**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman

 Mrs. H.M. Cains

 R.J. Cotham (Chairman)

 Ms C.A. Holland

 D. Hyde

 Ms L. Patel

 B. Walker-Drew

Also present: Four members of the public

Apologies: Councillor D.A. Cook – personal reasons, Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar – personal

 reasons, Councillor M.J. Edwards – personal reasons, Councillor R.S. Parr – personal

 reasons, Councillor P. J. Wade – work reasons

 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

 Councillor Beaman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application

 23/05723/FUL and item 1 under Correspondence

 Councillor Cotham declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning applications

 22/05103/FUL, 23/00356/FUL and 23/00357/LBC

MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th January 2023, having been distributed to all

 councillors, were confirmed and signed.

14/23 **PLANNING**

Councillor Beaman left the meeting. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable members of the public to speak during discussion of the following planning application.

22/05723/FUL Erection of 4no. affordable dwellings and associated infrastructure,

 Proposed Residential Development Land East Of, Bull Ring, Claverley for Oakwood

 Homes (Bridgnorth) Ltd.

The Chairman invited Mr. Beaman to open the discussion. He outlined the background to the current application and explained that of the four dwelling two would be for rent at a capped rent and two would be for sale at a discounted price. The build-out does not go out as far as the line of parked cars.

Three members of the public spoke in support of the planning application.

After discussion a vote was taken. Four councillors voted in support of the application and two councillors voted against the application.

**Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council the Parish Council did not have any objections to the application.**

Mr. J. Beaman and the three members of the public left the meeting. Councillor Beaman re-joined the meeting.

Councillor Cotham left the meeting and Councillor Hyde took the chair.

22/05103/FUL Change of use of buildings currently used for caravan storage and

 extensions into a physiotherapy treatment centre and associated accommodation,

 communal dining and office space, Caravan Storage, Gay Hills Farm, Draycott, Claverley

 for Mr Davinder Chatha.

The Parish Council objected to the planning application as the road network in this area would not support the volume of traffic which would be generated by the proposed commercial venture. The proposed development would be disproportionate in scale to the size of the hamlet of Draycott.

23/00356/FUL) Erection of single storey side extension affecting a Grade II Listed Building

23/00357/LBC) The Mount, Hopstone, Claverley for Mr Chris Williams.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

Councillor Cotham returned to the meeting.

 23/00262/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

 for the erection of two bay oak framed garage with ancillary accommodation above,

 Tudor Cottage, 16 High Street, Claverley for Mrs. L. Timmins.

 The Parish Council objected to the planning application as when permission was

 originally granted for the erection of a two bay garage (17/03524/FUL) condition 5 stated

 "shall not be used for any purpose other than those incidental to the enjoyment of the existing

 residential dwelling" and no mention of residential use of the garage was made in that

 planning application.

 23/00265/FUL Installation of a drainage field serving adjacent development, Sandy Bank,

 Wootton, Six Ashes for Mr Mike Flanaghan.

 The Parish Council did not have any objections.

Permission

23/00184/TCA To fell 1no. Cherry tree within Claverley Conservation Area,

 1-2 Pound Street, Claverley for Mr. Keith Perry.

Withdrawn

22/05692/VAR Variation of Condition No.7 (visibility splays) attached to planning

 permission 22/00362/FUL dated 21/04/2022, Sandy Bank, Wootton, Six Ashes for

 Mr Mike Flanaghan.

A letter had been sent to Mr. A. Begley, Shropshire Council’s Chief Executive, regarding issues relating to planning enforcement. A meeting will be arranged to discuss the issues.

 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

 15/23 Shipley Quarry

Councillor Cotham had attended the Shipley Quarry Liaison Committee which had been held on 18th January. Several members of the committee did not attend but a good discussion had

been held with Grahame French and Gemma Lawley. Mr. French had apologised for the delay in publishing the hydrology reviews on the planning portal. Shropshire Councillor Richard Marshall had stepped down as Chairman of the Liaison committee. The next committee meeting will probably be held in May.

 16/23 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr’s CIB update had been forwarded to councillors.

All tickets for the quiz to be held at The Plough Inn on 22nd February had been sold.

Councillors had been reminded that CIB are planning to carry out a litter pick on Sunday,

12th March assembling in the Bull Ring at 9.00 a.m. It was hoped to tackle areas not normally cleared by public-spirited walkers who routinely pick up litter during their walks.

Additional volunteers would be welcome but individuals would participate at their own risk and should wear high-viz clothing. Gloves and litter grabs are advised.

 17/23 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cotham reported that when the goal posts had been removed it had been necessary to cut off the sockets. A. Seedhouse & Son will be making new sockets.

 18/23 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2022

The Clerk reported that the Vicar and some members of the Parochial Church Council had agreed to come at 7.00 p.m. on 13th March for an informal discussion about the Church Street wall and the Bridal steps.

In addition to the request for a defibrillator for Heathton/Draycott, Claverley School and Claverley Good Neighbours would welcome receiving funding from the profit of the bonfire and fireworks event.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Cains and agreed by the Council to donate £300 to Claverley School for the purchase of a reading shed to provide an opportunity for children to read outside, £700 to Claverley Good Neighbours and the balance for the provision of a defibrillator for Heathton/Drayott.

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 19/23 Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights had been taken down on Sunday, 15th January.

 20/23 Street Lights

A quotation had been received from E.ON for the installation of the five replacement LED

lanterns and columns amounting to £5710.77 (ex VAT). It was proposed by Councillor Patel, seconded by Councillor Walker Drew and agreed by the Council to accept the quotation.

Garry Johnson, E.ON’s Project Manager, had suggested columns 1, 3 and 4 The Paddock, column 4 Aston Lane and column 5 Clover Heath be the locations for the five replacements.

**Action:** The Clerk to ask E.ON to disconnect and remove column 1 The Paddock as it was so close to column 5 High Street and suggest another site for the fifth replacement.

MSD Lighting had informed the Clerk the “Paddington” lantern, which had been chosen to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee, was no longer available and had provided a quote for a similar lantern amounting to £1242.00. E.ON had quoted £256.23 to remove the present lantern and install a new lantern. After discussion it was decided not to proceed with the suggestion.

Councillor Cook had queried the height of some of the street lights. The Clerk informed the meeting that LED lanterns had been installed on some of the original cast iron columns so these were shorter than the new columns. There had not been any change in the length of column ordered from MSD Lighting.

21/23 **UNITARY REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Elliott Lynch had not submitted a report.

22/23 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

 Budget for 2023/2024

The amended draft budget had been circulated to the councillors. It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Cains and agreed by the Council to approve the budget.

Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk reported the bank reconciliation at 31st December showed a total net balance of

£112199.28.

**CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING**

The Parish Council will consider supporting any event planned in the parish.

 23/23 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Cook had received positive comments from parishioners regarding the improvement in service levels at the Surgery and suggested a letter to be sent noting the improvement and thanking them for their good work. Councillors agreed with Councillor Cook’s comments.

**Action: Clerk to write to the Practice Manager.**

Councillor Cains commented on the improved appearance of the sign at Danford Heath which had been repainted. The person responsible had offered to attend to the sign in the Bull Ring.

**Action: As a member of the public had already offered to attend to the sign, Clerk to check if the person still wanted to do the work.**

A resident of Griffiths Green had requested a dog waste bin be provided near Pipers Lane as dog fouling had increased.

**Action: Clerk to contact Shropshire Council to see if a bin could be provided.**

The Clerk had booked the village hall for 3rd April for the April monthly meeting and 24th April for the Annual Parish Meeting. The annual Council Meeting will be held on Monday,

15th May.

 24 /23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

 Letter from Mrs. J. Rowney regarding large Sycamore tree at Kings Arms Court

Mrs. Rowney had written to the Parish Council about a very large Sycamore tree near her property as she was worried about the danger of falling branches.

**Action:** **Clerk to inform Mrs. Rowney that the owner of the tree should apply for it to be felled and that the Parish Council would take her concerns into account when an application for felling had been made.**

Transfer of service from Pro IT Rescue to Logicomm IT Support

The Parish Council had been informed Pro IT Rescue had transferred the IT support managed services to Logicomm IT Support. The fee for 2023 was unchanged.

25**/**23 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

 Rights of Way

 Councillor Cotham reported the line of FP59 through The Clouds was going to be adjusted.

He had recently met the new Rights of Way Officer who was keen to put in kissing gates on FP69 which runs from Orchard Close to Pipers Lane.

26/23 **CHEQUES**

Chq. no. 001774 E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd. – second half instalment of

 charge for annual maintenance contract……………………….. £352.50

 001775 Mrs. M. Lavender – refreshments for volunteers taking

 down Christmas lights………………………………………….. £30.00

 001776 Logicomm IT Support Ltd. – Monthly Managed Service

 Agreement for 2023…………………………………………….. £172.80

 001777 TFM – Items for FP24 bridge…………………………………….. £30.86

 001778 Kennedys Law LLP – VAT element of solicitors’ costs……….... £83.33

 001779 SSE - energy for street lights 04/01/23 to 01/02/23……………… £184.26

 001780 Claverley Parochial Church Council – contribution to

 maintenance of the churchyard………………………………. £1500.00

 001781 Claverley Tennis Club – funding of community project

 (purchase of storage shed)…………………………...……….. £1000.00

It was proposed by Councillor Patel, seconded by Councillor Cains and agreed by

 the Council to pass the cheques for payment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.39 p.m.

 Date of next meeting: Monday, 13th March 2023 in the Village Hall.