

## **LAND AT WEDGEFIELDS CLOSE,HADNALL.**

**We have polite observations to make.**

- 1. We are concerned that responses from the residents of Wedgefields, sent to the Clerk ahead of the last meeting, were not brought forward to that meeting and appear to have been completely ignored. No reference is made to them in the minutes of the 9th of January 2023.**
- 2. It is clear from the copy conveyance (dated 3rd June 1986) that there was an intention for Jennings Homes to convey the land to the Hadnall Parish Council for them to retain and maintain. However, there was also an inference that Jennings Homes would place covenants on all of the houses built concerning the future management of the land. We know that was never done.**
- 3. We note that documents were sent to the association of Parish Councils Legal Department but there is no mention regarding their response. More research should be done into the Parish Council minutes covering that time. Likewise there is nothing to show any communication with the North Shropshire District Council at that time.**
- 4. Can the Parish Council evidence the existence of transfer of title of the land and explain why the transfer of land ( if it did indeed occur) was not entered in the Land Registry ? Without that evidence there may be an indication that the conveyancing was not actually completed.**
- 5. The land was not recorded as a Parish asset and for 36 years plus, Parish Councillors have claimed not to know who owns the land. The fact that four Parish Councillors signed the document and then made no further comment, seems to cement the fact that this was not proceeded with.**

6. During that time the Parish Council have failed to take responsibility for its maintenance. Only in the past few years have the Parish Council assisted the residents of Wedgefields in the maintenance by arranging summer mowing.
7. Why did the Parish Council fail to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the land given that they now claim ownership?
8. Without the actions of the Wedgefields residents in the mid to late nineties the land would have remained a rat infested eye sore at the south entrance to the village.
9. The efforts of the Wedgefields residents in maintaining the land over such a lengthy period needs to be acknowledged in some way and the Parish Council should not be allowed to ride rough shod over the residents by simply ignoring the cost and time put in for the benefit of all villagers.
10. It is suggested that the Parish Council should obtain independent legal advice, at their expense, concerning the matter and make a full disclosure to all the residents of Wedgefields.
11. We want to see a resolution to the matter and it is suggested that a compromise could be reached whereby the Parish Council complete the adoption of the land to everyones satisfaction and class the land as an " OPEN SPACE" not a "PUBLIC OPEN SPACE" to be maintained by the Parish Council in partnership with the residents of Wedgefields.