



Councillor's Update

26th June 2020

5th Edition

A note from the Clerk

As lockdown restrictions continue to be eased, play areas can open from 4th July 2020. Cllr Mrs. Ballantyne is shielding at present so I will undertake an inspection of the sites next week to ensure they are safe. Signage will be put up to remind users of the current Government guidelines and that the sites are not cleaned and sanitised and precautions should therefore be taken. It will be nice to see the play areas being used again.

Best wishes

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I had to go and let the grass cutter on to Admaston Green again last week and I thought the Siberian Elm was looking particularly blooming.

SID Statistics

SID has been moved to Rushmore Lane and, from 2nd June 2020 until 15th June 2020, clocked 1,461 vehicles exceeding the speed limit, giving a daily average of 140 vehicles speeding. Considering the country is still on partial lockdown this is a very worrying figure for a country road. The reply from the Safer Roads Partnership regarding the update from the West Mercia Road Safety Team Forum agenda item was that they understood that *Wrockwardine Wood Parish Council was in discussion with Telford & Wrekin Council over a planned scheme...* It has since been confirmed that they did indeed mean Wrockwardine Parish Council. The Chairman requested a further reply to ask whether the confusion was hampering their involvement and advising that the discussions with Telford & Wrekin had failed to reach an agreed scheme of works. The question was asked again how they could help and support in finding a solution to the extremely dangerous situation on the Parish roads.

Virtual Meetings Update

The Wrekin Area Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 17th June 2020 where local issues were discussed. The minutes are attached with this update for information.

The Clerk attended the SLCC Shropshire Branch Clerk's catch up where the current situation was discussed, problems and good news stories shared alongside a look at future working as restrictions are lifted.

The Haygate Fields Stakeholder Group met today (Friday 26th June) via Microsoft Teams where site developments and issues were discussed.

And finally, the Allscott Meads Stakeholder Group is scheduled to meet via Microsoft Teams on Thursday July 2nd. The Clerk will represent the Parish Council in the absence of the Chairman.

Anti Social Behaviour – Admaston

Following the report in the last update about the problems with anti-social behaviour on the playing fields at Admaston, it appears that action has finally been taken as this was posted on the local Facebook page earlier this week. Hopefully the residents can get some peace and quiet at night now:

Telford & Wrekin Cops

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Following reports from local residents of drug use and anti-social behaviour at Admaston Park the local SNT from Wellington North and Wellington West & Rural have worked with local councillors and T&W council to make it a safer place for everyone to enjoy! The car park gates will now be shutting at 9pm.

No Parish Council Meeting in July

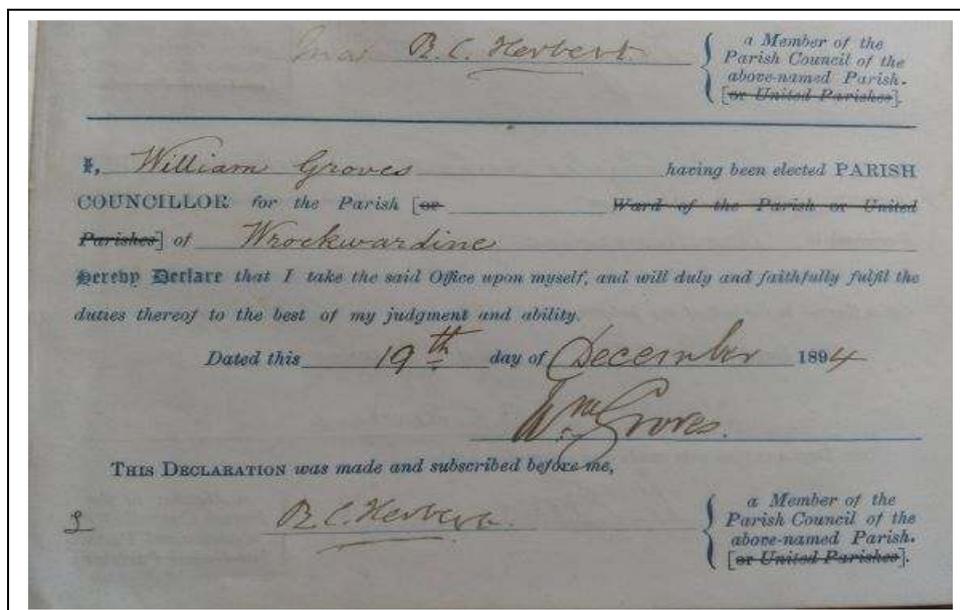
And finally,

Following a discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it has been agreed not to call a meeting in July.

However, discussions are taking place regarding the holding of a virtual meeting in August or, if guidance allows it, a physical meeting of the Council adhering to social distancing rules and perhaps with the possibility of it being held outdoors. The public would of course be notified in the normal way and invited to attend.

This would enable the AGAR to be signed off and sent to the external auditors and for the Council to publish the dates of the period for the public inspection of the AGAR and accounts, the notification of which has to start no later than 1st September 2020.

You will be kept updated on this as possibilities and discussions continue.



Members might be interested in the entries in the Parish Councillors Declarations book, inherited from the previous Clerk. This one, the first in the book is Cllr William Groves, dated 19th December 1894. Eleven entries were made on that date, one was a woman – Mary Elizabeth Eyton. Both names are familiar to us today. They are fascinating documents and if anyone would like to have a look at these books, please let me know and I will bring them along to a future meeting.