**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30 p.m**.

This meeting of the Parish Council was held in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman

 D.A. Cook

 R.J. Cotham (Chairman)

 D.S. Cowie

 M.J. Edwards

 Ms C.A. Holland

 R.S. Parr

 P.J. Wade

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Tina Woodward

No members of the public had requested to participate

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. C.G. Dungar – work commitment, Councillor M.P. Hill – personal reasons

 Councillor D. Hyde – work commitment, Councillor Mrs. J.C. Marsh – personal reasons,

 Councillor Ms L. Patel – personal reasons

  **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th September 2020, having been distributed to all

 councillors, were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

72/20 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr’s report had been circulated to councillors.

Most of the winter planting scheme had been installed. As soon as repairs to the lower troughs at Winchester crossroad had been completed the winter plants will be planted. CIB had spent more time and resources on the winter scheme as the summer planting had been somewhat limited and it was hoped the attractive planting would not make the troughs more susceptible to plant theft.

The daffodil bulbs will be planted on 25th October. Suggestions for planting sites would be welcomed.

Dog fouling had again been reported at the outdoor classroom posing a potential health risk to the children using the area. Discussion took place and it was decided to put up signage in an attempt to remind dog owners of their responsibility to clear up after their dogs. Councillor Woodward offered to obtain some Shropshire Council posters.

The churchyard gardening group had met on 25th September to carry out weeding and essential pruning.

CIB will be applying for free trees under the Shropshire Council’s Community Tree Scheme.

73/20 QEII Jubilee Field

 Councillor Cook did not have anything to report.

74/20 Street Lights/Christmas lights

The Clerk reported £1832.71 had been received in settlement of the insurance claim in respect of the damaged street light in Lodge Park. The insurers were endeavouring to reclaim the £250.00 excess.

Western Power had asked if the Parish Council was intending to provide Christmas lights this year and had requested information about the dates and times the lights will be in use, wattage and number of lights.

Councillor Parr suggested putting up the lights on Sunday, 22nd November. He would try and find two people from the same household to go in the cage and safe distancing of volunteers will be observed. A decision will be taken nearer the time about refreshments for the volunteers. There will not be a ceremony for switching on the lights this year due to Covid-19 regulations.

**Action: Clerk will submit an application to Shropshire Council for permission to put up the lights and will supply Western Power Distribution with the information requested.**

75/20 Bonfire and Fireworks Event

Jubilee Fireworks, Severn Valley Roasts and Dr. Ryan had been informed of the cancellation of this year’s event and they all understood the reasons behind this decision. Jubilee Fireworks will carry forward to next year the deposit of £168.00 which had been paid.

76/20 High Speed Broadband

Councillor Parr was waiting to receive an estimate from Openreach. The Clerk had been informed by one householder who lived at Tuck Hill that broadband was poor in that area.

**Action: information about the extra funding to be put in the November issue of ‘Halo’.**

77/20 Dog fouling – request for bin

 Due to Shropshire Council’s budget cuts Shropshire Council was installing litter bins for mixed use as it was more cost effective. Evidence was required there was a need for a bin.

 In her reply Megan Oliver had suggested Shropshire Council could supply a previously used dog waste bin and the Parish Council pay for the emptying of this bin, the current rate for the year being £103.20.

 **Action: Councillor Woodward offered to seek clarification as to whether a litter bin for mixed use would be provided and emptied free of charge by Shropshire Council and whether there would be a charge for installing a previously used dog waste bin. She would also find out the types of bins available.**

78/20 Website Accessibility Regulations

 As Councillor Dungar was unable to attend the meeting, discussion was deferred to the November meeting

79/20 Visibility Splay – Upper Ludstone junction with the B4176

 Councillor Cook expressed concern that every year there is an issue with the grass verge and the hedge not being cut on a regular basis by Shropshire Council to ensure the visibility was not impaired when pulling out on to the B4176 as this was considered to be a dangerous junction because of the blind spot to the right which was created by poor road design when the bypass was constructed. He wondered if something permanent could be done.

 Councillor Edwards commented that it was the responsibility of Shropshire Council to cut the grass verge and the hedge.

 **Action: Councillor Woodward asked the Clerk to provide a map showing the location and give reasons for raising the issue to enable her to take it up with Shropshire Highways. Councillor Edwards offered to provide the map.**

80/20 CCTV

 Councillor Cook informed the meeting he had prepared a discussion paper which will be forwarded to councillors in readiness for discussion at the November meeting.

 81/20 **PLANNING**

 Permissions

 20/03392/FUL Erection of an agricultural building for storage of feed, hay, straw, small scale

 agricultural equipment/machinery and formation of access and hardstanding, Two Gates

 Cottage, Claverley for Mr. R. Goodson.

 Refusals

 20/03166/HRM To remove length of hedge totalling 145m on land east of Shipley Hall,

 Shipley, to improve workability of fields, land lying to the East of Shipley Hall,

 Bridgnorth Road, Shipley for Mr. P. Baker.

 New Applications

 20/03501/LBC Installation of replacement timber door affecting a Grade II

 Listed Building, Warwick House, 4 Bull Ring, Claverley for Mr David Cotterill.

 The Parish Council did not have any objections.

 20/03703/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension, Aisalby Cottage, 1 Wall Hill,

 Claverley for Mr Paul Seddon.

 The Parish Council did not have any objections.

 20/03869/PMBPA Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town &

 Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change

 of use from agricultural to residential use, proposed residential barn conversion at Draycott

 Farm, Draycott, Claverley for Mr and Mrs Jones.

 The Parish Council did not have any objections.

 20/04018/OUT Outline application for the erection of 4No. 2/3 bungalows to include access,

 layout and scale and following demolition of existing storage buildings, proposed

 residential development at Caravan Storage, Gay Hills Farm, Draycott, Claverley for

 Mr Harvinder Chatha.

 The Parish Council objected to the application as it was inappropriate development in the

 Green Belt.

 For information only

 20/03901/CPE Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of land to station a caravan

 for residential purposes together with uses incidental to the use of said caravan, Brantley

 Lodge, Broughton, Claverley, for Mr Ian Morris.

82/20 **UNITARY REPORT**

 Councillor Woodward had submitted her report which had been distributed to all the

 councillors.

She had contacted the West Mercia Police Safety Team highlighting concerns with potential speeding and other traffic related matters and had received a response. She would be following this up as it appeared dashcam footage of dangerous driving was required prior to further action being taken.

Councillor Woodward had taken part in a virtual meeting with Steven Brown of Shropshire Council and a WSP Highways Engineer to discuss the B4176 Road Improvement Scheme and had given details of this discussion.

 83/20 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Parr reported there had not been any Neighbourhood Watch notifications since West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police had split.

 A Christmas tree for the Bull Ring had been found.

 The Clerk reported the Glebe field hedge had been cut. She had been asked by Councillor Hill to report his concerns about the deteriorating condition of the roadway from the school through to Bulls Bank and up the other side of Aston Lane. A parishioner had lodged a formal complaint with Shropshire Council about the road subsidence in the road to Tinker’s Castle.

 84/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Shropshire Council – Consultation on Cultural Strategy and Community and Rural Strategy

Consultation on the draft Community and Rural Strategy will close on 6th December and consultation on the draft Cultural Strategy will close on 5th January. Discussion on both strategies was deferred to the November meeting.

 85/20 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

 Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Hill had asked the Clerk to report in his absence that the Airport’s Consultative Committee meeting did not take place on 16th September as South Staffordshire Council were no longer able to continue offering administrative support.

 86/20 **CHEQUES**

 Chq. no. 001605 E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd – street light repairs………. £363.92

 001606 SSE – energy for street lights - August £147.29

 September £152.15 £299.44

 001607 Shropshire RCC – membership renewal…………………. £26.00

 001608 Mrs. G.M. Price – Clerk’s salary for second quarter

 2020/2021 ……………...…………………………… £833.51

 001609 R.J. Cotham – reimbursement of Zoom fee for the parish

 council meeting………………………………………. £14.39

 001610 Mrs. G.M. Price - reimbursement for cost of Broadband

 07/07/20 to 06/10/20……………………………… £89.62

 It was proposed by Councillor Wade, seconded by Councillor Beaman and agreed by the

 Council to pass the cheques for payment.

 **ADJOURNMENT**

 There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

 Date of next meeting: Monday, 9th November at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom