

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman
D.A. Cook
R.J. Cotham (Chairman)
D.S. Cowie
Ms C.A. Holland
R.S. Parr
Ms L. Patel
P.J. Wade

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Tina Woodward, 5 members of the public

Apologies: - Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar - work reasons, Councillor M.J. Edwards - work reasons,
Councillor M.P. Hill - work reasons, Councillor D. Hyde – work reasons,
Councillor Mrs. J.C. Marsh – work reasons

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th October 2019, having been distributed to all councillors, were confirmed and signed.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Tim Rogers, Shropshire Council’s Area Planning Manager who had agreed to brief the Parish Council about the enforcement process but would be unable to discuss individual enforcement cases with members of the public as these cases were confidential.

152/19 **ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Rogers informed the meeting that approximately 50 enforcement complaints a month were received by Shropshire Council which were dealt with by a small dedicated enforcement team. Enforcement officers have to follow procedures. There is not a statutory duty to take enforcement action which is based on the level of harm caused by the breach in planning and this is a civil not criminal offence. Unauthorised works to a listed building is an exception. There are a number of outcomes such as a temporary stop notice for 28 days to allow officers time to gather information. If someone is served an enforcement notice they have a right of appeal. A planning contravention notice can be served whereby a person is required to answer questions on what breach has taken place. Enforcement officers have to gather good evidence. A large number of enforcement complaints arise because of neighbour disputes or when someone does not like a planning decision.

A member of the public asked Mr. Rogers what could be done if planning conditions were broken. Mr. Rogers replied it would depend on the level of harm. The member of the public asked who determined the level of harm and Mr. Rogers responded it would be planning officers.

Another member of the public asked about inappropriate materials being used for a Listed building. Mr. Rogers replied that formal action would be taken if harm was caused to an historic asset and the Historic Environment team would investigate such a claim.

As Mr. Rogers had concluded his general briefing on enforcement, the five members of the public left the meeting at 7.45pm.

Further discussion then took place about individual enforcement cases in the parish.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rogers for attending and he left the meeting at 8.40pm.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

153/19 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been forwarded to councillors.

Unfortunately, not many volunteers had turned up to help plant 4000 "Marie Curie Diamond" daffodil bulbs on 27th October. The majority of the bulbs had been used to fill gaps from previous plantings on the roadside bank opposite the entrance to the school. Some had been planted around the tree in the green space at the end of Clover Heath and some had been planted on the large verge at the Stourbridge/Claverley junction.

The winter planting scheme had been installed in the remainder of the planting troughs on 30th October. CIB had been able to supply plants for the village hall beds.

The churchyard gardening group were unable to meet on 26th October because of torrential rain. The next session will be held on 30th November.

Dog mess had once again been found when strimming the footpath at the rear of the pubs and around the school outdoor classroom. The school had also reported dog fouling was a problem on the bank in front of the school. At the school's request, CIB had agreed to sponsor another competition for Claverley pupils to design posters to raise awareness of the dog fouling issue.

Councillors supported this initiative and were asked for suggestions as to where to site the posters.

154/19 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported that during the half term holiday the three bollards at the front of the school had been vandalised. The tops had been broken and one had been knocked over. Jo Derrer, the Head Teacher, had informed the Police.

Action: Councillor Cook undertook to speak to Jo Derrer to explain councillors felt that as the bollards were positioned in the school drive as opposed to the joint use field and would require professional repair, it was outside the Parish Council's remit to get involved in repairs.

Jo Derrer was checking who was responsible for the overhanging trees on the roadside bank and the two trees at the top end of the school playing field which had been highlighted as requiring attention when the school's annual tree inspection had been carried out.

155/19 Website

As Councillor Dungar was unable to attend the meeting she had sent an email informing the Council that Kensa had finally transacted the domain transfer so work will now proceed with building the website. Councillor Dungar will speak to the Clerk about giving notice to Kensa.

156/19 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2019

Councillor Cook reported the evening had been a success although there had been a fall in the number attending. Figures were being finalised but a profit had been made.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Cook, Councillor Parr and all the volunteers for their help.

157/19 Street Lights

The Clerk reported E.ON had sent the information requested by Came and Company to enable the insurance claim to proceed.

SSE Business Energy had confirmed the electricity contract was in place to take effect from 1st December 2019.

158/19 Christmas lights

Councillor Parr and Ken Jones were inserting the new bulbs and checking the strings of lights. Volunteers will be required to put them up on Sunday, 24th November starting at 8.00am.

Action: Clerk to write to householders to inform them when the lights were being erected and to ask that cars were not parked outside their homes whilst the work was being undertaken. Refreshments to be ordered from the Plough for the volunteers putting up the lights.

Mrs. Gloria Goodson had contacted Councillor Parr and had offered a Christmas tree.

Shropshire Council had granted permission for the lights to be erected.

159/19 Change of Post Code

Councillor Cook did not have anything further to report as he was waiting to hear back from Royal Mail.

160/19 **PLANNING**

Permissions

18/05149/FUL Erection of 6no affordable dwellings and associated infrastructure, proposed residential development, land East of Bull Ring, Claverley for Oakwood Homes (Bridgnorth) Ltd.

19/04082/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension with first floor balcony, 4 Lodge Park, Claverley, for Mr. M. Jones

New Applications

19/04489/FUL Conversion of main hall to form 8no apartments and conversion of outbuildings to form 1no additional apartment, Gatacre Hall, Gatacre, Claverley for Venture Construction and Developments Ltd.

19/04490/LBC Conversion of main hall to form 8no apartments and conversion of outbuildings to form 1no additional apartment affecting a Grade II Listed Building, Gatacre Hall, Gatacre, Claverley for Venture Construction and Developments Ltd.

The Parish Council did not have any objections to the above applications but had concerns about the access road in view of the volume of traffic which will be using it and asked that consideration be given to creating passing places

19/04812/TCA Crown lift up to 4 metres and crown reduce by 2 metres 2no Oak, 1no Horse Chestnut, 1no Ash and 1no Acacia within Claverley Conservation Area for Mr. M. Rhaira

The Parish Council queried the work proposed to the Oak trees.

19/04882/TCA To trim new growth only 2no Yew trees (T1 & T2), crown reduce by 1 metre 1no Maple tree (T3) and fell 1no Walnut tree (T4) within Claverley Conservation Area, Powk Hall Farm, Pound Street, Claverley for Mrs. Jones

The Parish Council favoured the removal of the west facing limb to re-balance the walnut tree, eliminating any shading as the tree was to the east of the courtyard, rather than felling the tree. The walnut species, whilst not rare, is not commonly grown and retention would help maintain local diversity. If felling was unavoidable the PC would recommend that at least one replacement walnut tree is planted within the site.

There were no objections to the proposed work to the other trees listed in the application.

19/04845/VAR Variation of Condition nos. 5, 10 and 14 attached to planning permission 14/00030/OUT dated 18 July 2016 to allow enabling works including demolition, site clearance and investigation prior to implementation of the planning permission to inform contaminated land mitigation and site drainage proposals required by pre-commencement conditions, Davro Iron & Steel Ltd. Ridgewell Works, Wooton for Hovi Luxury Home Ltd

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

For information only

19/04438/CPL Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed erection of a single storey extension to front elevation, Beech Tree, Lodge Park, Claverley

161/19 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward reported she had been informing Shropshire Highways about highway issues in the parish and was happy for the Clerk to forward to councillors her emails to Graham Downes.

As dog fouling was still a problem, Councillor Woodward undertook to send the Clerk the link to enable members of the public to report incidents to Shropshire Council.

162/19 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Cowie reported the white lines at Winchester crossroads and at the junction near the Cricket Club required re-painting.

Councillor Cotham reported there were three potholes in the lane to High Grosvenor from the entrance to Chyknell.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

Councillor Cook had noticed the Wedding Steps had suffered further damage.

163/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Library Strategy Consultation

Shropshire Council was consulting on the development of a new library strategy. There will be two stages in the consultation and a mixed method of engagement will be used.

Operational Improvements Towards Zero Carbon

A series of short talks will take place on 20th November at Shropshire Council regarding operational improvements towards zero carbon. Councillor Marsh had expressed an interest in attending.

Stourbridge HF Rambling Club

Mr. Peter Brown, Stourbridge HF Rambling Club's the Rights of Way Secretary had informed the Parish Council of various problems the Club had encountered on a walk in the parish on 30th October. The details had been forwarded to Councillor Cotham as the Rights of Way representative.

164/19 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Village Hall Representative

Councillor Wade reported he had been unable to attend the November meeting. He had asked to be informed if there were any matters to bring to the Parish Council's attention but he had not received any items.

Rights of Way Representative

Councillor Cotham had investigated the various problems raised by Mr. Brown. Of the 13 issues raised, 6 were not in this parish. He had spoken to landowners concerned and two stiles had been supplied for FP101. Three stiles had been supplied by Shropshire Council for FP102.

165/19 CHEQUES

Chq. no. 001546 Shropshire RCC - membership renewal.....	£26.00
001547 Space Mobiles Ltd. - hire of two portable toilets for bonfire event.....	£108.00
001548 Enville Ales Ltd. – beer for bonfire event.....	£389.28
001549 Ian Tristham – pig roast, hot dogs, burgers for bonfire event.....	£800.00
001550 Swops Ltd. – wine, lager, cider for bonfire event.....	£255.00
001551 G.T. Drury - – provision of P.A. equipment and music for bonfire event.....	£60.00
001552 JFS – hire of fire extinguishers for bonfire event.....	£60.00
001553 Rudge Heath Stores - soft drinks, crisps, glasses for bonfire event.....	£120.00
001554 Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. – balance for firework display.....	£1512.00
001555 Tuck Hill Village Hall – hire of tents for bonfire event.....	£145.00
001556 Mrs. G.M. Price- laminating, punched pockets, white bin bags for bonfire event.....	£28.47
001557 SSE energy for street lights 02/10/19 to 01/11/19.....	£231.96

It was proposed by Councillor Patel, seconded by Councillor Cowie and agreed by the Council to pass the cheques for payment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 p.m.
Date of next meeting: Monday, 9th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall