 98	£125.00 re-opening
Mrs Rosemary Parkin	B 80	£300.00 new grave

13. 2176. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- The installation of a new lantern on Poethllyn Terrace is unable to go ahead due to service pipes being located along the whole pavement.

Action: The Clerk will write to the owner of the property on School Lane where old lantern is located to ask if they would reconsider having the power reinstated.

- Oak tree on Bangor Road and Cloy Lane junction appears to be in a dangerous condition.

Action: Clerk to report to relevant department.

14. 2177. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF INCOME AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

January

EXPENDITURE

Details	£	Cheque No.
BT – final bill for office phone and broadband	18.56	D/D
John Boyle – replacement of broken window at the Pavilion	127.84	2142
Staples – photocopying	3.85	2143
O.V.H.M.C – hire of Parish Room for OCC meetings in 2011	137.50	2144
O.V.H.M.C – hire of Parish Room for traffic calming meetings 2010	50.00	2145
Society of local council clerks – annual membership	106.00	2146
Total	443.75	

INCOME

Details	£	Voucher No
Edgerton Funeral Director – Burial of Albert Vernon Jones B 98	125.00	560
E Clarke and Son – Burial of Rosemary Parkin B 80	300.00	561
Total	425.00	

Proposed by Cllr Pugh, seconded by Cllr Hellingman

15. 2178. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance as at 31/01/11

Current Account	£ 1,000.00
Savings Account	£ 16,014.61
TOTAL	£ 17,014.61

Proposed by Cllr Toone and seconded by Cllr Burton

16. 2179. TO RECEIVE ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND CONFIRM DATE (7TH MARCH 2011)

- Vulnerable people steering group – **Cllrs Kember and Toone**
- Wrexham Health Awareness Fair – **Cllr Kember**
- Village Fete – **Cllr Kember**
- Approval and adoption of Standing Orders and Complaints Procedure
- Youth Council
- Committee membership

Meeting closed at 9.55pm