

Madeley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Madeley Parish Council held on
Monday, November 5th 2007, at Jubilee House, High, Street Madeley,
commencing at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: **D Davies (Chair), B Duce, D Edwards, E Evans, G Green, S Harrington, J Jones, S Law, A MacKenzie, E Swift, M Swift, S Taylor, DP Taylor**
Clerk, Deputy Parish Clerk

07/48. Apologies

Councillor R Coldicutt	-	Family commitment	-	e-mail record
Councillor D Harrison	-	Family commitment	-	Accepted

Absent:

Councillor J Handley

07/49. Declarations of Interest

There were none

07/50. Remarks from the Chair

All Councillors are invited to the Remembrance Day parade and service at the War Memorial, Russell Green, Madeley, on Sunday November 11th 2007.
The Chair will lay a wreath on behalf of Madeley Parish Council

07/51. Public Discussion

There were no members of the public present

07/52. Declaration of Vacancy

The Chair announced the resignation of Councillor S Joyce due to work commitments.
A vacancy was declared for the post of Councillor for Cuckoo Oak Ward

07/53. Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the Meeting of Madeley Parish Council held on Monday, September 10th 2007 be confirmed and approved for signature

- Audit Committee had still to be instituted
- Multi-Cultural Event for Madeley was to take place at Jubilee House on December 14th 2007 based on the theme of 'World on a Plate' food exhibition and demonstration. The event would include entertainment and 'Thanks for Helping Awards' supported by local MP.

07/54. Committee Reports

54.1 Leisure & Community Committee

Councillor D Edwards presented the report of the Leisure and Community meeting held on Monday, September 24th 2007
Noted

54.2 Personnel Committee

Councillor D Davies presented the report of the Personnel Committee meeting held on October 1st 2007

- Councillors requested that meetings attendance records should be included in reports since the adoption of Parish Basic Allowance payments
- NJC for Local Government Services National Salary Award 2007/08 agreement had been concluded – effective April 2007

Noted.

54.3 Environment Committee

Councillor E Swift presented the report of the Environment Committee meeting held on October 8th 2007.

- Councillor support and attendance for Green Day was commended
- Competitive quotations have been sought for contracted deliveryPath Cleaning service
- Supplementary Planning Document (Shop Fronts) was informative

Noted.

54.4 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Councillor DP Taylor presented the report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on October 22nd 2007.

- Appointment arranged with Connexions4Youth to discuss partnership agreement for outreach work
- Repairs to Coach House roof would require application for planning consent to undertake tree works in the Conservation Area

Noted.

54.4.1 Members Allowances Scheme

Recommendation to adopt scheme for payment of allowances

Resolved:

that the Members Allowance Scheme be adopted

07/55. Budget & Finance

55.1 Expenditure Transactions Approval

to approve expenditure transactions

The Responsible Finance Officer presented the Expenditure Transactions Approval List report for period to November 2007

Noted

Resolved:

that the expenditure transactions recorded be confirmed and approved for payment

55.2 Financial Budget Comparison Report

to receive comparison report of actual and budgeted income and expenditure

The Responsible Finance Officer presented the Financial Comparison Report for the period to November 2007.

Noted.

07/56. Strategic Direction

to steer and co-ordinate the work of the committees and to ensure the strategic aims are being addressed. To develop policies that will enable the organisation to function effectively as an employer, service provider and community representative.

56.1 Committee Vacancy

Resignation had created a vacancy in membership of the Leisure & Community Committee. Nominations were invited.

Resolved:

that Councillor S Law be appointed to the Leisure & Community Committee

Councillor G Green & Councillor M Swift joined the meeting

07/57. Representation

to ensure that the council has high quality representation on the outside bodies as appropriate to its legal responsibilities, position within the community and areas of focus.

57.1 School Governor Vacancies

57.1.1 Madeley Nursery School – Minor Local Authority vacancy

Resolved:

that Mrs C Hayward be re-nominated as minor local authority representative on the Governing Board of Madeley Nursery School

Urgent Business

The Chair declared under:

'Section 100B (4) Local Government Act 1992 – I am of the opinion that the following items should be dealt with as a matter of urgency at this meeting to avoid any unnecessary delay.'

57.1.2 Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School - – Minor Local Authority vacancy

Vacancy had arisen due to resignation of Councillor

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School had submitted details of preferred candidate

Resolved:

that Mrs A Cole be nominated as minor local authority representative on the Governing Board of Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School

57.2 Reports from MPC Representatives

57.2.1 Telford & Wrekin CVS – Voluntary & Community Forum (September 17th 2007)

Councillor D Edwards noted the value of the information resource provided by the organisation.

As Madeley Parish Council representative, he has been nominated for membership of the Executive Board.

- 57.2.2 Telford Crime Prevention Panel**
(September 17th 2007)
Councillor E Evans advised that the Panel had prepared Crime Prevention leaflets for distribution on Woodside
- 57.2.3 Friends of Telford Town Park**
(September 19th 2007)
Councillor E Swift had attended FOTTP meeting. Membership of this worthy and necessary organisation is considered important especially at this time to deal with the implications of proposals for future development but also to promote and expand current use through events.
RNIB charity event 08.12.2007 noted.
- 57.2.4 Homestart**
(September 19th 2007)
Councillor D Edwards had been unable to attend due to other commitments
- 57.2.5 SALC – Wrekin Area Committee**
(September 27th 2007)
Councillor J Jones had attended the meeting but was disappointed that presentation received and general focus remained Shropshire based. A Constitutional Review was progressing
- 57.2.6 South Telford Partnership Review**
(September 28th 2007)
The Clerk noted the review meeting for 'neighbourhood management'. Report to be circulated (as required)
- 57.2.7 Meals on Wheels Anniversary**
(October 2nd 2007)
The celebratory event was attended by Councillor D Edwards and S Law. The event was a well-organised and welcome tribute to the service but Councillors were concerned that the standard and nutritional value of the sample meal provided was poor and asked that representation be made to secure improvements to this staple part of the dietary intake of the, reliant, elderly.
- 57.2.8 Regeneration Forum**
(October 9th 2007 & October 31st 2007)
The Clerk advised that eligibility criteria and financial resource for year 1 of Telford & Wrekin Council, District Centre Regeneration funding (2007-2012) had still to be determined.
Madeley Parish Council will be lead organisation for the Madeley Regeneration Group.
- 57.2.9 The Lloyds**
(October 15th 2007)
The Vic-Chair had been unable to attend the re-opening ceremony for The Lloyds, Ironbridge, a significant engineering achievement. It was noted that Highway improvements at Legges Way/Coalport would follow.

57.2.10 Telford & Wrekin Bus User Group

(October 24th 2007)

Councillor D Davies was unable to attend

57.2.11 Woodside Street Representatives

(October 24th 2007)

Councillor M Swift reported on a lively meeting that focussed on criticism of the development proposals for replacement of The Courts area (design, parking, green spaces) and continued complaint at Madeley Academy catchment, and the Sports and Leisure Facilities Framework review recommendation relating to Madeley Court Leisure Centre.

Consensus had been reached that the Street Representatives forum in the Woodside West 1 regeneration area was now spent and that discussion of current and future development and issues would be better delivered through regular monthly surgery.

It was noted that consultation related to Woodside West II was site specific and ignored implications for neighbouring areas.

Agreed:

that the extent and mechanism for community consultation for Woodside West II be confirmed with Transforming Telford and assurance sought that the Councillor representation role is recognised

57.2.12 Police & Community Consultative Committee

(October 31st 2007)

Public meeting – presence and presentation from Police Teams for each Ward area

57.2.13 Telford & Wrekin Senior Citizens Forum

Councillor D Edwards reported event in conjunction with the British Red Cross to publicise and promote the range of outreach services currently available. The British Red Cross has accessed external funding for outreach services that range from Youth & Schools to Home from Hospital services.

Invitation had been extended to attend the British Red Cross conference – although no details had been received of meeting or local services.

Presentation had been received on the Sports & Leisure Facilities Framework review with considerable criticism (including local campaigns and publicity on public usage) aimed at the recommendations. It was noted that the Review was to be presented to Telford & Wrekin Council, Cabinet, on December 12th 2007.

57.2.14 Telford & Wrekin CAB

Councillor G Green is a member of the Citizens Advice Bureau Trust and attended the Annual General Meeting.

Externally funded outreach services scheduled to commence January 2008 – with allocation dependent upon premises availability and funding (with strong representation from Centre and North of Borough areas noted)

It was considered essential that the commitment to outreach in Madeley civic parish was properly addressed because of the past record of client base level that had required locally extended services with financial support from Madeley Parish Council.

Agreed:

that details of the Citizens Advice Bureau outreach scheme be confirmed

57.3 SALC Committee

Invitation for nomination to SALC Committee

Councillors questioned the value of Local Council support received from the Association and its relevance (2007/08 subscription was c£1,300) whilst acknowledging that there was an opportunity to work within to influence its agenda for Larger Local Council.

The Chair was to attend SALC AGM to be held on November 17th 2007 and would report.

07/58. Parish Profile

to promote and publicise the work of the council, and the area it serves and so raise the profile of the parish. To consult with and be accountable to the community through open communication and to advocate on behalf of Madeley Parish and its residents

There were no items presented

07/59. Correspondence

There was none

07/60. Information

There was none.

07/61. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Madeley Parish Council is scheduled for Monday, January 7th 2008

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed..... (Chair)

Dated.....