

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward, three members of the public
Apologies: Councillor D.A. Cook - personal reasons, Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar – personal reasons

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Beaman declared a personal interest in planning application 18/05076/TCA

MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th October 2018, having been distributed to all councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

172/18 Parish Council Vacancy

The vacancy had been advertised and Catherine Holland had expressed interest in becoming a councillor. She had provided some background information which had been circulated to councillors. Councillors did not wish to ask her any questions so it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Ms Holland. The Chairman welcomed Ms Holland to the Council and she signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

173/18 Shropshire Housing Needs Survey

A reply to the letter which had been sent to Mr. Clive Wright had been received and circulated to councillors. Officers will be providing a report on the findings of the survey in time for the December Parish Council meeting.

174/18 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been circulated to councillors.

Due to a lack of formative pruning many of the trees around the western perimeter of the school playing field required radical pruning to bring them into shape. This work had been carried out on 20th October. Some trees had been cut down and a large number of self-set trees had been removed. The pruning should benefit the fruit trees in the community orchard and let more light into the adjoining public footpath. CIB expressed thanks to Councillor Cotham who had transported two large trailer loads of arisings to the site of this year's bonfire event.

On 3rd November around 4000 daffodil bulbs had been planted on the Aston Lane bank to fill up the gaps in previous plantings. Most of the remainder had been planted in the grass verge

at the Ludstone/B4176 junction.

A larger number of plants had been used to improve the quality of the winter planting scheme. The plants had cost more than in previous years. As this expenditure had exceeded the amount allocated to CIB in the Parish Council's budget, CIB would be refunding £268.85 to the Parish Council.

175/18 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillors Beaman and Cotham had carried out the work to the surface of the field to break up the compaction during the half term holiday.

The Headteacher had been unsuccessful in obtaining a grant for the "mile a day" track because the school was an aided school. She might have to bid again next year through the Diocese.

She had expressed concern about tree branches overhanging the school fence because of the amount of leaves on the playground. In Councillor Parr's opinion the cutting back of the branches would be a big job. He said the branches were also shading the CIB planting troughs.

Action: Clerk to suggest to Jo Derrer that she approaches Shropshire Council about the problem.

176/18 Website

Councillor Parr reported that no progress had been made with Kensa. Details of an alternative provider had been obtained.

177/18 Dog Fouling

Councillor Beaman reported the bags were being used and there appeared to have been a reduction in the amount of dog fouling. The Clerk had received a complaint about the amount of dog fouling in the Heathton/Draycott/Admoor area. Councillor Beaman offered to investigate.

178/18 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2018

The Chairman thanked Councillor Parr and all the volunteers for their help in ensuring it was a successful event. It had been a good team effort. Councillor Parr thanked Councillor Cotham for providing the site and for all his hard work.

The event had been a success and the fireworks display had been impressive. The feedback obtained from those attending had been positive. There had been two minor incidents with ash when the wind direction had changed. It was thought attendance had been affected by Bridgnorth Rugby Club holding its event on the same night.

If the same site is used again, the steps up into the field will need a little attention. Thought should be given as to whether the time for the firework display should be advertised and whether serving should stop when the fireworks display is taking place.

179/18 Proceeds from 2017 Bonfire and Fireworks Event

Councillor Cotham had spoken to the Revd. Ward about the provision of a handrail. The Revd. Ward had asked him to speak to the Church Warden, Martin Elcock about this suggestion.

The approximate cost of providing a harder area for a bowler's runway for the cricket wicket was £500.

A replacement bench for Aston Lane had been another suggestion.

180/18 Street Lights

The Clerk had obtained three quotations for the supply of electricity for the street lights. The details had been circulated to councillors. It was proposed by Councillor Hyde, seconded by Councillor Hill and agreed by the Council to accept the quotation from Southern Electric.

The Clerk had asked E.ON for an updated maintenance schedule in order to select the five street lights to be replaced by Victorian style columns with LED lanterns.

181/18 Christmas Lights

Councillor Parr and Ken Jones would be checking the lights in readiness for putting them up on Sunday, 25th November. Volunteers were asked to assemble in the Bull Ring at 8.00 a.m.
Action: Clerk to write to householders to inform them when the work was being undertaken and to ask that their cars were not parked outside their houses on the 25th while the work was being undertaken. Refreshments to be ordered from the Plough for the volunteers putting up the lights.

David Hayes had offered to donate a Christmas tree which will be erected on Thursday, 29th November.

Permission to erect the lights had been granted by Shropshire Council. The school had nominated the youngest pupil to switch on the lights with a senior citizen. The ceremony will take place after the evening service on Sunday, 2nd December at 7.00pm. Councillor Beaman offered to be a traffic marshal so two further marshals will be required.

182/18 Code of Conduct

Councillor Hyde reported that as he had been away it had not been possible to arrange a meeting with Councillor Patel. He hoped to be able to report back at the December meeting.

183/18 PLANNING

The Chairman reminded councillors that when a planning application is on the agenda they must not express an opinion beforehand as this would be deemed to be pre-determination. When planning notifications are forwarded to councillors, the Clerk must make it clear as to when the application is going to be discussed.

Permissions

17/02852/FUL Erection of an affordable dwelling with detached double garage and formation of vehicular access, land at The Lodge, Huffage Farm, Woundale for Mr. D. Terrel and Miss J. Jones

18/03353/FUL Erection of a block of 4no garages, placement of an underground LPG tank, formation of a garage parking forecourt and walkways, Barns west of Boycott Arms, Upper Ludstone for Mr. Michael Ross.

18/03742/ADV Erect and display one non-illuminated entrance sign (amended description), Spicers Hall Caravan Park, Spicers Hall Farm, off Pound Street, Claverley for Sought After Location Ltd.

18/04177/FUL Change of use of agricultural building to Use D2 (Assembly and Leisure) events and wedding venue including the provision of associated car parking (retrospective, Bridal Barn, Upper Farmcote for Mr. David Bradley

New Applications

18/04732/FUL Change of use of open woodland area for the siting of 11 no. holiday units, Ludstone Hall, Claverley for Mr. Keith Smith

Notification had been received from Shropshire Council that the applicant had withdrawn this planning application.

Councillor Beaman left the meeting as she had declared a prejudicial interest in the following planning application.

18/05076/TCA Fell three Sycamores, a Holly, an Ash and a Hawthorn within Claverley Conservation Area, The Kings Arms Inn, Bull Ring Claverley for Mr. Jonathan Beaman

Shropshire Council was seeking the views of the Parish Council as to whether the trees merited a Tree Preservation Order on the grounds of public amenity value. After discussion the Chairman called for a vote and 8 councillors did not consider a Tree Preservation Order was required and did not have any objections to the proposed tree works and 2 councillors voted in favour of a Tree Preservation Order and opposed the proposed tree works.

Councillor Beaman returned to the meeting

Reconsultation due to amendment on application 18/03104/HHE

Erection of a single storey rear extension to detached dwelling, dimensions 7 metres & 4 metres beyond rear wall, 2.9 metres maximum height and 2.9 metres high to eaves, 34 The Wold, Claverley for Mr. D. Lewis

The Parish Council continued to object to the amended application for the reasons already given. If permission was granted the foundations should only be sufficient for a single storey extension.

Appeal

17/01357/COU Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use of redundant agricultural building to B2 (General Industry) buildings at Small Heath Farm, Ashford Bank, Claverley, Mr. Nicholas Corns

Notification had been received that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Shropshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.

Work was continuing at the unit on weekdays and weekends often into the evening.

184/18 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward reported that Shropshire Council's Cabinet had met on 7th November and had been asked to approve the consultation document which identifies the preferred housing and employment sites to deliver the Council's preferred level and distribution of development across Shropshire during the period to 2036. All the documents can be viewed on Shropshire Council's website.

The consultation period for the Shropshire Local Plan Review on Preferred Sites will be from 29th November to 31st January. Consultation documents will be made available on the Shropshire Council website and paper copies will be provided at libraries and council offices in the main towns.

The Road Master vehicle had undertaken temporary repairs to the road surface between the Old Gate Inn and Pear Tree Lane, Heathton. This vehicle had not tackled Bulls Bank so Councillor Woodward undertook to raise this with Shropshire Highways.

185/18 **PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY PURCHASE OF LAND**

It was not possible to discuss this item as a proposal had not been put before the Parish Council.

186/18 **REVIEW OF SALARY BUDGET** (Financial Regulation 4.4)

Discussion was deferred.

Action: Clerk to ask Councillor Dungar to obtain the UK salary inflation rate.

187/18 **PARISH MATTERS**

Fly tipping had occurred in Sheepcote lane.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council.

The road from Winchester Farm to Broughton was flooding in the bottom. There was a bad dip in the road from the B4176 to Tinkers Castle. Seven out of the eight gullies in Lower Hopstone were blocked. Leaves were accumulating outside the school.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council.

Councillor Woodward informed the meeting that the gully emptying machine has started working in the Bridgnorth Division.

The stile in Orchard Close had become overgrown.

Action: Councillor Cotham would have a look at it.

188/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Briefing Notes re CIL and Place Plans

A letter had been received from Gemma Davies, Shropshire Council's Head of Economic Growth, which had been circulated to councillors.

An explanation of Shropshire's current CIL policy had been given. Workshops will be held to discuss Place Plans.

189/18 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported that Shropshire Council was providing stone to fill in the Digbeth

Lane ruts. Any stone left over will be used for Sheepcote Lane.

190/18 **CHEQUES**

Chq. no. 001479	Wye Valley Brewery – beer for bonfire event.....	£414.48
001480	Rushmere Nurseries – plants for winter planting scheme.....	£416.82
001481	JFS – hire of fire extinguishers for bonfire event.....	£60.00
001482	Space Mobiles Ltd. – hire of two portable toilets for bonfire event.....	£108.00
001483	Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. – balance for firework display.....	£1296.00
001484	A.J. Lloyd – pig roast, hot dogs, burgers for bonfire event.....	£680.00
001485	G.T. Drury - – provision of P.A. equipment and music for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£60.00
001486	Swops Ltd. – wine, lager, cider for fireworks event.....	£306.18
001487	Tuck Hill Village Hall – hire of tents for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£130.00
001488	Shropshire RCC - membership renewal.....	£26.00
001489	Mrs. G.M. Price- Purchase of 2 ink cartridges and ream of paper	£65.97
	Red/white tape for bonfire event	£9.86
	Stationery items including laminating for bonfire event	<u>£24.37</u>
		£100.20
001490	M.W. Thorrington – electrical items for bonfire event.....	£219.45

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

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