

MINUTES OF THE TETTENHALL COMMUNITY FORUM
Parish Rooms, Tettenhall
18th September 2025
at 6.30 pm

APOLOGIES

Rebecca Cresswell, Nicola and Malcolm Rudge.

There were 11 residents in attendance.

MATTERS ARISING

REGISTRATION

Robin Hacking (RH) reminded the meeting that our application for registration to update the Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted nearly one year ago but there is now some movement in the resolution of the two application problem. David Pattison (DP) had met with the 6 councillors in whose name the alternative application stands with a view to achieving a joint solution. DP has also called a meeting for 10th October (45 minutes scheduled) to agree how the two groups would work together. There is as yet no notified agenda for this meeting.

It is also encouraging to note that Tony Gething, who is the chairman of the Conservative Party constituency committee, has agreed to attend a Steering Group meeting on 13th September together with the 6 councillors. Some Forum members expressed an interest in attending the Steering Group meeting to observe the proceedings and Neal Kelshaw (NK) confirmed that he was happy for a handful of members to attend the meeting which is in the board room at Compton Care from 18.00.

NK also informed the meeting that an audio meeting discussion between Ian Culley (IC) of WCC, NK, Matt Caffrey (MC) and RH has been scheduled for 23rd September, the purpose being to understand how the meeting is likely to be conducted and future outcomes following the meeting. In the event that a compromise joint approach is not achievable it was confirmed by IC that the council would be obliged to choose one of the current options available to it. RH pointed out that it is likely to be politically impossible for the council to select in open meeting a petition from residents as opposed to a petition in the name of the 6 ward councillors in the district, even in the event that the Trust's submission was vastly superior to the one in the name of the ward councillors which we believe is the case. For this reason RH believed that it was entirely possible that the council would delay making a selection until a compromise could be found. NK, however, expressed his confidence that IC would in fact conduct a selection process between the two applications if the compromise was not forthcoming following the meeting on 10th October.

PETITION

The 6 part petition for improving the Rock Junction submitted in April 2024 has still not received a response from the council. Against the petitioners' wishes it was drawn into the council's deliberation on the TTRO. In May/June 2024 we were informed it would be considered by the consultants who have been engaged to advise the council on their TTRO. Our working assumption is that as a result of this consultant's review the TTRO will not be implemented in the foreseeable future but the question arises how we could

pursue some or all of the constructive proposals identified in the petition without running the risk of reopening the contentious issue of the TTRO which we must avoid at all costs. We will try to seek some guidance from the council as to whether it would be possible to enter into some consultation with them regarding the petition's 6 proposals.

PLANNING

RH has already reported to the Forum at previous meetings that he has written to Stephen Alexander, Head of Planning, to enter into a consultation regarding poles, listed buildings and conservation areas. As a way of improving communication on these important issues for residents and as preparation for work on updating the Neighbourhood Plan which will need to review these important areas of planning. RH reported that he has now received a reply from IC pointing out that this activity would be better considered when the outcome of the meeting on 10th October is clear. In his email to RH as an aside he commented; *The Tettenhall Community Forum is listed as one of our Local Plan consultees, but this is in relation to the Local Plan rather than planning applications.*

This is not our understanding and we will seek to clarify this with IC over the days and weeks ahead.

Peter Titley read an extract from the Express & Star regarding the Keepers Lane development proposals. The Forum discussed the potential issues arising from this development and a number of new builds around the northern boundary of the district in South Staffordshire and Shropshire. WCC seem to be supporting these developments and we should be seeking representations to identify impacts and resolutions to these impacts. We have often discussed at the Forum WCC's opportunity to seek a civil infrastructure levy from neighbouring councils who are substituting for WCC's lack of suitable space for additional housing. Documents will be attached to the minutes for further information.

Nick Hartt raised the issue of parking on the grass near Clifton Road which has now been covered by the council in a recently issued order under the Road Traffic Act 1984 restricting parking in Clifton Road and Stockwell Road, a copy of which is also attached to these minutes.

