

MADELEY PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Parish Council held on Monday, December 4th 2006 at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley, commencing at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: C. Muddiman (Chair), D Davies, J Rowland, E Swift, M. Swift, DP Taylor
Deputy Parish Clerk,

E06/27. Apologies
Councillor G Green - Work commitments - Approved

E06/28. Declaration of Interest
There were none

E06/29. Remarks from the Chair
The Chair commended the organisation and presentation of Christmas Lights – the Parish Council event had received many complimentary comments

Councillors noted the death of former Parish Councillor, Dennis Edwards, and paid tribute to his civic and social services.

E06/30. Public Discussion
There were no members of the public present.

Councillor E Swift joined the meeting

E06/31. Minutes
to confirm and approve
Resolved:
that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on October 9th 2006 be confirmed and approved

E06/32. Finance

32.1 Financial Comparison Report
to note actual monies received and spent compared to 2006/07 budget
The Responsible Finance Officer presented the Financial Comparison Report for the period to November 2006.
Noted

- Overspend on STROWP budget subject to contra for Telford Trail 3 administration

32.2 Budget 2007/08

The Responsible Finance Officer presented a provisional budget/precept for Environment Committee expenditure 2007-08

Figures included capital and revenue expenditure on projects identified in the Business Plan following strategy review.

- Street Lighting Scheme accrual (£2,500)
- Environmental Partnership opportunities with Borough of Telford & Wrekin (£12,000)
- Replacement of Warden's vehicle in prototype lease and management agreement with Wrekin Housing Trust

Account was taken of the publication of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan in 2007, external funding bids for the development of Madeley Community Orchard (equipment and management), and Green Spaces proposals (Local Nature Reserve declaration for Madeley Court in 2007, development control application for Tweedale Woods, and landscape design for Russell Green)

The Chair noted that the 2007-08 budget reflected a transition from research to action for delivery of enhanced services.

Budget figure for 2007-08 - £32,250

Recommended:

that the draft budget figures for 2007-08 be approved

Councillor M Swift joined the meeting

E06/33. Built Environment

to work in partnership with the Unitary Authority to monitor and improve public facilities and services. To report and play an active part in the resolution of areas of concern.

Business Plan Report

Councillors referred to the progress report on objectives for the Built Environment

Noted

- **Sites of Concern Reporting**
Last e-group meeting August 2006. Regeneration of reporting system protracted but evidence of revision.
- **Street Lighting**
Proposal for distinctive alternative scheme for Park Street, Madeley, rejected due to limitations of lighting, delivery and cost. Original plan will proceed using utilitarian 'Modena' lantern
- **Local Transport Plan 2**
Large-scale exception scheme bid for South Telford Regeneration and Accessibility 2007/08 and 2208/09 for maintenance and integrated transport measures totalling £3.7m was submitted in July 2006. Response anticipated with announcement of final Revenue Support Grant (December 2006)

33.1 Street Lighting Review

Borough of Telford & Wrekin, Scrutiny Review for Environment and Regeneration

To examine:

- Highway Authority and Parish/Town Council's responsibility for providing street lighting in all its forms – highway, footway, and amenity
 - £1m Investment plan for street lighting
 - Planned future investment
 - Legislation
 - Cost and benefit of new technologies
- and make recommendations for improvements to the service

Comments were requested from Parish/Town Councils on:

- Numbers, Siting, Adequacy, Fault frequency, Reporting and rectification process, Parish/Town Council contracts

Councillors noted that:

- a) Street Lighting was of a generally poor standard and inappropriate for requirements. This had an adverse affect on community safety and traffic management.
- b) Reporting system should differentiate between supply and equipment because of separate repairs and maintenance contracts
- c) Street Lighting needed to be of a design and type suitable for its location
- d) A forward investment programme should be implemented to ensure that life-term replacement costs are spread
- e) Advance notice of local area capital investment schemes should be given to allow for proper discussion. Lead times invalidate current consultation for Park Street/Sutton Hill schemes.
- f) Parish/Town Council contract did not take into account industrial/business areas that should be subject of rebate
- g) Environmental Impact Assessment should be required as part of all development proposals

Councillor DP Taylor left the meeting

33.2 Borough of Telford & Wrekin – Capital Programme 2007/08

To identify traffic related issues for investigation

Current issues noted:

