**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCILMEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman

Mrs H.M. Cains

R.J. Cotham (Chairman)

M.J. Edwards

Mrs. E.M. Holding

Ms. C.A. Holland

D. Hyde

K. Moseley

Ms. L. Patel

M.J. Plumb

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

9 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor D.A. Cook – personal reasons, Councillor P.J. Wade – work reasons,

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 13th January 2025, having been distributed to all

councillors, were confirmed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

15/25 Potential filming location

The Chairman invited Mr. Ferguson to update the Council regarding the progress being made filming in Claverley for the adaptation of the novel “Murder Before Evensong” written by the Revd. Richard Coles for Channel 5.

Mr. Ferguson informed the meeting that filming in Claverley on 30th January had gone according to plan and that they would be returning on 14th and 17th February when the school would be closed for the half term holiday. Pedestrian access through the village will be maintained at all times but the section of High Street between the junction with Aston Lane and Pound Street will be closed to traffic to enable shooting to take place along High Street and in the tearoom and the Crown.

The release date for the production was 8th October.

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

16/25 Village Facility Movements

Councillor Cotham reported he had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting on 6th February when various options for the future of the hall had been discussed. Dr. Randall had written to the landowners who had responded agreeing that any sale proceeds from the village hall should be used solely for the benefit of the village and would part pay for a new village hall. The remainder of the cost of a new village hall would come from the sale of the new housing. Any proposal to change the village hall would need to be passed with a 75% majority at a public meeting.

Councillor Cotham informed the meeting that the landowners had stated the provision of a new Doctors’ surgery would be a private business negotiation. However, there was an alternative site available to the doctors outside of the parish. The landowners had suggested a bowling green for the site and a grocery shop with Post Office and carpark. Councillor Cotham said that in 2006, when the Boundary Close proposal was under discussion, the Director of Development Services had commented that commercial facilities such as a shop would not be acceptable in the Green Belt.

Councillor Edwards felt the landowners needed to come forward with a plan and how it would be funded. He added the Parish Council could not take a vote on something which it did not have any authority over. Councillor Hyde supported Councillor Edwards’ comments.

Councillor Holland thought progress was being made and a vote to be made when a formal application was submitted.

Councillor Moseley said the landowners should submit a plan to enable the viability to be looked at and a presentation made to villagers.

Councillor Cotham said the Village Hall Committee and Cricket Club were in favour of moving but the Tennis Club did not want to move from its present location.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and invited comments from members of the public.

Concerns were expressed about the proposed project and the Parish Council was urged to proceed with caution.

A member of the Tennis Club reiterated that the Tennis Club did not want to move from its present location.

A Freedom of Information request had been made which had been complied with.

In conclusion, it was agreed the Parish Council should not engage further with the landowners on what may or may not be acceptable on the land.

An email would be sent to the landowners stating it was the view of the Council that they would need to see a copy of the landowners’ draft plan for the area, in order to be able to have a meaningful debate and vote on any proposals.

8 members of the public left the meeting.

17/25 **UNITARY REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Taylor reported that Mike Rigby had apologised for the delay regarding arrangements for a meeting of the Shipley Quarry Liaison Committee but it was anticipated it would take place towards the end of February.

Planning Inspectors had expressed significant concerns about the soundness of Shropshire Council’s Local Plan as it was thought Shropshire Council was not providing enough homes and employment land for Black Country overspill and the plan period be extended by three years.

Shropdoc, a not-for-profit company, was likely to lose the contract to provide out-of-hours GP service as NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin was proposing to award the contract to a company based in Wiltshire. Concerns had been expressed about the lack of consultation.

Councillor Cains informed Councillor Taylor caravans had not been removed from two sites in the parish thereby not complying with planning conditions. Councillor Taylor would take this up with Planning Enforcement.

Councillor Taylor left the meeting.

18/25 Claverley in Bloom

The Claverley in Bloom Terms of Reference had been circulated to councillors who were in agreement with the updated document.

