

## ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL - REMOTE MEETING NOTES FROM 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

**Councillors Present:** B Baldwin, C Bettley, M Devise Doherty, S Edwards, A Evans, S Hope, R Hardy, P Lloyd, G Lowe, E Owens, M Pritchard, K Roberts (Chair), D Wallace and L Williams.

**Also Present:** Councillor B Martin,

### AGENDA ITEMS

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor T Stanford

**2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** None

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

i) **Council meeting:** 20 July 2021 Remote meeting Minutes were received and confirmed as a correct record.

ii) **Youth Committee:** The Minutes and recommendations from the Remote Youth Committee Meeting held on 27 July 2021 were received and the recommendation set out below was accepted.

“that any savings made to the costs of the 2021/22 Service Level Agreement for the Acton Youth Work Project as result of savings for room hire costs be used to purchase additional equipment for the Youth Club and to fund the provision of travel opportunities to address the skills shortage identified by this Youth Work Project to enable Young People to be confident and proficient in using public transport.”

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - the press and public were excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the next item of business as it is likely that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

iii) **Staffing Committee:** The Minutes and recommendations from the Remote Staffing Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2021 were received and a Special meeting of the Council will be arranged as soon as practicable to discuss Mr Rippon’s Report, its findings and the recommendations contained therein and its implementation to conclude the External Job Evaluation and Review of the Administrative Function of the Council.

**5. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** in respect of the case of a 98 year old victim of burglary at Camberley Drive, Wrexham the Chair was authorised to make a donation of £100 from his charity account to purchase gift vouchers for this elderly burglary victim

**6. AUGUST RECESS MATTERS:** A summary of the action taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair on the urgent matters below was endorsed:

1. Replacement Benches in Acton Park
2. Purchase of Community Defibrillators for the Acton Community Wards
3. Cyber Awareness Course with SLCC for the Clerk
4. Extension of the 2021 Seasonal Park Ranger SLA to 31 March 2022
5. Operation Blue instinct

**7. COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS –**

1. Monthly Report and update noted

2. **Acton Park Lighting:** Councillor Mike Pritchard to approach Brymbo Community Council to find out costings and information on their recently installed scheme.
  3. **Wrexham Cunliffe Bowls Club – request for to assist with funding for CCTV** The Chair to approach Councillor Geoff Lowe as the local County Borough Council ward member and ask him to follow this matter up.
- 8. PROCEDURAL MATTERS - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020/21 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021:** The present position was noted.
- 9. KEY ACTON ISSUES:** There was nothing to report
- 10. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2020/21 – EXTERNAL AUDIT :** Noted update on progress
- 11. ACTON PARK PROPOSED NEW SENIOR PLAY AREA AND OUTDOOR GYM - decision**
1. to agree in principle to proceed to develop this proposal for a new Senior Play area and outdoor Gym scheme in Acton Park in conjunction with Wrexham County Borough Council
  2. to confirm to Wrexham County Borough Council that Acton Community Council will be prepared to commit to the future maintenance and inspection costs for the new play area once complete; and
  3. that Wrexham County Borough Council be requested to provide written confirmation of its agreement to this proposed scheme in order to support any grant bids that the Community Council may choose to submit.
- 12. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** - the Financial Assistance grant applications were determined as follows:–
1. K2 Explorer Scout Unit - £500
  2. Acton Park Community Angling Club - £400
  3. 9 Acre Campaign Group - £1,400
- 13. REPORT FROM CLERK**
- 1. Acton Park: Various Issues and suggestions:** The Clerk's interim response was noted and the Chair and Councillor Salli Edwards offered to meet with Ms Jackson with the Park Ranger to talk about what the Community Council is already providing or funding within Acton Park
  - 2. Preparation for Remembrance 2021:** To note the invitation and the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Vivid Floral Design for a Poppy wreath similar to that laid at the RWF Memorial last year
- 14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**
1. Payments Received for August and September 2021 were authorised and noted;
  2. The Clerk was authorised to arrange for the transfer of £1,000.00 from the Council's Deposit Account to replenish the Chair's Charity account.
- 15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
1. [Planning Application P/2021/0836 Valid From 20/08/2021](#) The Goulbourne, Borrass Park Road, Wrexham, LL12 7TF: variation of conditions 6 and 7 of planning permission p/2018/0935 to remove trees and replace with hedge planting: The Council welcomes the removal of the low value conifer hedging/trees to the perimeter of the site. However the Developer should ensure that the protected trees on this site continue to be safeguarded and the proposed hedging to the frontage should include a mixed range of semi mature species to improve the biodiversity of this site.
  2. [Planning Application P/2021/0843 Valid From 25/08/2021](#) 15 Ffordd Hooson, Wrexham, LL12 7LS: parking and operation of 1 private hire taxi vehicle The Council does not object to this application but

would like to ensure that if granted it is restricted to the applicant only and not granted to the property itself.

The Community Council does not object to this application as long as no nuisance is caused to nearby residents and roads users

3. [Planning Application P/2021/0872 - Valid From 01/09/2021](#) Asda Superstore, Holt Road, Bodhyfryd, Wrexham, LL13 8HL: Advertisement consent for 18 signs No objections

4. [Planning Application P/2021/0877 - Valid From 03/09/2021](#) 91 Oak Drive, Wrexham, LL12 7NL: Single storey rear extension No objections to this application

5. [Planning Application P/2021/0883 - Valid From 07/09/2021](#) 19 Larchwood Road, Wrexham, LL12 7SG: Erection of fence (in retrospect) No observations

6. [Planning Application P/2021/0880 - Valid From 08/09/2021](#) 12 Craig Way, Wrexham, LL12 7NU: Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension No observations

7. [Planning Application P/2021/0894 - Valid From 13/09/2021](#) 130 Herbert Jennings Avenue, Acton, Wrexham, LL12 7YD two storey side extension and single storey rear extension No observations

**16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** - It was agreed to exclude members of the press and public during consideration of the remaining agenda item because of the exempt and confidential nature of the business to be transacted

## **52. LAND AT HOLT ROAD WREXHAM**

This matter was determined in private

End of remote meeting notes.