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Following Steve Robinson's excellent work on the churchyard the first party of working volunteers will be busy at the churchyard tomorrow, Friday 19th September, from 14.00 but additional volunteers are always welcome, drinks and snacks in the Swan, Lower Street afterwards.

Regarding the church, concerns were also raised following a funeral held recently where parking completely gridlocked the local area because of the large number of people attending. NK noted that the funeral directors are obliged to make appropriate arrangements for parking in these situations and he would make representations to the funeral directors concerned.

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Please see attached. It was also mentioned that police now have a mobile speed camera that works at night.

STEERING GROUP UPDATE

The Art Trail proposal celebrating the Battle of 910AD. The bid has now been split up into 4 more manageable tranches, the first bid of £37,000 to fund statuary and developing the plan

and organisations. Heather Clark from the council is supporting RC in establishing suitable locations along the trail for statuary. New Cross Hospital, with whom RC is already working on another project, has expressed an interest. MC is working on the transfer of some funds which may be available from a local organisation now closed which may be able to donate remaining funds to our project.

Nick Berriman is continuing to engage local businesses in the burgeoning Business Forum.

NK reported that he was considering moving the Steering Group meetings to monthly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Colin Whittingham raised the issue of potholes. It was noted that works had been completed to improve Henwood Road but there are many other places in the district which require attention. Post meeting and before these minutes were drafted it is noted that Wolverhampton Council has purchased a specialist piece of machinery to dig up and repair potholes. We look forward to getting access to this equipment on some of our local roads.

Sally Hathaway mentioned that there has been a consultation for proposed access improvements at Smestow Valley Nature Reserve. The proposed access improvements can be viewed on <https://smestowvalley.co.uk/get-involved/svlnr-accessibility-consultation.pdf>.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19.50 hours.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Our next scheduled meeting is on **9th October** at 18.30 in the Parish Rooms.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FORUM MEETINGS

9th October

30th October

20th November

Parish Rooms, Tettenhall - 18.30 start

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

19th September 14.00 – 17.00 (meeting at Grotto Lane end).

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

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE EVENTS

Please see separate sheets for more information. If you wish to sign up for WMNOW updates go to <https://wmnow.co.uk>

LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY MEETING

15th January 2026

18.00 – 20.00

Wolverhampton Cricket Club

Danescourt Road WV6 9BJ

Information and links from the meeting held on 10th September are attached to this document.

HELP AT THE HUB

A Help at the Hub event is planned for Monday 6th October, 11am -2 pm in the Hopkins Room, St Michael's Parish Centre (next to Tettenhall Library) Upper Street, Tettenhall, WV6 8QF. Further details will be sent closer to the date. For more information contact Christopher Jellyman at Wolverhampton City Council.

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<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaXZ7avJuyAIPwffOw0T>

Engage: Tettenhall Community Forum Chat Group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EPXBuenn2Pf21DH4qfQj4r>

View Facebook: Trust Information Page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565958490166>

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

The 1st Friends Of St Michaels event is Friday 19/SEP at 14:00, meeting at the Grotto Lane entrance.

Can you help provide some dignity and beauty to the churchyard gardens of your community asset ?

Friends' is a working group run by Tettenhall Community Forum volunteers and we need your help to assist the church in upkeep and maintenance to augment the limited council work provided.

The 1st activities will be:

- Removal of previously cut tree branches and leaf waste left around the churchyard (Grotto Lane end)
- Ground works for two pallet design compost and tree waste / bin areas to improve the general look and provide facilities for easy future working
- Construction of pallet design compost and tree waste / bin bays
- Strimming and removal of arising weeds from rear churchyard area
- Collection of leaf waste retained throughout the churchyard

SIGN UP FOR THE EVENT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE EVENT

The working group will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month, to follow announcements join the [Tettenhall Community Forum chat group](#).

Public Liability and Volunteer Insurance is provided for all volunteers and work undertaken by the Tettenhall District Community Trust and CiC.

Volunteers may bring their own gardening and woodworking tools, gloves, and should wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. Safety assessments will be provided by PM Steve Robinson.