- Bridgnorth Road/Cuckoo Oak – review of speed limit
- Bridgnorth Road/Sutton Hill – reassessment of traffic calming
- Mill Lane/Legges Way pedestrian crossing – Legges Way traffic calming (lining, speed limit review, gateway)
- Station Road/Silkin Way - traffic priority
- Park Street/Park Lane – traffic calming and parking
- High Street/Court Street – junction reconfiguration for traffic calming
- John Randall School – safety barrier and parking
- Hills Lane Drive – speeding

Councillors considered that:

- a) Warning and Directional signage throughout the civic parish required review (to coincide with Madeley Centre redevelopment and traffic management plan).
- b) Sutton Way was prone to speeding issues

33.2 Borough of Telford & Wrekin – Accessibility

An increased use of mobility scooters had highlighted problems of accessibility around the Sutton Hill estate. Survey by Highways Inspector and resident had identified three locations that would greatly increase mobility and access.

Borough of Telford & Wrekin had provisionally priced a scheme to install dropped kerbs at a cost of £3,600 but was unable to allocate funding in 2006/07 budget year.

Responsible Finance Officer identified earmarked reserves for Highways projects at £1,150.

Resolved:

that reserves be committed to a partnership proposal to be developed with Borough of Telford & Wrekin – Traffic Management and Neighbourhood Management

E06/34. Natural Environment

to work with partners and the local community to improve the wildlife value and public enjoyment of the natural environment in the parish.

Business Plan Report

Councillors referred to the progress report on objectives for the Natural Environment

Noted.

- **Litter/Dog Waste Bins**

Sites identified for installation:

- a) Tweedale Wharf/Quayside, Madeley
- b) Coronation Crescent, Madeley
- c) Multi-Use Games Area, Southgate, Sutton Hill
- d) Parkway, Madeley
- e) Silkin Way (2)

- **Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order – Meadow pit Mound**

Planning Inspector has advised final decision – that the Order be confirmed subject to amendment that “the entire length of the route is a track having a width of approximately 3 metres”

E06/35. Planning

to protect community interests and where possible, gain community benefit through an active response to planning applications and preparation of a development brief for supplementary planning guidance.

Business Plan Report

Councillors were referred to the progress report on objectives for Planning

Noted.

- Madeley Centre re-development application W2006/0938
Amended plans received.

35.1 Planning Sub-Committee

to receive reports submitted under delegated powers

Representations made in the period July to September 2006 were presented in written report.

Noted

35.2 Telecommunications Base Stations

35.2.1 Roll-out Plans 2007

Mobile Operators' Association summary of roll-out plans for 2007 had been obtained and registered.

Noted

35.2.2 Hutchison 3G Base Station- Sutton Hill

Consultation on proposal for installation as wall-mounted replica flagpole at Swallow Hotel & Country Club, Great Hay Drive, Sutton Heights, Sutton Hill

Noted – no comment

35.2.3 Mound Way, Woodside

Notice of appeal against refusal of prior approval for the erection of a 15m high streetworks column, etc., on land off Mound Way, Woodside (W2006/0565)

Noted – no further comment

E06/36.

Heritage

to work with partners to promote, improve and protect the heritage of Madeley Parish in general and the designated World Heritage Site in particular.

Business Plan Report

Councillors were referred to the progress report on objectives for Heritage
Noted.

- **Lee Dingle Project**

It was noted that the surface condition of Bagguley's Wynde had significantly deteriorated

36.1 IBG World Heritage Site Strategy Group

Visioning Day – December 14th 2006

To define common vision for WHS and key steps

Councillors discussed key issues and challenges to be addressed by the management of the World Heritage Site:

- a) Planning service in WHS/Conservation Area
- b) Conservation skills
- c) Site signage (shop fronts, advertising, directional)
- d) Infrastructure vernacular (railings, walls, pavements)
- e) Local tourism

E06/37. Correspondence

37.1 Borough of Telford & Wrekin, Legal Services

Highway Stopping Up Application – Westbourne, Woodside
Noted

37.2 Borough of Telford & Wrekin, Legal Services

Footpath extinguishment Order – Park Lane Centre, Woodside
Noted

37.3 Borough of Telford & Wrekin, Building Control

Street Naming – Fair View, Park Lane, Madeley
Developer proposal for plot containing 14 dwellings: Fair View Court
Noted

E06/38. Information

38.1 Severn Gorge Countryside Trust

Volunteering Project – periodic report

38.2 Severn Gorge Countryside Trust

Development Strategy 2006-2011 and Annual Review 2005/06

E06/39. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Parish Council is scheduled for Monday, February 5th 2007 at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley, commencing at 6.30pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

Dated:

(Chair)