

MINUTES OF THE TETTENHALL COMMUNITY FORUM
Parish Rooms, Tettenhall
20th November 2025
at 6.30 pm

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

There were 17 residents in attendance including 2 Ward Councillors.

MATTERS ARISING

REGISTRATION

The situation is largely unchanged from that recorded in the minutes of our last meeting on 30th October, viz there is now goodwill between the Trust and the ward councillors regarding registration of an appropriate resident-led activity to update the Neighbourhood Plan. However, David Pattison has still not rearranged the meeting he felt obliged to cancel on 10th October and the Trust has not yet received any concrete proposals regarding how the Trust could combine with the alternative application for registration.

PETITION

Equally there is no further progress to report on the council's response to our petition. Thanks to the support of Cllr Sohail Khan (SK), John Charles has confirmed that the response to the petition is now under consideration but there has been no further information regarding when this will take place or what the responses to the petition may be.

PLANNING

Chill Wine Bar

Cllr Jonathan Crofts (JC) confirmed that, as a result of various representations by residents, councillors and the Forum, there were now 2 matters under consideration. Firstly a full review of the license and secondly consideration of the representations made regarding the variations (*post meeting Robin Hacking (RH) confirmed that he had received a response regarding representations which have now been confirmed to be relevant and will be reported to the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee hearing. RH has also been invited to attend the sub-committee meeting at 10.30 on Tuesday 9th December. It was confirmed to RH that JC has submitted representations and in accordance with the options available to RH he will be asking JC to make representations on his behalf*). JC encouraged residents to make further representations to him so that he can present a full picture at the hearing. These representations need to be made on or before 4th December to him via his email jonathan.crofts@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

Neal Kelshaw (NK) commented that, as was often the case with Facebook posts, there had been some comments in support of the application as well as those against it and whereas it is the Forum's responsibility to consider the views of all residents it continues to note the disruption caused by exceeding the conditions of the current licensing permission and draws attention to the inappropriateness of extending a license which has already been violated to the detriment of the local residents.

1 Wergs Road

This situation is still slightly confused. Whereas there is still an outstanding planning application dated 4th September 2025 for metal railings to be fitted to the boundary wall at the front of the property (copy attached to these minutes) there is also a requirement, we understand, for the unsightly and imposing wooden palisade fence to be removed or cut down to a reasonable size. Thanks to SK for his intervention in this matter and it is noted that immediately prior to this meeting the fence had been reduced to around 1m. We will continue to monitor this situation.

Avenue House

Many residents and regular Forum attendees have taken the opportunity to meet with the developer (W13) and discuss their outline plans. There was much goodwill towards the developer regarding their helpful approach and presentations of plans and drawings. The developer appears ready to commence the development and willing to consult which is a vast improvement from the recent situation where vandalism, anti-social behaviour and inappropriate action from the previous owner have been blighting the area. Once again thanks to SK and the Regis councillors for their involvement in this which now appears to be on a positive trajectory.

The most common concern expressed by people attending the event was to do with the barrack-like appearance of the two proposed new build blocks. Residents advised the developers to seek early involvement with a local estate agent who would be familiar with the requirements and opportunities for the area eg Berriman Eaton who are acting for the sale of properties at the Stockwell House site, please note other estate agents are available.

There were also concerns raised about parking and whereas the proposed underground parking facility was welcome the limit of 1 car park space per apartment was considered to be inadequate in relation to the likely type of clients who would purchase these properties and the impossibility of roadside parking in the narrow lane leading to the development.

It was also established that the developers were unaware of the Neighbourhood Plan which would have better informed the style of the new building design. It is disappointing that in the pre-planning discussions with council planners the existence of the Tettenhall Neighbourhood Plan had not been communicated to the developers and RH was happy to be able to provide a copy for their information. RH will write to the planners to raise the matter of them making sure developers are aware of the Neighbourhood Plan in all future relevant developments.

Abbeyfield House

A planning application dated 3rd November 2025 for 9 x 1 bed apartments has been submitted and residents can study the application on Wolverhampton City Council's planning portal ref 25/01223/FUL. The only external impact of this application is the intention to demolish a carport to increase the current 7 parking spaces to 9.

Whereas these proposals do not substantially change the external appearance of the property residents questioned whether the apparent desire of the council to proliferate one bed apartments might be more appropriate for the city centre. It is less appropriate for residents in Tettenhall looking to downsize from family homes into comfortable, spacious apartments.

Danescourt Road

I am pleased to report that as a result of representations made by Marion Reeves on behalf of local residents and representations from the wider community via the Forum and with considerable support and assistance from SK the Highways Department has said that it will now not go ahead with this roundabout but will instead look to repair and maintain the grass triangle instead.

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The next working party by Friends of St Michael's was scheduled for the day after this meeting at 14.00. The plan is to continue with pruning and collection of leaves and to bag these up for later disposal. Activity will be concentrated on the tidying up of the 2 ashes interment areas.

SMESTOW VALLEY NATURE RESERVE

There was a further discussion regarding the motor cycle inhibitor gates being installed in Smestow Valley. As reported at the last meeting the drop-in session at the Wild Life Activity Centre took place on 5th November. Residents from all around the district who regularly use the Smestow Valley Reserve expressed their concern, along with community leaders from Smestow Valley Community Group, Friends of Smestow Valley, TDCT and Tettenhall Community Forum. The strong request was for work to be suspended until proper consultation had taken place given the inappropriate nature of the work and the high cost,

At the time of the meeting it appears that work has been paused but it is not yet clear how the council intends to respond to the major reservations and concerns which have now been clearly communicated to the council. This item will now be kept under scrutiny and reported at future meetings.

STEERING GROUP UPDATE

NK and Becky Cresswell (BC) gave an update on the 910 Battles project. The final details for the application to the Arts Council were now in place and the bid will soon be submitted. A third edition of the Aethelflaed book has now been printed and this is an opportunity for further fundraising for the Trust which has obtained a number of these books for sale. Plans will be put in place to distribute some books to schools in the wider area.

The project has also received interest from an international performing arts group and discussions with this group are ongoing.

A stakeholder meeting is due to take place on 11th December and Kevin Threlfall, President of the golf club, has agreed to be a patron on the board of the Trust.

BC explained that the educational opportunities surrounding the project were now taking on a wider significance with a number of additional schools and universities expressing an interest.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NK reported on a second large and disruptive funeral which had recently taken place at St Michael's. It is believed that the funeral director (Sincerity Funeral Services) was the same in each case. The funeral director was very unhelpful in acknowledging and dealing with the parking problems created for local residents, and did not appear to understand her responsibilities in this regard which include providing a marshal to organise parking in the

event of large, well attended funerals so as to minimise disruption for local residents. NK is seeking a meeting with the funeral director, the Lower Green Residents Association and church representatives to avoid future occurrences of these problems.

NK and RH reported that they had both laid a wreath at St Michael's on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Trust and the Forum.

Colin Whittingham asked if our locality was getting our fair share of funding recently announced for road repairs. Whilst it was noted that the yellow box junctions at Compton island had now been repainted those present listed a number of roads where repairs were urgent, eg Old Hill. Old Hill is apparently 26th on the list of roads needing attention in the capital program. The document identifying road priorities in the capital program can be accessed by residents by reference to the Wolverhampton Council website.

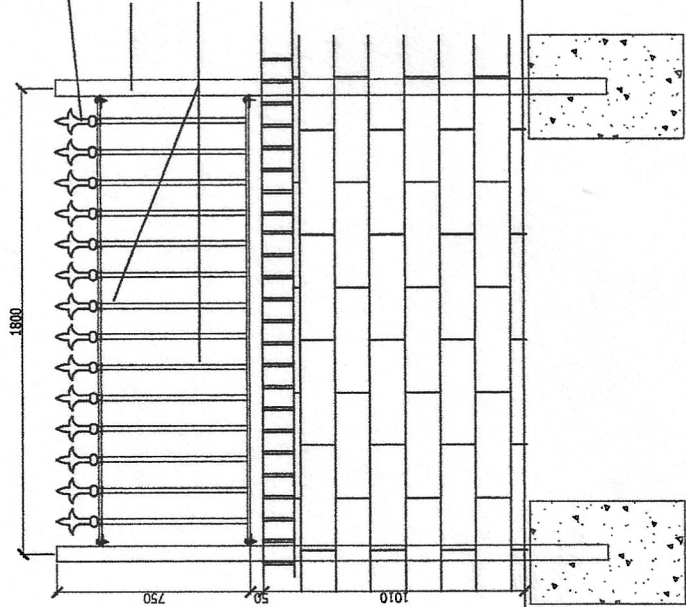
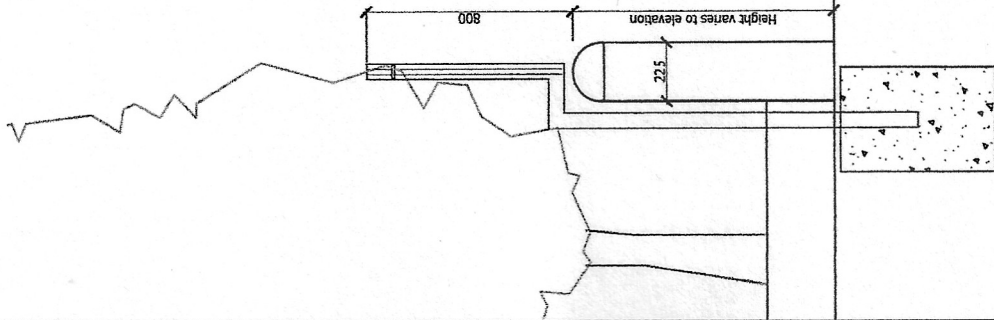
After confirmation from Marion Reeves that the Love Your Community meeting had not been booked at Wolverhampton Cricket Club for the Love Your Community meeting scheduled for 15th January 2026 Liz Hacking said that she would contact Chris Jellyman to advise him that the venue had not yet been booked.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.25 hours.

MEETING SCHEDULE


Our next scheduled meeting is on **11th December** at 18.30 in the Parish Rooms.

PLANNING REF 25/01046/FUL RECEIVED 12/09/25



Top and bottom rails to be in 50x50x10mm hot rolled flat.
50x50x5mm RHS Posts with flat cappings at 1800mm horizontal centres, for setting into 400 x 300mm concrete bases.
Tubular infill to be in 19mm dia. steel bar spaced at 119mm centres to leave max. 100mm gap between.
All the above in Galvanized finish to BS EN 1461 to receive painted finish - colour to be agreed.

SECTION
ELEVATION
METAL RAILINGS

ALL ELEVATIONS ARE VIEWED FROM OUTSIDE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.		
CONTRACT NUMBER: Project Ref		
REV	DATE	COMMENTS
CONTRACT :		
1-3 Wergs Road, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton. WV6 9AY		
PENN ARCHITECTURAL		
26 Main Road, Ketley Bank, Telford. TF2 0DH		
Tel : 01952 375394		
Email : info@pennarchitectural.co.uk		
Website : www.pennarchitectural.co.uk		
		
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists Registered Practice		
DRAWING TITLE :		
Proposed section and elevation of railing fence		
SCALE A3	DRAWING ISSUE STATUS	
1:20	Planning	
DRAWN N.P	DRAWING No.	REV
DATE 04.09.2025	WR-004	

UPCOMING EVENTS

FORUM MEETINGS

11th December

8th January 2026

Parish Rooms, Tettenhall WV6 8QF - 18.30 start

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

Interested parties can sign up on <https://www.facebook.com/TettenhallTrustPage>.

SMESTOW VALLEY NATURE WALKS

Every Thursday - Ramblers Wellbeing Walk. Meet at Windmill Community Church, Henwood Road, WV6 8PG at 10.00 for 10.15 start.

Tettenhall Lights Switch-on

November 28th 16.30 – 19.00. Lights switch-on at 18.30. Upper Green, Tettenhall.

Smestow Valley

29th November 10.00 – 14.00. Community Litter Pick (starting Hordern Road car park WV6 9NB). **All equipment will be provided.**

St Michael & all Angels 6th December Christmas Concert 19.30. Free to attend.

Army
Benevolent
Fund

Christmas Concert

By The Band of The Mercian Regiment

St Michael & All Angels Church.
Church Road Tettenhall, WV6 9AJ.

Saturday 6th December 2025 7:30pm - Free to attend

Wine, soft drinks & mince pies available to buy throughout the evening

Join us for a magical evening of live music featuring Christmas classics performed by the renowned Band of the Mercian Regiment. This much-loved annual event is a highlight of the season, bringing festive cheer and beautiful music to our community.

Scan the QR code to register for your free entry



LOCAL POLICING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Drop in surgery - Oxley

9:00AM - 11:00AM, Fri 21 November 2025

Morrisons, Blaydon Road, Oxley

Chatter & Natter - Oxley

2:00PM - 3:30PM, Tue 02 December 2025

Oasis Cafe, Whitburn Close, Wolverhampton

Drop in surgery - Tettenhall

9:00AM - 11:00AM, Thu 11 December 2025

Co-op, High Street, Tettenhall

Cuppa with a Coppa - Tettenhall Regis

10:00AM - 12:00PM, Thu 18 December 2025

Cheeky Monkey Cakery, 76 Green Lane, Tettenhall

Drop in surgery - Compton

3:00PM - 4:00PM, Fri 19 December 2025

Sainsburys, Bridgnorth Road, Compton

Drop in surgery - Tettenhall

9:00AM - 11:00AM, Sat 20 December 2025

Tesco Express, Codsall Road, W'hampton

Drop in surgery - Tettenhall

12:00PM - 2:00PM, Sat 20 December 2025

Co-op, Pendeford Avenue, Wolverhampton

Tettenhall - Love Your Community Meeting

6:00PM - 8:00PM, Thu 15 January 2026

Tettenhall Cricket Club, Danescourt Road

Chatter & Natter - Oxley

2:00PM - 3:30PM, Tue 03 February 2026

Oasis Cafe, Whitburn Close, Tettenhall

Oxley - Love Your Community Meeting

6:00PM - 8:00PM, Tue 03 February 2026

Rakegate Methodist Church Renton Grove

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