Free soft refreshments and food at cost price will be in The Swan afterwards. Equipment such as tools and 'Hippo' bags will be provided by Steve. A skip is being organised by Steve for the initial day's work.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wolverhampton City Council propose to make the following Order under Sections 1, 2, 124(1)(d) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers. The effect of the Order is as follows:

THE WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL (TETTENHALL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO 3) ORDER 2025

This Order will prohibit any vehicle to:

- (i) wait at any time on any day and load and unload at any time on any day in parts of Stockwell Road;
 - (ii) wait between 8:30am - 6:30pm on any day between 1 September - 30 April in parts of Stockwell Road;
 - (iii) Wait, load and unload on any day between 8:30am - 6:30pm, between 1 May - 31 August in parts of Stockwell Road;
 - (iv) wait between 8:30am - 6:30pm on any day in parts of Stockwell Road and Clifton Road;
 - (v) wait in a disabled person's parking place unless there is displayed on that vehicle in the relevant position a valid disabled person's badge for a period no longer than 3 hours with no return within 1 hour at any time on any day in parts of Clifton Road;
- Provided that the vehicle immediately before or after the act of parking has been or is about to be driven or used by the person to whom the badge has been issued or as the cause may be, used for the carrying of disabled person(s) as passenger(s).

as specified on the Plan.

Existing Traffic Regulation Orders will be revoked to the extent necessary to facilitate the provisions of this Order.

A copy of the Order, Statement of Reason and Plan showing the parts of the roads affected by the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at Main Reception, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton or viewed online at <http://wolverhampton.gov.uk/tropem>, or by using the QR Code below, or by emailing commercial.property@wolverhampton.gov.uk. Any objection(s) to the proposed Order should be made in writing to the undersigned by Friday 3 October 2025 stating the ground(s) for the objection(s).

Dated 12 September 2025

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A developer plans to build up to 767 new homes on farmland in a village near Wolverhampton.

Persimmon Homes is seeking outline permission for the development off Keepers Lane in Codsall.

In its application to South Staffordshire Council, the builder said the proposals would not have a significant impact on the environment. The scheme is for 109-acre site between Keepers Lane and Birches Road, bounded by the River Penk in the south.

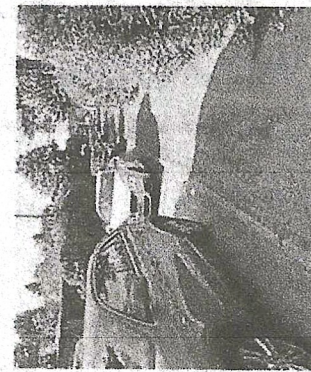
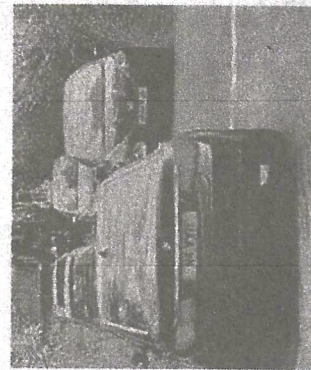
A report presented on behalf of the developer said 97 per cent of the land was used for agricultural purposes at the moment. The main access for the site would be from Keepers Lane, with a second access road off Meadow Vale, which at the moment is a cul-de-sac.

A mix of private and social housing would be planned for the site, along with public open space and an 'environmental reserve'.

The development would have its own internal cycle lanes and pedestrian routes.

Annabel Roberts, a planning expert acting on behalf of the developer, said while the development would generate extra traffic, this would not have a 'significant' impact on the environment, at least as in terms of planning regulations. "There will be a limited number of people who will be affected by this proposal, mainly by landscape and visual impacts," she said. "It is not considered that people would be adversely significantly affected by the operation of the proposed development."

HOMES PLAN WILL PUT LIVES AT RISK



Fifteen accidents and daily congestion on Keepers Lane, Tetterhall, documented by residents as they fight plans for 1,000 new homes on their doorstep.

Campaigners against plans for 1,000 homes on green fields have compiled a 'dossier of danger' to illustrate why it should be turned down.

Residents living in a 'dangerous' road near Wolverhampton say lives will be at risk if the developments go ahead after documenting 15 accidents in two years.

They are the latest community fighting back against the accelerated building of homes as the Government looks to reach a target of 1.5 million new homes by the end of this parliament.

People living in Keepers Lane, which runs from Tetterhall through to Codsall, say they have

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had to endure crashes and congestion – and have the pictures to prove it.

They say the twisty narrow roads cannot cope with the present volume of traffic and fear the new developments will lead to an extra 2,000 car movements a day.

The residents have been keeping a record of accidents and queues, which they say proves the new homes must not be allowed.

Last year, Miller Homes and South Staffordshire Council issued a joint statement on proposals for

at least 317 new homes to be built on green space between Keepers Lane and Wergs Hall Road, over an eight-year period beginning in 2029. And last month, Persimmon Homes lodged a separate, preliminary 'screening' application to build a further 767 properties on the opposite side of Keepers Lane, on 109 acres of farmland bounded by the River Penk in the south.

Residents' spokesman Mike Phillips said one neighbour had the front of his car 'demolished' while he tried to leave his drive, and another had his front wall flattened by a passing lorry.

He said the section where he lived came under Wolverhampton

Council, and he had unsuccessfully asked for traffic-calming measures to be introduced.

"Unfortunately nothing has been done and so the accidents continue," he said. "This section of Lane is very narrow in some parts with not enough room for two vehicles to pass, making it very congested and dangerous."

Mr Phillips said the road's narrowness combined with limited visibility at certain points posed risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and existing residents, particularly families with young children and elderly residents. He added: "Increased vehicle traffic could significantly heighten the risk of accidents."

West Midlands Police said it was investigating the incident, which was reported to have happened near Molyneux Road some time in the last few weeks.

It has described the suspect as a white man in his late 50s and asked for anyone with any information to get in touch as soon as possible.

Delay warning due to water leak repair

Motorists heading along a busy road in Brierley Hill are being warned to expect delays as urgent work gets under way to repair a water leak.

Dudley Emergency Works put out a message on social media to inform motorists of the work on Delph Road in Brierley Hill near the island junction of Mount Pleasant.

The work by engineers from South Staffs Water is expected to be completed on September 15.

Leader will address protesters' worries

Four anti-asylum hotel campaigners were meeting a council chief today to air their concerns.

Dudley Council's leader Councillor Patrick Harley offered to meet some of the campaigners who are calling for an end to illegal immigration and the housing of asylum seekers in hotels. Councillor Harley went out to speak to protesters outside the council house on Tuesday and offered today's meeting to 'go through their concerns'.

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Discover the power to lower prices on page 2.

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Operation SNAP!

Good Evening Liz,

What is Operation Snap?

Operation Snap (often called Op Snap) is an initiative run by West Midlands Police (WMP) that enables members of the public to submit footage of careless or dangerous driving — from dash-cams, CCTV, mobile phones (when held by passengers), or other recording devices. The goal is to use this evidence to take action against motorists whose driving risks safety on the roads.

Why it Matters

Road safety is a high priority: reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on West Midlands roads is a key aim.

Public submissions are substantial: in 2024 for example, over 13,500 videos were submitted — about 1,200 per month.

Action is being taken: Of those submissions, many have led to fixed penalty notices, driver awareness courses, warning letters, or prosecution.

What Kind of Offences Can Be Reported

Some examples of reportable offences include:

Dangerous or careless driving (e.g. weaving, close passing)

Using a mobile phone while driving

Failing to stop at red lights or pedestrian crossings

Not wearing a seat-belt, crossing solid white lines, or other offences where control is clearly lacking.

Parking offences can also be reported — but only certain types, e.g. obstructive parking (zig-zags, dropped kerbs etc.) — not everything (for example, not ordinary double yellow line parking or “inconsiderate” parking) .

What’s Needed to Make a Valid Report

To ensure the footage will be usable, reports should meet certain criteria:

Be submitted within 10 days of the alleged offence.

Include the whole incident; where possible, also capture about one minute prior to and after the offence.

Footage duration should not exceed 10 minutes.

Details required alongside the footage: date, time, location of the event; the vehicle registration, make and colour; description of what happened; how you were involved (if relevant)

Important: Do not post the footage publicly (e.g. social media) before or during any legal proceedings, as this can make it unusable.

What Happens After You Submit Footage

Specially trained officers review every submission.

If an offence is identified, possible outcomes include:

Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) e.g. fines, penalty points

Driver awareness or improvement courses

Warning letters

Court summons, for more serious or repeated offences

In many cases (around 85% of submitted clips in recent reporting) positive action is possible.

Recent Developments & Impact

WMP has expanded resources for the Op Snap team – more officers & better processing – to handle the increasing volume of submissions.

In 2024, almost 6,000 drivers were issued fixed penalty notices via Op Snap, with many more educated or taking courses.

Local councils (e.g. Sandwell, Dudley) are collaborating by providing CCTV footage and encouraging public submissions.

How You Can Help / Get Involved

If you witness dangerous or careless driving and capture it (legally, safely), you can submit the footage. Always ensure you are not doing anything unsafe in order to record.

Follow the guidelines above so the evidence is admissible.

Councils and businesses with CCTV can also share relevant footage.

Spread awareness: letting neighbours, friends or local groups know about Op Snap helps increase reporting and deterrence.



LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY MEETING 10th SEPTEMBER 2025

Here are the links to the items which were discussed during the presentation.

- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/city-mark-world-suicide-prevention-day-2025> - Yesterday was World Suicide Prevention Day 2025.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/eight-weapon-bins-now-helping-keep-city-safe> - There are now 8 weapon surrender bins in Wolverhampton.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/wolverhampton-walking-recovery> - Wolverhampton is hosting the UK Recovery Walk 2025 which takes place on 13th September. Details of the route can be found in the attached document. Please note any potential road closures.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/new-scheme-will-help-families-need-while-giving-new-life-unloved-items> - Details on the "Too Good to Chuck" scheme.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling> - Details on waste services and recycling, including small electrical items and small batteries.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/we-are-watching-city-cameras-lead-prosecutions-environmental-crimes> – Action being taken against fly tippers.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1ljme5lee4o> – Litter picking taking place in Wolverhampton City Centre. More volunteer events are planned for different parts of Wolverhampton.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/environment-and-climate/street-care-and-cleaning/community-involvement> – This link includes details of how you can set up your own litter pick which is supported by City of Wolverhampton Council.
- <https://thestreetlink.org.uk/> - You can use this link to report anyone who is rough sleeping.
- <https://wolverhamptonchange.co.uk/> - The Alternative Giving scheme is a way to help the homeless and vulnerable people by providing the right support.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/residents-invited-enjoy-series-discovery-days-and-around-smestow-valley> – Events taking place around Smestow Valley
- https://smestowvalley.co.uk/get-involved/index.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawMuUYhleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETBLcGIJb0dxRTYyMUpjYVJ2AR4E75CPIECnGyRVm63-vj5GDDj7FIM9B4bvVVUdSFkGf5LVB9ORtTSDS0iAKA_aem_hSV_bZbaGrLw_CarVORLIQ – We're seeking feedback on a series of proposed access improvements, aimed at making key entry points to the reserve more welcoming, inclusive, and easier to navigate. The intention is to enhance the overall visitor experience, broaden the appeal of the site, and strengthen the community's connection to this important green space. The attached document provides an image that outlines some of the proposed changes.

- <https://www.facebook.com/SmestowValley> – All updates relating to Smestow Valley Local Nature Reserve.
- <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-midlands-police/tettenhall-penn-merry-hill-and-oxley/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us> – Details of the local police team.
- <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/your-council/councillors> – Contact details for ward Councillors.
- <https://www.wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk/help-support/anti-social-behaviour/> - Details for Wolverhampton ASB Team.

Finally, a Help at the Hub event is planned for Monday 6th October, 11am -2pm in the Hopkins Room, St Michael's Parish Centre (next to Tettenhall Library) Upper Street, Tettenhall, WV6 8QF. Further details will be sent closer to the date.

Thanks for taking the time to read this email.

Take care.

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