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

A project meeting had been held on 22nd January and a committee meeting had been held on 3rd February. 9th March had provisionally been set for the annual highway litter pick

A quote is to be obtained for the cost and the timescale for the refurbishment of the village metal planters.

The refurbishment of the bench at Winchester crossroads had begun and self-watering planters for the bank alongside the bench will be ordered.

Summer planting material had been ordered from Rushmere Nurseries.

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Clearance of the school field footpath/orchard had been completed and the area will need to be levelled. Hedging and replacement trees will be planted in March.

Paul Pickerill had not been able to attend the January meeting when the new noticeboard had been discussed but he wished to propose that the noticeboard was purchased from Signscape and Signconex. It was proposed by Councillor Patel, seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council the noticeboard would be purchased from Signscape and Signconex.

Mr. Pickerill left the meeting.

19/25 QEII Jubilee Field

The Head Teacher had advised the field would be closed during the half-term holiday to enable essential maintenance work to be carried out.

20/25 Shipley Quarry

The Chairman informed the meeting there was nothing to report.

21/25 Bonfire and Fireworks event

As suggestions were still being put forward as to how the profit from the Bonfire and Fireworks event could be used for community purposes it was agreed to defer to the March meeting to make a decision. The closing date for suggestions would be 1st March.

Councillor Cotham informed the meeting that a different site for the event in 2025 would be required due to crop rotation.

Councillor Edwards left the meeting.

22/25 **PLANNING**

Permission

24/02359/FUL Erection of single plot exception site affordable dwelling and

associated garage, Proposed Affordable Dwelling to the North of Woundale,

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

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

New Application

25/00158/FUL Proposed infill single storey rear extension between two previously

approved extensions, Greensleeves, Heathton, Claverley

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

23/25 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The draft budget for 2025/2026 had been circulated to the councillors for consideration.

At present details of CIL receipts were not available.

24/25 **MAINTENANCE OF TREES IN THE PARISH**

Councillor Cook had suggested that Councillor Cotham and Mick Thorrington should undertake a chainsaw training course to enable them to carry out general tree maintenance if required in the parish. Enquiries to be made.

25/25 **PROVISION OF SAFETY GLASSES**

Councillor Cook had suggested safety glasses were provided for the volunteers who put up and take down the Christmas lights.

It was proposed by Councillor Cains, seconded by Councillor Beaman and agreed by the Council to purchase safety glasses which would be able to fit over glasses

26/25 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Dates were discussed and it was agreed the monthly April meeting will be held on Monday, 14th April and the Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday, 28th April.

As the Election will be held on 1st May the Annual Council meeting will be held on Monday, 12th May which would be within the permitted time.

**Action: Clerk to book the Village Hall for the above dates.**

27/25 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Cains informed the meeting there had been a problem when the Fire Brigade had received an automated call out and attended the wrong site based on the post code. The Fire Brigade had to make detailed checks before they were able to move to the correct site but fortunately there wasn’t a fire.

Councillor Hyde commented on the lack of road sweepers working in the parish.

Potholes required repair between Lea Farm and the turning to High Grosvenor, along Church Street, between Two Gates and the Cricket Club, by Three Dwellings House, near the Old House, Hopstone, by Clare Cottage in Pound Street and the trench on the side of the road from Digbeth Lane to Hopstone.

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

28/25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mobile Coverage Issues in Claverley

Kelly Clothier had not responded to the Parish Council’s suggestion of a Microsoft Teams meeting on 10th February.

Notification of road closures

Unnamed road between Upper Farmcote and Claverley, 12th February from 9.30am to 3.30pm for pole testing by Openreach.

Ashford Bank, 23rd April to enable Openreach to lay approximately 9m of duct in the carriageway.

30/25 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham had reported a kissing gate would be installed on FP86, a bridge on FP25 and a new finger post on BW8.

31/25 **PAYMENTS**

By cheque:

Chq. no. 001908 E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd. -installation of a

new street light column and LED lantern …………..………£1370.58

001909 Mrs. M. Lavender – refreshments for volunteers taking

down Christmas lights…………………………………………£25.00

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 10th March 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.