

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward, twenty members of the public
Apologies: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman - personal reasons,
Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar – work reasons, Councillor D. Hyde - work reasons

The Chairman informed the meeting he was not suspending Standing Orders.
He reminded councillors to refrain from putting comments on Shropshire Council's planning portal before a planning application had been discussed by the Parish Council as they could be deemed to have a pre-determined position which could leave the Parish Council's decisions open to appeal.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Patel declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application no 18/05637/TCA

MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th November 2018, having been distributed to all councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

191/18 Shropshire Housing Needs Survey

The results of the initial review of the results of the Housing Needs Survey had been received. The results will be available to the public via the Right Home Right Place website from Tuesday, 11th December. Shropshire Council will be undertaking further analysis to look at specific housing requirements.

192/18 **PLANNING**

New Applications

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

During discussion concerns were raised about the suitability of the access for fire engines and emergency services, the arrangements for refuse collection and bin storage, what might happen to the rest of the land and lack of a good road infrastructure and facilities for the affordable dwellings. There was a suggestion of community buy out to safeguard the site. A vote was taken with 6 councillors voting to object to the application and 4 voting to support the application. The Parish Council would therefore object to the application.

18/05198/FUL Erection of single storey front extension, Coppins, Admoor, Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. Mohr
The Parish Council did not have any objections

18/05407/FUL Erection of oak framed triple garage with external staircase to storage over, Home Farm, Gatacre for Mr. Ed Horgan
The Parish Council did not have any objections

18/05454/FUL Erection of single storey side and two storey rear extension, 4 Danford Heath, Claverley for Mr. G. Hughes
The Parish Council did not have any objections

18/05486/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 18no. dwellings and associated garages and installation of bio-disc treatment works, Davro Iron and Steel Ltd., Ridgewell Works, Wootton for Mr. Ian Houghton
On the information currently available the Parish Council resolved to object to the planning application. There were concerns about road safety and surface water run off. It was considered affordable housing should be included to give a better housing mix. The Parish Council reserved the right to make further representations when further information was available.

Councillor Patel left the meeting.

18/05637/TCA Application to fell 1no. Silver Birch within Claverley Conservation Area, Cornerways, High Street, Claverley for Mr. J. Wentworth
The Parish Council did not wish to request a Tree Preservation Order and did not have any objections to the felling of the tree.

Councillor Patel returned to the meeting.

For information only

18/05591/AGR Erection of steel framed agricultural building, land off Duken Lane, Wootton for Mr. Gordon Bennett

193/18 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been circulated to councillors.

CIB will be proceeding with its plans to create a raised bed on the site of the old telephone box in Aston Lane as the ground is now workable. Small slow growing shrubs will be planted which will improve the appearance of the site without the need for annual planting and regular watering.

The inaugural session of the new churchyard gardening group had been held on Saturday, 24th November when three CIB committee members had assisted the nine churchyard volunteers who are aiming to renovate the churchyard planting beds. The next session will take place at 9.30am on Saturday, 26th January.

194/18 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported the subsoiling work to improve drainage had been successful. The surface of the field was uneven.

195/18 Website

Councillor Parr reported that an estimate for the redesign of the website had been obtained. As it was considered rather high Councillor Cowie offered to carry out some research to see if he could obtain a lower estimate. Councillor Hill also offered to make some enquiries.

196/18 Dog Fouling

The Clerk reported that Councillor Beaman had been to the Heathton/Draycott/Admoor area. There was some evidence of dog fouling but it did not appear to be a major problem. She will be putting up some bags and signs.

Councillor Marsh suggested that bags could be sold at the Post Office and at the Old Gate at Heathton.

197/18 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2018

The Clerk reported a profit of £2120.06 had be made.

The home fixtures for Bridgnorth Rugby Club are arranged in August so these should be checked before arranging Claverley's event to avoid holding it on the same night as the Rugby Club. There were some items to discuss before the next event is held.

198/18 Proceeds from 2017 Bonfire and Fireworks Event

Councillor Cotham had met the Revd. Ward and Martin Elcock about the provision of a handrail. Their discussion had been reported to the Parochial Church Council who were in agreement to a rail being erected. Councillor Cotham will obtain a quotation.

Councillor Parr reported the bench in Aston Lane had been removed as it was in a dangerous condition. A replacement bench, which was more substantial and did not require regular maintenance, was a further suggestion.

199/18 Street Lights

E.ON had reported column 1 Spicer's Close required realignment and column 4 Aston Lane needed a new or second hand lantern fitted. As stocks of MBFU and SOX lanterns are depleted, E.ON had recommended that columns fitted with these lanterns should be targeted for replacement. The Clerk suggested columns 1, 6 and 7 Clover Heath, column 2 Danford Heath and column 1 Danesbrook for replacement this financial year. It was proposed by Councillor Wade, seconded by Councillor Patel and agreed by the Council that these columns be replaced.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation from E.ON and MSD Lighting for this work.

200/18 Christmas Lights

Councillor Parr reported the lights had been erected in record time thanks to the help of the volunteers. The lights will be taken down on either the 6th or 13th January.

The switching-on ceremony had gone well. Olivia Cosnett and Eileen Jones were thanked for switching on the lights and David and Cheryl Hayes were thanked for providing the Christmas tree.

When checking the LED bulbs before they were erected Councillor Parr and Ken Jones had noticed it would be necessary to buy replacements because of the deterioration in their condition. Councillor Holland said she had received comments about the lack of colour.

Action: Councillor Parr offered to look at the cost of colour replacements

201/18 Review of salary budget (Financial Regulation 4.4)

As Councillor Dungar was not present, it was agreed to defer discussion to the January meeting.

202/18 Code of Conduct

In Councillor Hyde's absence, the Clerk reported the sub team had met on 5th December to discuss this issue. The meeting was very positive, with some constructive discussions. The agreed output was that the team would prepare a list of proposed recommendations which would be presented to the Parish Council for discussion at the January meeting.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable Shropshire Councillor Woodward to make her report.

203/18 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward reported that consultation on the Shropshire Local Plan Review on Preferred Sites was now open and urged everyone to read the documents. The consultation period will end on 31st January.

204/18 **DRAFT BUDGET 2019/2020**

The draft budget had been forwarded to councillors. The precept for 2019/2020 would be discussed at the January meeting when Council Tax figures should be available from Shropshire Council.

205/18 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Edwards expressed concern about road safety outside the Lion o' Morfe due to cars being parked on the side of the road when the car park was full. The road surface opposite Unitts Cottage was deteriorating badly causing traffic to move to the centre of the road.

Councillor Cowie was continuing to receive complaints about the road surface at Heathton. The 'Give Way' sign at the Long Common junction with the B4176 (opposite the turning to Draycott) had been knocked down.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council.

Councillor Parr reported there was a large pot hole at Woundale crossroads.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council.

Councillor Marsh expressed concern about the flashing Christmas lights at Cranmere House.

206/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Shropshire Local Plan Review – 'Preferred Sites' Consultation

Discussion on the response to this consultation was deferred to the January meeting.

New Year's Eve

Mr. Phil Grove had thanked the Parish Council for its efforts to tackle dog fouling and for the

organisation of the switching on of the Christmas lights ceremony.

He had asked the Parish Council to consider arranging music in the Bull Ring for the New Year's Eve celebrations. Councillor Cook thought he might know someone who would be interested. It was proposed by Councillor Patel, seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council to pay up to £200 to provide the music.

Mud on road

A complaint had been received about contractors leaving mud on the road at Upper Ludstone in October. On occasions biodigester liquid had been spread in the wrong weather conditions and there had been a risk of pollution to the stream.

Spicer's Hall Caravan Park

Notification had been received that a site meeting had been arranged for Shropshire Council's Southern Planning Committee members on 18th December at approximately 11.15am prior to the application to position 1 metre high lighting bollards along the track (planning application no. 18/04206/FUL) being considered at the Planning Committee meeting in the afternoon. The application was being recommended for approval. Councillor Cotham hoped to attend both meetings.

207/18 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported that Shropshire Council had delivered the stone to fill in the Digbeth Lane ruts.

208/18 **CHEQUES**

Chq. no. 001491	Rudge Heath Stores - soft drinks, crisps, glasses for Bonfire and Fireworks event.....	£70.00
001492	Mr. D.A. Whitmore – travel expenses.....	£10.80
001493	M.E. Harris – Remove overhanging branches in Aston Lane..	£80.00
001494	G.T. Drury - providing P.A. equipment and music for Switching on Christmas lights ceremony.....	£60.00

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m. when the members of the public left. Councillor Patel also left.

Two confidential matters were then discussed.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 14th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall