

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 10th APRIL 2017 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman
J.R. Caswell
D.A. Cook
R.J. Cotham
D.S. Cowie (Chairman)
S.J. Lawrence
R. S. Parr
Ms L. Patel

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward (for part of meeting)
Mr. M Allan, Mr. C. Brittan, Mrs. T. Butler, Ms L. Cartwright, Ms. J. Dowd,
Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. S. Hamill, Mr. & Mrs. D. Northcote, Mr. K. Walton, (all for part
of meeting)

Apologies: Councillor Mrs C.G. Dungar – personal reasons
Councillor M.J. Edwards – work related reasons
Councillor M.P. Hill – work related reasons
Councillor Mrs. J.C. Marsh - personal reasons

MINUTES of the meetings held on 13th March 2017, having been distributed to all
Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman declared a pecuniary interest in planning application
16/05605/FUL for The Kings Arms Inn, Bull Ring, Claverley.

In view of the members of the public present interested in the agenda item regarding Spicers
Hall caravan and chalet sites, the Chairman brought forward this item of correspondence:

46/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Spicers Caravan and Chalet sites

The Parish Council had received emails expressing concern regarding the future of the Spicers
Hall caravan and chalet site as it was understood the site had been sold. As the Parish Council
had not received any direct information, there was no proposal to debate at this time.

Mr. Brittan told the meeting the residents of the chalets had been unable to obtain any
information from the company which was believed to have bought the site and Mr. Northcote
asked if the ploughed land had been included in the sale. Councillor Lawrence suggested a
letter be sent to the landowners, on behalf of the residents, asking what their future intentions
were. The Chairman asked the residents to let the Clerk know what questions they wanted
raised on their behalf.

Councillor Caswell suggested the residents contacted the Land Registry regarding the deeds.

The members of the public left the meeting

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

47/17 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been forwarded to all the councillors.

Paul Pickerill had led a group of 8 children from the school in a tree planting session on 20th March. The trees were funded via a donation from Hagar Ltd., Telford and had been planted on land owned by Mr. J. Kendrick of Ashford Hall.

31 children from the school had taken part in a litter pick session on 27th March. The children were split into two groups – one covered the school field and the other covered the school field footpath, forest school and Wapping Alley. A surprising amount of rubbish was collected. Unfortunately, several children also collected dog mess on their footwear, re-enforcing concerns about dog fouling, particularly on the school field footpath. The litter and dog mess posters had been enlarged and will be laminated and positioned around the village.

CIB had carried out a quick tidy up of the Bull Ring on 11th March and carried out a litter pick on some of the village approach roads on 9th April when some road signs had also been cleaned. Not quite as much rubbish had been collected as previously. Shropshire Council will be collecting the bags. Councillor Parr expressed thanks to walkers who regularly collect rubbish when out on their walks.

48/17 QEII Jubilee Field

The Clerk reported she had received a copy of Tom Leather's insurance. The sports sessions for the children will be held on 18th and 19th April. The Clerk had not received a request from Richard Wheeler to use the field during the school holidays.

There was an accumulation of moss on the cricket wicket.

49/17 Wolverhampton Airport – consultation on the reintroduction of Instrument Approach Procedures

Wolverhampton Airport has been consulting on the reintroduction of instrument procedures and had requested feedback and comments to be submitted by 30th April. The Clerk had again contacted Bobbington and Enville Parish Councils but neither had responded. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Patel and agreed by the Council to respond by ticking consultation option.B - 'Do Nothing'.

Councillor Parr reported he had received a complaint from Mrs. Juliette Murphy about noise disturbance caused by a helicopter pleasure day on 9th April. The airport had been informed. Councillor Parr will take the complaint to the next airport Consultative Committee meeting. Councillors had not been aware this event had been held, apart from the Chairman who had heard helicopters but had not been disturbed. The Clerk had not received any complaints.

Councillor Cotham reported he had made a complaint to the airport about an RAF Hercules flying over Claverley on its side.

50/17 Shropshire Council – Partial review of Local Plan – Issues and Strategic Options consultation
Councillor Cowie and Councillor Parr had met to complete the Issues and Strategic Options consultation document which had been submitted to Shropshire Council.

51/17 Car parking outside Claverley School

Jo Derrer had informed the Clerk she would be distributing leaflets to parents after the Easter holiday. PCSO Sue Eden had said parking issues were being experienced by 9 schools in their area. The Police try to be present on occasions but this is not something they can commit to and, when in attendance, the issue doesn't arise.

Action: Police to be asked to supply some 'no parking' cones for the area of zig zag markings.

Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Woodward joined the meeting

52/17 **PLANNING**

Permissions

17/00509/FUL Conversion of barn to office use and storage room to w.c., Sutton Farm. Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kempsey

For information only

17/01388/AGR Erection of an agricultural building, Lower Aston Farm, Claverley for Mr. Roger Woodridge

New Applications

17/01357/COU Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use of redundant agricultural building to B2 (General Industry), Buildings at Small Heath Farm, Ashford Bank, Claverley for Mr. Nicholas Corns

The Parish Council strongly objected to the retrospective planning application on the grounds the site was unsuitable for general industrial use being in close proximity to a residential area; would have a very adverse impact on the neighbourhood; access to site by narrow country lanes and then through residential areas.

As the amended plans for the Kings Arms had only just been received, the Chairman said it would not be possible to discuss the amendments at this meeting and it would be necessary to call an extraordinary meeting, which would be advertised so members of the public could attend and make their views known. It was decided to hold this meeting at 7pm on Monday, 24th April followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

53/17 **STREET LIGHTS**

Mike Smith Designs Ltd. had informed the Clerk the order for the 7 Victorian style LED lanterns was going to be delivered to E.ON on 31st March. E.ON had been unable to accept delivery that day as their yard was closed due to resurfacing work. The Clerk had been unable to get a new delivery date from Mike Smith Designs.

54/17 **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017**

Notification had been received from Mazars, the external auditor, that the statutory deadline for the Parish Council to approve the Annual Return will be 30th June and the Annual Return must be received by Mazars by 5th July. Claverley had not been chosen for an intermediate audit as part of the 5% sample for 2016/17.

Mrs. Walker-Drew had agreed to carry out the internal audit.

55/17 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Cook informed the meeting there had been burglaries in the parish and made the suggestion that cameras should be sited on key roads. A Hopstone resident had noticed a suspicious van but had not reported it immediately to the Police.

Councillor Cotham reported there were potholes between Holly Cottage and Red Lion Farm, Upper Farmcote and also Hillcrest and The Mount, Hopstone and by Three Dwellings.

Councillor Beaman reported there was a pothole on Bull's Bank.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

56/17 **CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

B4176 road safety and speed reduction scheme

Alice Dilly, Shropshire Council's Principal Traffic Engineer, had informed the Parish Council that a road safety and speed reduction scheme had been prioritised, through the Road Safety Policy, for the B4176 between the Royal Oak roundabout and the County Boundary with Staffordshire. The design will be done during 2017/18 with implementation of the scheme in a subsequent financial year.

Local Council Elections

The Clerk reported twelve nomination papers had been submitted to the Returning Officer so there will be an uncontested election for Claverley Parish Council. The remaining vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Action: Clerk to put this information in May issue of 'Halo'

Councillors were reminded that at the end of the election period, even if no poll has taken place, their 'Declaration of Candidates Expenses' must be submitted. This must be done by 8th June at the latest.

Notice of road closure

Notification had been received from Shropshire Council that the section of High Street from the Lodge Park junction to the Aston Lane junction will be closed from 4th to 11th May to enable resurfacing to be carried out. On 4th, 5th, 10th and 11th May this section will be closed from 9.30am until 4.00pm. On 8th and 9th May it will be closed for 24hrs.

Scrambler motorcycles

A resident of Broughton had raised concerns about the behaviour of scrambler bike riders. It was understood they were unlicensed and travelled at high speed. The Police had been informed.

Flooding around 2 Upper Ludstone

Mr. Hyde had kept the Parish Council informed about the flooding issues around his property and in the lane.

Shropshire Council will monitor the situation with regards to surface water flow across the carriageway surface and will investigate further if the water continues to flow.

With regards to water through the culvert, Mr. Hyde was still experiencing standing water at the rear of his property following surges of water through the new pipe. He was awaiting a response from the surveyor representing Ludstone Hall.

Issues with Broadband

Mr. Henfrey from Beobridge had informed the Parish Council of the problems he was experiencing with BT broadband and difficulties obtaining BT Infinity which he required to operate his business. He had asked Philip Dunne, MP to petition BT to quickly repair the damaged fibre so a faster service can be provided for the residents of Beobridge and to restore ADSL broadband speeds back to their previous level for those who have no other service option at the present time.

Councillor Parr expressed concern about broadband in the Woundale and High Grosvenor areas as no dates had been given for the availability of superfast fibre broadband.

Councillor Woodward informed the meeting that the next stage of procurement was taking place.

57/17 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported stiles had been repaired on FP63 and FP66. He was making enquiries about the signs which Shropshire Highways had put on the BOAT - Lion o' Morfe to High Grosvenor stating it was unsuitable for motorised vehicles after Windy Arbour.

58/17 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001373	Npower Ltd. – energy for street lights 01/01/17 to 31/03/17.....	£996.42
001374	Shropshire Association of Local Councils – annual Renewal of membership of SALC and NALC.....	£623.42
001375	Claverley Village Hall Committee – use of Village Hall for meetings April 2017 to March 2018.....	£156.00
001376	Mrs. G.M. Price – Clerk's salary for 4th quarter 2016/17...	£738.49
001377	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE weeks 40-52.....	£11.60

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Date of extraordinary meeting: Monday, 24th April at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Date of Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 24th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Date of Annual Council Meeting: Monday, 8th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall