**CPRE Telford & Wrekin
District Group**

**Minutes of the General Meeting on
Tuesday 5th June 2018 / 19:30 / Edgmond Village Hall**

**2018.11 Present:**

C. Furnival (Chairman), G. Sinclair (Vice Chair), G. Nichols, J. Berry, J. Clarke, R. Wickson

**2018.12 Apologies:**

K. Baker, P. Soulsby, P. Chadwick, A. Connah, K. Connah, S. Jaggs, N. Highley

* 1. **Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed Janet Clarke to the meeting. Janet has been a member of CPRE for some time and was the member who organised representatives from CPRE to attend a Newport Civic Society meeting in March.

* 1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Chairman noted that he still needed to share the Telford & Wrekin Council interactive map with members and would do within the week.

Minutes passed.

* 1. **CPRE County & National Office Updates**

The Chairman shared details of National Offices current campaigns which has been emailed out to members, along with minutes of the latest County CPRE meeting.

Much discussion took place regarding Tree Preservation Orders (TPO’s) and weather others are having the same issues in Shropshire. Subsicently the Chairman agreed he would make FOI requests for Edgmond, High Ercall, Tibberton, Newport, Oakengates and Stirchley. The FOI request is to be worded as *“I request the current data you have for how many TPO’s you have identified in the parish of X”*

**2018.16 Events & Training Updates**

Representatives of various CPRE districts attended a Planning Training session in Staffordshire in April of which the Chairman and Vice Chair also attended. The Vice Chairman said that the training was useful but not specific enough to day-to-day planning matters, it cantered around judicial reviews more than anything.

The Chairman was invited to speak to the Newport Civic Society in March about the work of CPRE and what it does locally. Subsequently we have been invited to further events and it was said to be a good success for the publicity of the charities aims with its members.

We will be holding a stall at the “Working Together to Make a Difference” conference in June. The conference is being organised by the Parish Charter and this is a good opportunity to connect with our member Parish & Town Councils.

The group agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chair could seek further training for members regarding planning, marketing and campaigning.

The CPRE Shropshire AGM this year is on the 2nd of July at Attingham Park. All members are invited to contact admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk

* 1. **Planning Applications**

G. Sinclair is now our Planning Volunteer and will monitor the Weekly List for the whole Borough each week for applications that may be of interest to members. He will continue to make the relevant enquiries regarding applications and represent the group where appropriate, with the support of members. We are namely interested in any applications that are not consistent with the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan 2011-31.

**2018.17 AOB**

The Chairman is currently looking at how we can share a regular eNewsletter to update members on what he, the Vice Chair, County and National Office are doing that will be of interest of the group.

We are looking to launch a campaign to highlight the issues of fly-tipping. It was agreed to be a campaign that involves all the relevant organisations, T&W, Town & Parish Councils, Friends of Groups, Shropshire Playing Fields Association etc. this would be a 6 week campaign with a variety of volunteering days litter picking, surveys of god fouling, press conferences, posters via social media, leafleting. We agreed that to do such a campaign it should be The Wrekin as it is locally well-known and it has severe fly-tipping issues. CPRE County could support the advertisement and organising of such a campaign and details will be shared with member and non-members in due course.

Date of the next meeting will be 4th September 2018, 7pm at Edgmond Village Hall