**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCILMEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2024 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

 K. Moseley

 Ms. L. Patel

 M.J. Plumb

 P.J. Wade

 B. Walker-Drew

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

 Apologies: Councillor D.A. Cook – work reasons, Councillor D. Hyde - work reasons,

 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

 As the meeting was being held on Remembrance Day, the Chairman called for a minute’s silence.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th October 2024, having been distributed to all

 councillors, were confirmed and signed.

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

148/24 Christmas Lights

 Mick Thorrington had set up a display of five different LED lamps to enable the councillors to choose which one they preferred for the Christmas festoon lights. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Moseley, seconded by Councillor Holding and agreed by the Council that the 1w LED Colour changing lamps was the preferred option. Mr. Thorrington would proceed to place an order on behalf of the Parish Council.

 The Chairman thanked Mr. Thorrington for all his work on the lighting for the bonfire and fireworks event and the Christmas lights. Mr. Thorrington left the meeting.

 The Clerk confirmed that the senior citizen and the youngest pupil had agreed to switch on the lights. The application had been submitted to Shropshire Council for permission to erect the lights.

149/24 Bonfire and Fireworks event

Councillor Walker-Drew reported there had been good feedback about the event and everything had gone smoothly. Jubilee Fireworks had put on an excellent display. All the food had been sold and most of the drink. The card readers had been well used. There were two minor incidents for the first aider to deal with. Councillor Walker-Drew expressed thanks to all the volunteers.

Councillor Beaman had spoken to Emily Hughes, who will shortly become a First Responder, and she had mentioned a company who offered first aid and had their own insurance. She offered to provide contact details.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Walker-Drew for all his work.

150/24 **UNITARY REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Taylor reported that staff were now working from home but the Shirehall was being used for some meetings. The Social Services team in particular was finding it difficult with the current arrangement.

The Examining Inspectors had suspended hearings into Shropshire Council’s Local Plan

because of concerns about the soundness of the Plan in respect of a number of areas. This would have a knock-on effect with developers.

The Police and Crime Commissioner would like to achieve improved partnership working.

Members of the public were asked to supply the Police with any information regarding ‘boy racers’. Councillor Taylor was hoping to hold a meeting to discuss speeding issues and accidents in the parishes he represents.

He did not have anything to report about Shipley Quarry.

Shropshire Councillor Taylor left the meeting.

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

151/24 Claverley in Bloom

Paul Pickerill, the Tree Warden, reported the work to Maple trees outside the school and the

trees along the school field footpath had been completed. He would welcome finalisation of the Claverley in Bloom Constitution.

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

Remedial work had been carried out around the Church Street ‘Welcome to Claverley’ sign and limited pruning of tree branches had been done to try and improve the light. Branches had been removed from the conifer adjacent to the bench at Winchester crossroads in preparation for troughs to be placed on either side of the bench. The overgrown Buddleia outside The Crown had been pruned.

The Autumn plant sale and the Winter Quiz had both been well attended.

Councillor Walker-Drew and Mr. Pickerill left the meeting.

152/24 Shipley Quarry

 Councillor Cotham reported some of the hydrology reports were still not on the planning

 portal and no information had been provided as to when the Shipley Liaison Committee will reconvene.

153/24 QEII Jubilee Field

There was nothing to report.

154/24 **PLANNING**

New Application

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

 Hardstanding, Lower Common Farm House, Gatacre, Claverley.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

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

 Claverley.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

24/04063/LBC - Two storey side and single storey rear extension, Dairy House, Ludstone,

 Claverley.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

24/03310/REF Notification had been received that an Appeal under Section 78 against the refusal of a Household application for the erection of a porch to the front elevation of 3 Powk Hall Cottage had been made.

155/24 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

As the draft budget for 2025/2026 was being prepared, the Clerk would appreciate it if councillors would inform her of any projects they would like included.

 156/24 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Holding reported the car which had been parked outside No. 10 Danford Heath had been removed from the road and was now parked on the drive. The hedge along Aston Lane had been cut.

Councillor Wade reported potholes in Danford Heath had been repaired. Drains along Aston Lane were blocked.

**Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways**

Councillor Edwards reported that there was a bad pothole in the road at Broughton.

Councillor Cotham reported there was a bad pothole near Clare Cottage, Pound Street and on the left hand side of the road to Hopstone.

**Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways**

Mud was being left on the road near Ash Croft House, Broughton.

**Action: Clerk to ask the farmer concerned to clear the mud.**

Councillor Moseley had raised drainage issues at the Ashford Bank development.

Councillor Patel had been asked by a householder to raise concern about an old Elm tree opposite the Tennis Club which looked in danger of falling.

**Action: Clerk to write to the householder concerned and two other householders**

Councillor Beaman had received positive comments about the Royal British Legion poppies and the two figures marking Remembrance Day. She intended to take them down in a week’s time.

She understood the Parish Council might be contacted by a member of the public expressing an interest in organising a flower festival. Councillor Beaman expressed concerns in view of the cost of flowers and mounting a festival, difficulty in getting volunteers to help and uncertainty with regard to the retirement of the Revd. Ward.

 157/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

 Potential Filming Location

 The Parish Council had been contacted by Midge Ferguson, a TV Drama and Film Location

 Manager as he was looking for potential filming locations to shoot a production for

Channel 5. He was looking for a suitable village and had visited Claverley which had some of the elements he was looking for. He would welcome local knowledge and will keep the Parish Council informed of the progress of his search.

Ashford Bank Development

The Chairman had been contacted by the Trident Group asking if the Parish Council had any knowledge of anyone who would like a property on the Ashford Bank development.

158/24 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

 Village Hall Committee

Councillor Wade reported discussions were continuing about the future of the village hall.

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported a tree had fallen in the wood on Bridleway 5/114.

159/24 **PAYMENTS**

By cheque:

Chq. no. 001887 Bridgnorth Print Services Ltd. – tickets, posters for bonfire

 and fireworks event…………………………………………….. £162.12

 001888 Turnock – Christmas street lights…………………………………..£1881.57

 001889 Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. – balance for fireworks display…………... £2193.00

 001890 Mrs. G.M. Price – reimbursement for cost of Broadband

 - 07/07/24 to 06/10/24……………………………………..………£127.48

 001891 Space Mobiles Ltd. – hire of portable toilets……………………… £220.80

 001892 At Hand Fire Protection – hire of fire extinguishers………………… £60.00

 001893 Wolverhampton Tree Service Ltd.

 Coppice trees to form a new hedge £1152.00

 Work to 5 Maple trees and 1 Oak tree £660.00 £1812.00

 001894 Severn Valley Roasts – pig roast, hot dogs, burgers for bonfire

 and fireworks event………………………………………………£1500.00

 001895 Mrs. S.A. Beaman – reimbursement for purchase of

 Remembrance poppies £100.00

 Remembrance statues £350.00

 Travel expenses £12.60 £462.60

 001896 M.W. Thorrington – lighting items for bonfire and fireworks event...£533.83

 001897 Rudge Heath General Stores Ltd. – wine, lager, soft drinks,

 cups, crisps for bonfire and fireworks …………………. £840.00

 001898 B. Walker-Drew – refuse sacks, PA Speaker, marquee toggles…… £355.17

By Direct Debit

 SSE Energy Solutions – energy for street lights 01/09/24 to 30/09/24……. £230.20

It was proposed by Councillor Waade, seconded by Councillor Patel and

 agreed by the Council to approve the above payments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

 Date of next meeting: Monday, 9th December 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.