

# **BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2017**

### 235/17 PRESENT:

Cllrs Seb Daly, Mandy Berrisford, Richard Head, Frank Speed and Chris Watkin.

### 236/17 IN ATTENDANCE:

Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

237/17 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bettley-Smith, Thomas and Walton.

238/17 In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman (Cllr Daly) took the chair.

239/17 Members considered the declaration of interests in agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

240/17 Cllr Berrisford reported on her attendance at the HS2 consultation meeting held in Crewe, which had provided no further information than that which had been available at the Parish Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July. Representatives of HS2 had met with residents of Den Lane as agreed. It had been hoped to have council representation at that meeting but owing to a late change to arrangements that had not proved possible.

241/17 The Clerk reported that there had been no business dealt with under the provision for urgent business since the last meeting.

242/17 Members considered the Council's response to consultation on the Joint Local Plan.

**RESOLVED that the Clerk draw up a response endorsing the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and stressing the Parish Council's view that none of the options offered were viable, that the background information used by the local authorities needed to be made available and that the timescale for such an important consultation was too short.**

[ The submission made was as follows:

**1. Members are concerned at the short timescale for this very important consultation and therefore reserves the right to comment in further detail at later consultation stages;**

**2. There appears to be little evidence to support the figures contained within the Objective Assessment of Need (OAN). The local planning authorities need to make available the background information which informed the conclusions reached in order to allow Parish Councils and local residents to make a valid and informed contribution to the Joint Local Plan process;**

**3. The Parish Council endorses the submission made by the Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (copy attached) and asks the Borough Council to respond fully to the issues raised therein;**

**4. The Parish Council is concerned that, although six options are offered to consultation, none appear to comply with both National Planning Policies and to meet the claimed Objective Assessment of Need. There is no option which is viable. It is therefore likely that a further option (or further options) will need to emerge beyond those offered for consultation at this stage, calling into question the purpose of the current consultation. ]**

243/17 Members considered the County Council's consultation on options to reduce the budget for supported bus services, all of which would result in the withdrawal of evening services on route 85 Crewe - Newcastle via Betley.

**RESOLVED that the Clerk respond making the following points:**

- withdrawal would further isolate the rural community especially vulnerable members, leading to isolation through mobility deprivation;**
- withdrawal was inconsistent with the claimed sustainability agenda, imperilling the maintenance of a diverse and sustainable community;**
- the loss of early evening service could stop residents return commuting leading to a loss of access to employment and/or a loss of custom for morning services thus placing them in jeopardy.**

244/17 The Clerk submitted to members a list of invoices to hand.

245/17 **RESOLVED** a) that the Council authorises payment of the following:

<b>Npower Ltd</b>	<b>Christmas lighting</b>	<b>£ 69.30</b>	<b>1308</b>
<b>Urban Vision Enterprise CIC</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Event</b>	<b>£ 132.30</b>	<b>1309</b>
<b>Shires Pay Services</b>	<b>Payroll costs</b>	<b>£ 25.50</b>	<b>1310</b>

246/17 Members considered matters relating to parish communication.

247/17 Members considered items for the next agenda to include clearing of gutters, bulb planting and Christmas lighting.