

Minutes of the meeting of Willington Worthenbury Community Council held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at Worthenbury Village Hall

1. Attendance:

Mr Alan Brereton, Chair. Mrs Barbara Large, Mr Tim Parkyn, Mr Paul Falkingham, Mr Richard Mewes, Mr Gerald Siddorn, Mr Rodney Skeeland, Mr Bob Andrews, and Mr Michael Arnold (Clerk).

2. Apologies:

There were no apologies.

3. Police report:

Constable Stephen Evans apologized in advance.

4. Minutes of previous meeting.

Mr Andrews proposed and Mr Mewes seconded the adoption of the minutes of the meeting held at Tallarn Green in January 2011, and these were adopted.

5. Co-option of new member to replace Cllr Broad.

Mrs Mary E Roberts, of The Granary, Lower Wallington Farm, Worthenbury, was proposed for membership by Cllr Falkingham, and seconded by Mrs Large. Her nomination was duly adopted, and Mrs Roberts was welcomed to the council by the chairman.

6. Matters arising from the minutes.

Future of field behind Tallarn Green War Memorial: The Church in Wales has indicated its intention to develop this site, and a surveyor visited it recently. The site is within the village envelope, but if the church authorities intend to dispose of the church building they will need access to it, and the war memorial obstructs this, and the council would certainly not consent to this being moved, The church authorities have not made any official approach on the matter. After discussion, Mr Mewes proposed that the clerk should contact Lord Kenyon, whose family originally donated the land for the provision of the church and other facilities in Tallarn Green to inform him of the church's intentions, and that clarification should also be sought from the Land Registry as to the validity of ownership, considering that the land was originally granted to the church to administer, but has since been registered in its name. This was agreed.

Blues Festival: The organisers have asked if the council would cover the cost of the programme at an estimated £400, but this did not find favour. Mr Falkingham undertook to discuss possible alternatives with the organisers.

Web Site: The development of the website is progressing, but much remains to be done. Links have been set up with obvious participants, and work will continue.

Swings for Worthenbury Playing Field: Details of the swings available have been supplied to Worthenbury members, but Mr Parkyn expressed dissatisfaction with offers considered, and said that a suitable setoff slightly larger swings to cater for children up to the age of seven would cost £1100, but

surfacing would cost as much again, although grass was normally considered a safe surface. The clerk was instructed to contact the Safety Department at Wrexham CBC for guidance.

Street light: An additional street light has been ordered to fill the gap in the run down Tallarn Green at a possible cost of £1200.

7. Planning Notifications:

Applications for Planning Permission

P/2010/1048: Erection of agricultural building to house stock and machinery at **The Woodlands, Willington, Malpas**

P/2011/0014: Erection of replacement entrance porch and new indoor swimming pool with corridor attached to house at **Adrefelyn Farm, Penley, Wrexham.**

P/2011/0042: Construction of an attached two storey dwelling with attached garage and a two storey dwelling with granny annexe and detached garages at **1 Church View, Worthenbury.**

P/2011/0055: Demolition of existing open fronted storage building and erection of portal framed livestock building at **Brook Farm, Church Road, Worthenbury.**

P/2011/0082: Outline application for agricultural worker's dwelling at **Shrewd's Lair Farm, Ty Broughton Hall Lane, Tallarn Green.**

For full details, refer to the Wrexham CBC Website, www.wrexham.gov.uk/plans.

P/2011/0104: Extension to dwelling at **Hurdle View, The Lane, Worthenbury.**

P/2011/0132: Single storey side extension at **Whalebone House Plassey Lane, Willington, Malpas.**

P/2011/01978: Erection of building for the abstraction and bottling of mineral water in woodland west of **Lower Lodge, Frog Lane, Threapwood.**

The clerk was instructed to reiterate the council's objection to this proposal as an intrusion into the countryside without justification, when water could be extracted from the applicant's farm area.

8. Correspondence

Wrexham CBC: Environment dept, winter services.

Draft Community Cohesion strategy.

Year of Culture.

Royal wedding festivities

Funding of footway lighting.

Response to letter from Mr Purcell on damage to churchyard hedge

Energy Saving Trust: New programme..

One Voice Wales: Royal Garden Party

Ombudsman: Correspondence relating to complaint against Cllr Skelland following the January meeting of this council by Mr Alan Fitton, which has been dismissed.

9: Clerk's salary

A resolution was proposed by Mr Falkingham and seconded by Mr Parkyn that an increase of the clerk's annual salary should be made from £1030 to £1,060, in accordance with the controlling agreements

10. Approval of Annual Risk Assessment by council.

This was proposed by Mr Siddorn and seconded by Mr Mewes and adopted.

11. Annual Review of the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal controls.

This was proposed by Mr Andrews, seconded by Mr Mewes, and adopted.

12. Standing orders adopted by council.

The adoption of standing orders was proposed by Mr Mewes. seconded by Mr Siddorn and adopted.

13. Financial Regulations adopted by council

The adoption of the financial regulations was proposed by Mr Falkingham, seconded by Mr Parkyn and adopted.

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14: Cheques for signature:

100094	Warburton's Way, grass	£600.00
100095	Wrexham CBC, lighting maintenance	£95.32
(already paid)		
100096	Michael Arnold, salary	£160.00
100097	Michael Arnold, expenses	£69.65
100098	Rental Worthenbury Village Hall	£10.00
100099	Grant to Borderbrook School	£200.00
100100	Payment for website and domain name	£198.30
100101	Subscription to One Voice Wales	£119.00
100102	Grant to Tallarn Green Village Hall	£300.00
100103	Grant to Worthenbury Village Hall	£300.00

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Grant to Borderbrook School for publicity **£100.00**

The grant to Borderbrook School has been made each year to cover transport costs to Penley for swimming lessons, and we have been asked if it could be resumed. The school is planning a publicity campaign to encourage the registration of more local children, and we have been asked if we could contribute £100 for this purpose. This was proposed by Mr Mewes, seconded by Mr Parkyn, and adopted.

15: Chairman's Remarks

16: Any other business.

Members asked for Wrexham CBC Highways Department to be informed of the serious potholing evident in Plassey Lane, Mulsford Lane, and Rookery Lane. Concern was also expressed at the state of the wall adjoining Church View, and the clerk was instructed to bring these matters to the attention of the relevant departments at Wrexham CBC.

17: Next meeting

The next meeting of the council and the annual meeting will be held at Tallarn Green Village Hall on May 9, 2011.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Signed as a true record:.....
(Chair)

Date: