

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman
D.A. Cook
R.J. Cotham (Chairman)
Mrs. J.C. Marsh
R.S. Parr
P.J. Wade

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Tina Woodward

Apologies: Councillor D.S. Cowie – work reasons, Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar – personal reasons, Councillor M.P. Hill - work reasons, Councillor Ms C.A. Holland – work reasons, Councillor D. Hyde – work reasons, Councillor Ms L. Patel – personal reasons

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th November 2019, having been distributed to all councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

166/19 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been forwarded to councillors.

The churchyard gardening group had met on 30th November. Despite freezing weather, all the planned tasks were completed, i.e. plant replacements for the 6 dead yews; apply a mulch of Icelandic pony manure to the rose bed running up from the Lychgate and clear weeds from the large planting area adjoining the north east corner of the church and plant with shrubs donated by CIB. These were plants saved from previous winter schemes that had grown too large for the village planting troughs.

CIB committee members had judged the entries in the school poster competition to raise awareness of the dog fouling problem. A winner was chosen from each of the four classes and each received a £10 W H Smith voucher. The posters will be enlarged and laminated before deployment at dog-fouling hotspots near to the school.

The winter quiz will be hosted by Keith Horton at the Plough on Wednesday, 5th February in aid of CIB funds.

Details of CIB's expenditure during the current financial year on the planting schemes were outlined which exceeded the precept allocation of £800. CIB will be refunding the excess amount of £244.51 to the Parish Council but would be grateful if consideration could be given to increasing the precept allocation which had been set in 2012/14 in view of the rising costs, modest expansion in the number of planting sites and upgrading of the winter planting schemes to give more colour and longer lasting interest.

Action: Clerk to write to Nick Bromley to thank him for his support of the community and for the high quality of the plants supplied over many years.

167/19 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook did not have anything to report about the field. He was waiting to hear back from Jo Derrer regarding the trees.

168/19 Website

When Councillor Dungar had submitted her apologies she had informed the Council she would be sending through a link to enable councillors to review the upgraded website to enable discussion at the January meeting when the launch will also be discussed.

Kensa had been informed the Parish Council wished to terminate its contract and the required one month's notice had been given.

169/19 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2019

Councillors had been given the income and expenditure figures which showed a profit of £1134.61.

170/19 Street Lights

Came and Company had informed the Clerk that the replacement of the damaged column and lantern had been authorised. An order had been placed with MSD Lighting for a new column and lantern and with E.ON for taking down the damaged column and erecting the new column and lantern.

171/19 Christmas lights

Councillor Parr expressed thanks to all the volunteers who had helped put up the Christmas lights and erect the tree. There had been a positive feedback on the new coloured bulbs which were more robust. The coloured bulbs were not damaged when a string had been dropped. Consideration will have to be given as to storage of the spare bulbs and disposal of the original bulbs. It was anticipated the lights will be taken down on Sunday, 12th January.

The switching-on ceremony had gone well and there had been a good attendance. Abigail Nicholls and George Lee were thanked for switching on the lights and Gloria Goodson was thanked for providing two Christmas trees as the first tree had split whilst it was being put up.

Councillor Cook had received a reply from Royal Mail regarding the Parish Council's request for a change in the post code from WV5 to WV15. Royal Mail had informed him that due to lack of space at the Bridgnorth Delivery Office to safely accommodate the sorting equipment and vehicles required to service the additional postal addresses, it will not be possible for Royal Mail to consider moving the Claverley addresses from Wombourne to Bridgnorth.

Action: Councillor Cook to ask Royal Mail to reconsider its decision

Councillor Marsh expressed concern about the affect on parishioners regarding the forthcoming closure of the Wombourne sorting office.

173/19 PLANNING

Permissions

19/02776/REM Approval of reserved matters (layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) pursuant to 14/00030/OUT for the erection of 16 dwellings; estate roads and garaging, former Davro Iron & Steel Ltd, Ridgewell Works, Wooton, Six Ashes, for Hovis Luxury Homes Limited

19/03744/FUL Temporary siting of static caravan for use as rural occupational dwelling and installation of septic tank, land at Upper Common Farm, Farmcote for Mr A. Jervis

19/03886/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension following removal of existing and alterations to south facing side gable, 3 Pound Street, Claverley for Mrs D Holland

19/04378/TCA Fell 2no Crab Apple and prune 1no Apple within Claverley Conservation Area, Orchard Cottage, High Street, Claverley for Mr. A. Turner

19/04418/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension, 12 Danesbrook, Claverley for Mr. P. Milner

New Applications

19/04985/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension, Beech Tree, Lodge Park, Claverley for Mrs. Natalie Williams
The Parish Council did not have any objections.

19/05022/PMBPA Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to four residential units, Brantley House, Broughton for Mr. J. Tibbetts

The Parish Council supported the comments made by WSP UK Ltd and SC Regulatory Services but did not have any objections to the change of use from agricultural to four residential units.

19/05269/HRM To remove (approx) 145m of hedgerow on a parcel of land to the NE of Shipley Hall at grid ref 384278 292820 parcel of land to the NE of Shipley Hall, Shipley for Mr. Paul Baker

The Parish Council objected to the removal of the hedge.

Withdrawn

18/05486/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 18no. dwellings and associated garages and installation of bio-disc treatment works Davro Iron & Steel Ltd, Ridgewell Works, Wooton, Six Ashes for Mr. Ian Houghton, Hovi Luxury Homes Ltd.

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.

19/04254/LBC Conversion of barn to dwelling (part of wider scheme – erection of 4no affordable dwellings and conversion of a barn to 1no open market dwelling) affecting a Grade II curtilage Listed Building, Crown Inn, High Street, Claverley for The Crown Inn (Claverley) Ltd.

174/19 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward reported she was aware the highway issues were not progressing as anticipated and will be meeting Steve Brown again in the New Year.

Councillor Cotham thought roads in the parish should be named because of the increase in delivery vehicles in the parish. Councillor Woodward offered to make enquiries about the possible cost and the procedure to be followed.

175/19 **REVIEW OF SALARY BUDGET** (Financial Regulation 4.4)

Discussion of this item was deferred to the January meeting to enable Councillor Dungar to obtain the UK salary inflation rate.

176/19 **DRAFT BUDGET 2020/2021**

The draft budget had been forwarded to councillors. It was agreed to contribute to the cost of producing 'Halo' and to increase financial support of CIB. The precept for 2020/2021 will be discussed at the January meeting when Council Tax figures should be available from Shropshire Council.

177/19 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Wade reported a water leak in the Bull Ring.

Action: Clerk to report the leak to Severn-Trent

Councillor Parr asked if any progress had been made with the Surgery regarding the untidy appearance. The Clerk had contacted the Practice Manager to inform him of the Parish Council's concerns. The hedge at the entrance to the car park had been cut.

178/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

New Model Code of Conduct for Councillors

SALC had informed parish councils that the Local Government Association will be developing a new Model Code of Conduct for Councillors in response to rising local government concern about increasing incidents of public, member-to-member and officer/member intimidation and abuse.

SALC had asked NALC to provide training on discipline and grievance in 2020.

New Year's Eve

The Revd. Garry Ward had informed the Parish Council he will be providing music in the Bull Ring on New Year's Eve as he didn't want to see another tradition disappear.

179/19 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Village Hall Representative

Councillor Wade reported he had attended the December meeting and informed the committee that the Clerk was experiencing difficulty unlocking the village hall door.

180/19 **CHEQUES**

Chq. no. 001558 G.T. Drury - providing P.A. equipment and music for

Switching on Christmas lights ceremony..... £60.00

001559 Rushmere Nurseries – plants for winter planting scheme..... £329.58

001560 SSE energy for street lights 02/11/19 to 02/12/19..... £223.11

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 13th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall