

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 11th DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mrs S.A. Beaman
D.A. Cook
R.J. Cotham
M.J. Edwards (Chairman)
M.P. Hill
Mrs. J.C. Marsh
Ms L. Patel
P.J. Wade

Also present: For part of meeting: Mr. J. Beaman, Mr. C. Foster, Ms S. Crawford, Mr. J. Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. P. Kyle, Mr. F. Labady, Mr. S. Redshaw, Mr. J. Wentworth

Apologies: Councillor J.R. Caswell – personal reasons, Councillor D.S. Cowie – business reasons, Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar - personal reasons, Councillor R. S. Parr – personal reasons
Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward – personal reasons

In the absence of Councillor Cowie, Councillor Edwards, the Vice Chairman, took the chair.

177/17 CO-OPTION AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Parish Council had agreed at the November meeting to co-opt Mr. Hyde to fill the vacancy. Mr. Hyde signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Beaman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in discussion about the Kings Arms.

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

178/17 PLANNING

Councillor Beaman left the meeting

The Minutes of the Planning sub-committee held on 22nd November had been circulated to councillors. Mr. Beaman had attended this meeting to discuss the latest draft site layout plans in respect of land at the rear of the Kings Arms which he hoped would be more acceptable to the local community. Mr. Beaman commented it had been a constructive and positive meeting when various issues had been discussed. Mr. Beaman reiterated that any application for open market housing at the rear of the Kings Arms would be contrary to the Local Plan and may be refused but he would be willing to challenge this on appeal depending on the strength of local support/opposition to the proposals. An affordable housing development would be “on-plan” and would be more likely to succeed.

Councillor Cook expressed concern about the possibility of an affordable housing development and stressed the importance of trying to find a solution for everyone which would be of benefit to the village. Community support was needed to find a solution.

Councillor Patel queried why the Parish Council was supporting Mr. Beaman.

Councillor Edwards said it was not the Parish Council's remit to tell a developer what to do but could give an opinion and stressed the sub-committee had only talked to the developer and had not voted to support any proposal. No planning application had been submitted.

Councillor Marsh commented that those living in the centre of the village would be the most affected.

Councillor Hyde thought the scale of development and the impact on the local community was of concern.

In Councillor Cotham's opinion there were three options – **support Mr. Beaman's proposal; a consortium to buy the land off Mr. Beaman and do nothing with it; affordable housing.** He suggested approaching a housing association but Councillor Edwards queried whether this was the Parish Council's remit as the Council was not a developer.

Mr. Foster raised the question as to what would be the value of the land if a group wished to purchase it. Councillor Edwards said this would be a private business transaction in which the Parish Council would not be involved.

Mr. Beaman, Ms Crawford, Mr. Foster and Mr. Labady left the meeting. Councillor Beaman re-joined the meeting.

Permissions

17/02468/VAR Removal of Condition Nos. 9, 10 and 11 (holiday accommodation) attached to planning permission 11/02030/FUL dated 28/10/2011 to permit full time residency occupancy. Barns West of Boycott Arms, Upper Ludstone for MJR Services

17/04305/FUL Works to facilitate the replacement of all windows, Woodlands, Upper Farmcote for Mr. R. Mayall

17/04486/FUL Erection of two storey side extension, Park View, 14 Gatacre, Claverley for Mr. Adam Richardson

17/04810/FUL Erection of two-storey rear extension, Yew Tree Cottage, Broad Lanes, Six Ashes for Mr. and Mrs. Jesson

New Applications

17/05303/MAW The phased extraction of sand and gravel, inclusive of mineral processing, all ancillary works, equipment and associated infrastructure and progressive restoration, land North West of Naboths Vineyard, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley for JPE Holdings

Mr. Kyle informed the meeting that site notices had not been posted and local residents had not received notification of the planning application.

Worfield Parish Council was awaiting further information from Grahame French, the planning officer dealing with the planning application and had suggested a joint meeting with Claverley at which Mr. French would be invited to make a presentation. Members of the public would be able to attend. Worfield Parish Council had suggested 4th January.

Action: Clerk to confirm the Parish Council's agreement and offer 15th January as an alternative date if Mr. French was unavailable on the 4th.

Councillor Cotham expressed concerns about hydrology as Claverley Brook had not been mentioned in the application. Councillor Cook said the site was not in SAMDev. Concerns were expressed about the access on to the A454.

Councillor Woodward had advised those wishing to make a response to do so within the given consultation period but it was her understanding from Officers that responses will be accepted past the consultation period.

Mr. Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle, Mr. Redshaw and Mr. Wentworth left the meeting.

17/05712/FUL Erection of a two storey side extension, 6 Danford Lane, Claverley for Mr. Ben Vale
The Parish Council did not have any objections

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

179/17 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been circulated to councillors.

Keith Horton had offered to host a winter quiz at the Plough Inn on Wednesday, 17th January commencing at 8.00 p.m. to raise funds for CIB. Tickets costing £5 per person will be on sale at the Plough from early January. Teams will be limited to a maximum of 6 people.

180/17 QEII Jubilee Field

There was nothing to report.

181/17 Bonfire and fireworks event 2017

Councillor Cook was pleased to report a record profit of £3571.71 had been made. He thanked all the volunteers which had made this possible.

Action: As the profit will be used for good causes within the parish, a request to be included in the January issue of 'Halo' for suggestions for suitable projects for the Parish Council to consider.

182/17 Christmas lights

Norah Glass and Mark Lavrenko were thanked for switching on the lights and Richard and Julie Wilkes were thanked for providing the Christmas tree. The ceremony had gone well and there had been a good attendance.

183/17 Street lights

The Clerk confirmed the orders had been placed with MSD Lighting Ltd. and E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd.

184/17 Youth Club

As Scott Lawrence's response had confirmed there were no assets, Councillors agreed that no further action could be taken. It was regrettable that help had not been sought from the Parish Council.

Councillor Beaman suggested that perhaps the Youth Club could be linked to the school and Jo Derrer, the Headteacher, could find out parents' views on reducing the age of Youth Club members to 8 year olds.

Action: Councillor Beaman would speak to Mrs. Derrer

185/17 Annual Place Plan Review

Members of the Planning sub-committee had met and were preparing the response. The submission date had been extended which would enable the Parish Council to consider its response at the January meeting when Shropshire Councillor Tina Woodward would be present to sign the Annual Place Plan Review Return.

186/17 Shropshire Local Plan Review 2016-2036

The Planning sub-committee would be meeting on 19th December to go through the consultation document.

187/17 Implementation of the Parish Plan

It was important that a group was formed with terms of reference. Councillor Beaman suggested that as the implementation would be a huge task, one or two action points could be discussed at each parish council meeting. It was agreed that Action 11 – Change in Post Code - will be discussed at the January meeting.

188/17 Review of salary budget (Financial Regulation 4.4)

Councillor Dungar had researched the UK salary inflation rate for 2018 which is forecast to be 2.8%, typically rounded to 3%. The Clerk left the meeting while this matter was discussed and on her return was informed the Council had agreed a 3% increase to take effect from 1st April 2018. The Clerk thanked the Council.

189/17 **UNITARY REPORT**

The Clerk read out Councillor Woodward's report in which she advised that if Veolia was unable to collect waste during severe bad weather bins should be left out if uncollected on the

scheduled collection day as the waste would be collected as soon as it was safe to do so. Recycling boxes should be brought back in until the next scheduled collection.

Because of the heavy snowfall and icy conditions, Councillor Woodward had asked Highways to check and refill the grit/salt boxes. Councillor Cotham asked the Clerk to find out who had the contract for snowploughing and how often this work should be done.

Councillor Woodward had been seeking clarification from Shropshire Council Officers regarding the Spicers Hall caravan site and had raised residents' concerns with Officers to allow them to respond. She understood a meeting had been arranged by Shropshire Council to meet interested parties who had been in dialogue with Officers.

190/17 **WEBSITE**

The Clerk had received an email from Kensa-Creative advising that the Parish Council website should have a Secure Socket Layer Certificate.

Action: Clerk to obtain details of the cost of the certificate

It was agreed to defer discussion about the website to the January meeting.

191/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Notification had been received that PKF Littlejohn LLP had been appointed as the external auditor for the 5 year period commencing with the financial year 2017/18. A copy of the scale of fees for a limited assurance review had been received.

192/17 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Wade reported that work had been taking place at Small Heath Farm as late as 10.35 p.m. and expressed disappointed a decision on the planning application had not been made. A new validation date had been issued as an amended site plan had been submitted.

Councillor Marsh raised the issue of councillors having individual email addresses to ensure confidentiality.

Action: All councillors to ensure they had an individual email address

Councillor Cotham requested the white lines be reinstated at the High Grosvenor/Dallicote junction.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

193/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification of road closure

Notification had been received that Duken Lane, Wootton (from opp. Braken Dale to o/s Wootton Lodge) will be closed from 21st to 23rd February to enable BT to install poly ducting in the carriageway.

194/17 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported the finger post and direction discs for FP1 and FP2 had been replaced.

195/17 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001426	Rushmere Nurseries - plants for winter planting scheme.....	£365.76
001427	Rudge Heath Stores – soft drinks, crisps, glasses for Bonfire and Fireworks event.....	£139.00
001428	M. Thorrington – purchase of petrol for generators at Bonfire and Fireworks event.....	£16.25
001429	G.T. Drury – providing P.A. equipment and music for Switching on Christmas lights ceremony.....	£120.00

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Monday, 15th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall