**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCILMEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. H.M. Cains

 D.A. Cook

 R.J. Cotham (Chairman)

 Mrs. E.M. Holding

 D. Hyde

 K. Moseley

 Ms. L. Patel

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Colin Taylor, Mr. P. Pickerill, Mr. M. Ferguson,

 3 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman - personal reasons, Councillor Ms C.A. Holland – personal

 reasons, Councillor M.J. Plumb – work reasons, Councillor P.J. Wade - work reason,

 Councillor B. Walker-Drew - work reasons

 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th November 2024, having been distributed to all

 councillors, were confirmed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

160/24 Potential filming location

 The Chairman invited Mr. Ferguson to update the Council regarding his search for suitable locations to film a production for Channel 5.

 Mr. Ferguson informed the Council plans were progressing. He had visited Worfield and the interior of St. Peter’s Church was of interest. Four days filming in Claverley was envisaged and would take place between 2.00 pm. and 10.00 p.m. He thought traffic would be controlled by stop and go boards. He intended to deliver a letter to all the residents in the centre of Claverley giving details once the filming schedule had been drawn up and would come to the January meeting to further update the Council.

 The Chairman thanked Mr. Ferguson who then left the meeting.

 The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the members of the public to participate in the following agenda item.

161/24 Village Hall

 Julian Randall, Chairman of the Claverley Village Hall Committee, informed the Council that despite receiving good grants from the Government during Covid the financial position was of concern as the village hall was not being used sufficiently to ensure funding to allow its continued availability. He thought the lack of parking space contributed to the lack of use.

 Councillor Cotham informed him a joint venture with the Cricket Club and the Surgery had been suggested but this would require public support for any change. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Cains, seconded by Councillor Hyde that the Planning sub-committee start work on the project. Six councillors voted in favour and there was one abstention.

 The three members of the public left the meeting.

162.24 Claverley in Bloom

 Finalisation of the Claverley in Bloom Constitution was deferred to the January meeting.

Paul Pickerill undertook to supply details of the suggested larger noticeboard which would have a dedicated area for village clubs and societies.

 An update on Claverley in Bloom activities had been circulated to councillors.

The Winchester crossroads planters had been painted and the ‘Welcome to Claverley’ sign cleaned.

Tree stumps along the school field footpath have to be removed before the new hedge is laid during February/March.

The bench opposite Claverley Hall Farm was in a very poor state of repair.

**Action: Clerk to inform the family who had donated the bench.**

Mr. Pickerill left the meeting.

 163/24 QEII Jubilee Field

 There was nothing to report.

164/24 Shipley Quarry

Shropshire Councillor Colin Taylor reported he had requested to be updated on the progress

being made in regard to the agreed liaison meeting but was awaiting a reply from

Mike Rigby or Charlotte Morrison.

165/24 Bonfire and Fireworks event

In Councillor Walker-Drew’s absence the Clerk reported the final figures for the bonfire and fireworks event had still to be finalised as she was waiting to receive the bank statement.

In acknowledgement of all the work undertaken by Mick Thorrington in connection with the bonfire and fireworks event and the Christmas lights it was proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Patel and agreed by the Council that the Clerk should purchase a £100 voucher from The Plough Inn.

166/24 Christmas Lights

 Shropshire Council had approved the application for the erection of the Christmas lights. The switching on the lights ceremony held on 1st December was well attended and Mabel Marius and George Lee were thanked for switching them on. The participation of the choir from Claverley School was much appreciated.

167/24 **PLANNING**

Permission

24/03515/VAR Removal of Condition Nos. 4, 5, 6, attached to permission 23/04940/FUL

 dated 24 April 2024, Oak Farm, Claverley.

24/03685/FUL Change of use of land, to equestrian, and construction of stabling and

 hardstanding Lower Common Farm House, Gatacre, Claverley.

24/03838/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension, insertion of a flat roof dormer

 window, rendering of the entire building, addition of a black painted metal flue and

 alteration to existing porch, Corner House, Upper Ludstone, Claverley.

24/03869/FUL Two-storey side extension, Greensleeves, Heathton, Claverley.

24/04062/FUL) Two storey side and single storey rear extension, Dairy House, Ludstone,

24/04063/LBC) Claverley.

New Applications

24/04555/FUL Proposed new first floor windows and gable end (modification to previously

 consented scheme), Gay Hills Farm, Draycott, Claverley.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

For information only

24/04353/CPL Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use of the land as a caravan site for 36

 caravans, Spicers Caravan and Chalet Site, Digbeth Lane, Claverley.

24/04413/HHE Proposed single storey rear extension accommodating a kitchen diner with

 dual pitched roof - 5.0 m beyond the rear wall, 4.0 m (max) height and 3.0 m height to

 eaves, Greensleeves, Heathton, Claverley.

168/24 **UNITARY REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Taylor reported matters were going from bad to worse. Mark Barrow, Director of Place, had taken redundancy. The business case for the NW Relief Road had not been made. £150m had disappeared on projects which had not come to fruition. Councillor Taylor stressed the importance of reporting highways issues on Fix My Street and continuing to update the Local Plan.

169/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Review of Salary Budget (Financial Regulation 4.4)

The Clerk exited the meeting for the review of the salary budget. On her return she was informed a unanimous decision had been made to increase the Clerk’s salary by 4% from

1st April 2025. The Clerk thanked the Council.

Discussion of the draft budget for 2025/2026 was deferred to the January meeting.

 170/24 **PARISH MATTERS**

The road surface at the junction of Danford Lane and Danesbrook was breaking up.

The trench which had formed on the side of the road to Hopstone had not been repaired.

**Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways.**

 Those present at a meeting of Friends of Claverley Church had been informed that when the

 Revd. Garry Wards retires the publication of ‘Halo’ magazine will cease.

All the volunteers who had helped clearing fallen trees after the recent storm were thanked. Zara Nicholls had thanked Councillor Cotham for clearing the fallen trees at Hill End.

Mr. and Mrs. Redshaw had made a donation of £200 to the Parish Council’s bonfire fund for the help in removing a tree from their garden. They had also made a donation to Claverley in Bloom.

171/24 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

 Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported a fallen tree on Bridleway 8/114 had been removed.

A finger post had been ordered.

172/24 **PAYMENTS**

By cheque:

Chq. no. 001899 The Plough Inn –

 Beer for Bonfire and Fireworks event £260.00

 Refreshment for volunteers putting up

 Christmas lights £60.00 £320.00

 001900 E.ON Energy Solutions – 2nd instalment of Street Lighting

 Maintenance contract ……………………………………. £436.73

 001901 TFM Items for:

 Bonfire and Fireworks event £115.77

 Christmas lights £91.37 £207.14

 001902 Rushmere Nurseries – plants for winter planting

 scheme £49.44

 Christmas tree £144.00 £193.44

 001903 M.W. Thorrington – Golf Ball Lamps…………………………….. £133.72

It was proposed by Councillor Holding, seconded by Councillor Cains and agreed by the Council to approve the above payments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

 Date of next meeting: Monday, 13th January 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.