

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 12th AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.**

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

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Tina Woodward
The Revd. G. Ward and 7 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor D.A. Cook - personal reasons, Councillor M.P. Hill – work reasons,
Councillor D. Hyde – work reasons

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th July 2019, having been distributed to all
councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

112/19 Halo Magazine

The Chairman welcomed the Revd. Ward to the meeting. The Revd. Ward explained the Parochial Church Council (PCC) had been discussing the cost of producing the magazine in view of the deficit in its accounts last year and the anticipated deficit this year. At present the costs of producing the magazine are borne by the churches and, apart from advertising revenue, no other financial help is received. The PCC had discussed various options, one of which was to ask all contributors with a financial budget to contribute to the production cost of the magazine and a figure of £150 per year had been suggested.

The Revd. Ward was informed the Parish Council was keen to explore ways in which to help as 'Halo' was considered an important means of bringing information and news to the community. Councillors put forward suggestions such as increasing the cost of advertising, placing adverts throughout the magazine rather than printing them all at the end, looking for sponsorship, offering an option to receive an electronic copy. The Revd. Ward said these suggestions will be discussed by the PCC and the new regime will commence at the start of the New Year. It was agreed the Parish Council will offer financial support which will be discussed later this year when the precept is set for 2020/2021.

The Revd. Ward and Mrs. Cox left the meeting

113/19 **PLANNING**

New Applications

19/03466/FUL Erection of 4no affordable dwellings and conversion of a barn to 1no open market dwelling, Crown Inn, High Street, Claverley for The Crown Inn (Claverley) Ltd.

During discussion comments were made about a significant number of technical deficiencies in the application; the future commercial viability of The Crown without a car park and garden space; lack of information as to what type of affordable housing is proposed; concerns regarding access of emergency services due to the width and height of the archway where there was no footway for pedestrians; no Listed Building application had been received; positioning of refuse bins too far from the highway; opening up window on the northern gable end which would adversely affect the Post Office and other properties.

The Parish Council resolved to object to the application.

It was suggested a community buy-out of the public house should be given consideration.

The remaining members of the public left the meeting.

19/03038/LBC Works to modify 2no. existing window openings to form doors affecting a Grade II Listed Building, Gatacre Hall, Gatacre, Claverley for Mr J Tucker (Venture Construction Ltd)

The Parish Council did not have any objections

19/03053/ADV Erect and display 1no replacement illuminated swing sign and 2no fascia signs and associated lighting, Woodman Inn, Danford, Claverley, for Mr. W. Johnson (Star Pubs & Bars)

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

19/03054/LBC Replacement external signage and associated lighting affecting a grade II listed building, Woodman Inn, Danford, Claverley, for Mr. W. Johnson (Star Pubs & Bars)

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

19/03401/FUL Conversion of workshop to a dwelling and demolition of barns (amended plans and description), barn to the East of Duken Lane, Wooton for Mr. Gordon Bennett
The Parish Council did not have any objections.

19/03420/FUL Proposed two storey side and rear extension, Woodcote, Long Common, Claverley for Mr. Dorian Lines

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

Permissions

18/05794/FUL Erection of single storey side extensions, Ludstone House, Ludstone, Claverley for Mr. G. Bailey

19/02671/FUL Replacement porch, new flat roof dormer to rear and pitched roof dormer to front to facilitate loft conversion, Greenhaven, Draycott for Mr. Karen Endres

Planning Notification Only

19/03328/CPL Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of

a single storey rear extension with balcony above, 4 Lodge Park, Claverley for Mr. M. Jones

Withdrawn

19/01093/FUL Alterations in connection with conversion of barn into 4 bedroomed dwelling, proposed barn conversion to the east of Duken Lane, Wooton, Six Ashes for Mr. Gordon Bennett

19/02337/OUT Outline application (All Matters Reserved) for the erection of rural occupational dwelling in connection with the farming/horticultural business, Proposed Agricultural Worker's Dwelling to the North of Wooton, Six Ashes for Mr. Antony Jervis

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (continued)

114/19 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been forwarded to councillors.

The CIB autumn quiz will be held on Wednesday, 16th October at The Plough hosted by Keith Horton. Teams will be limited to a maximum of 6 people and tickets will be £5 per person.

Summer bedding will be removed from all planters and replaced with the winter scheme on or around 12th October and a date will be arranged for the annual daffodil bulb planting event.

The churchyard gardening group continues to meet once a month to work in the upper churchyard and was now carrying out routine weeding and tidying rather than major pruning and clearance which was undertaken in earlier sessions.

The school field (orchard) footpath had been strimmed and tidied on 25th July. It had been a more difficult task than had been anticipated. This footpath would benefit from more regular attention but CIB's time is limited.

A resident of The Malsters had informed the Clerk he would not be able to continue maintaining the hedge and footpath behind his property due to dog fouling.

Action: Clerk to inform him that he should continue to cut the hedge to prevent it overhanging the footpath but to leave the verge.

115/19 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook had not submitted a report.

116/19 Website

TPL Digital had sent Councillor Dungar a revised proposal for the website which had been circulated to councillors. The breakdown of the quotation and maintenance costs were discussed. Councillor Dungar outlined the differences between the three proposals she had received.

Some councillors considered Profiling Labs quotation was higher than anticipated so she offered to obtain a quotation from her husband's company, Logic Tree Ltd. to enable comparison with TPL Digital's. A formal decision will be made at the September meeting.

117/19 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2019

To avoid clashing with Bridgnorth Rugby Club, who will be holding its event on Saturday, 9th November, Jubilee Fireworks had been booked for Saturday, 2nd November.

Discussion took place about the duration of the fireworks display. A vote was taken on the length of the display and five councillors voted for 14 minutes and four councillors voted for 15 minutes

Action: Clerk to confirm with Jubilee Fireworks that a 14 minute display was required which will cost £1400.00 plus VAT.

118/19 Defibrillator

Councillor Beaman informed the meeting that the replacement defibrillator pads had been ordered from WEL Medical Ltd. and had been delivered and placed in the box. The defibrillator had been re-registered on-line with West Midlands Ambulance Service.

119/19 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations consultation

Shropshire Council had received a request from the Governors and Headteacher of Claverley School that the function room at The Plough be considered as a polling station for future elections to avoid disruption to the school and pupils on election days. Officers had made a site visit and the proposed venue complied with the requirements for a polling station. Mr. and Mrs. Horton were happy for the function room to be used. The venue would be reviewed if it proved unsatisfactory.

Action: Clerk to reply the Parish Council was agreeable to the use of the function room in place of the school

Councillor Patel left the meeting

120/19 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward thanked councillors for highlighting road issues of concern in readiness for her meeting with Senior Shropshire Council Highways Officers. She would forward her list to the Clerk for councillors to read in case they wished to make any additions. Councillor Woodward considered a plan was necessary for Shropshire Council to deliver for rural communities.

Shropshire Council now has two planning committees rather than three. There will be more officer delegation.

121/19 **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Councillor Dungar had checked the quarterly bank reconciliation and the total net balances at 30th June were £75,700.24.

The Clerk reported there had not been any unexpected items of expenditure. She had received a cheque for £350.00 from Mrs. Round and her brother in payment for the bench outside the Post Office in memory of her late parents, Peter and Eleanor Whitby.

122/19 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Parr reported that some of the white line at Woundale crossroads had still not been painted. Councillor Woodward explained that this was due to funding coming from different budgets.

Councillor Cowie expressed concern that visibility was impaired by overgrown verges when pulling out on to the B4176 at the Long Common crossroads

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

Some motorists were using their car horns excessively when driving down the lane to Draycott.

Councillor Wade had noticed an orange bulb was being used in one of the street lights at Danford. The Clerk explained this was one of the older street lights and E.ON had to use what bulbs were available.

The Clerk reported the replacement signs for Spicers Close and Church Street had been installed by Shropshire Council.

A resident of Danesbrook had complained about a car being permanently parked in Danesbrook which was causing problems for Veolia when emptying the bins.

123/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Shropshire Local Plan Review – ‘Strategic Sites consultation
Councillors had received details of this consultation.

Draft Local Economic Growth Strategy for Bridgnorth

The draft Local Economic Growth Strategy for Bridgnorth had been forwarded to councillors.

Engagement note re review of Banners, Bunting and Christmas Lighting Policy and Process
Gary Parton, Shropshire Council’s Network Co-ordination and Compliance Manager, Street Works Team had sent out an engagement note regarding the review of current Banners, Bunting and Christmas Lighting Policy and Process and had requested views and feedback from all affected/interested parties by the end of September.

Action: Clerk to submit the draft response which had been prepared by Councillor Parr.

Shropshire Playing Fields Association - ”Freedom to Move”

Shropshire Playing Fields Association had produced a draft strategy report entitled “Freedom to Move” which had been circulated to councillors. Any comments should be submitted no later than 22nd October.

Fire Governance Judicial Review

SALC had forwarded a press release relating to the outcome of the Judicial Review into the takeover of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion. The contents were noted.

Bridgnorth Community Bus Service

A letter had been received from the Bridgnorth Community Bus Service informing the Parish Council that the Saturday bus service was in danger of being withdrawn due to the decline in the number of passengers using the service.

Action: Clerk to highlight the problem in Halo magazine and put notices on the notice boards.

124/19 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

There were no Representative’s Reports.

125/19 **CHEQUES**

Chq. no. 001531 SSE – energy for street lights 02/07/19 to 01/08/19.....	£231.96
001532 WEL Medical Ltd. – defibrillator pads.....	£44.28

001533 Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. – 10% deposit for the fireworks	
display.....	£168.00
001534 CPRE – renewal of annual membership.....	£36.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.
Date of next meeting: Monday, 9th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall