**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCILMEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 14th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman

 D.A. Cook

 R.J. Cotham (Chairman)

 M.J. Edwards

 D. Hyde

 Ms. L. Patel

 P.J. Wade

 B. Walker-Drew

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Colin Taylor

 Mr. M. Rigby, Shropshire Council’s Public Practice Officer, Minerals Planning

 One member of the public

 Apologies: Councillor H.M. Cains – personal reasons, Councillor C.A. Holland – personal reasons,

 Councillor E.M. Holding - personal reasons, Councillor K. Moseley - personal reasons

 Mr. P. Pickerill – Claverley Tree Warden

 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th September 2024, having been distributed to all

 councillors, were confirmed and signed.

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

136/24 Shipley Quarry

 The Chairman welcomed Mr. Rigby to the meeting.

Mr. Rigby explained he had only been in post for a short time but would update the Parish Council and answer any questions raised to the best of his knowledge.

He informed the meeting that activity at the quarry had been at a low level over the last year and it was hoped that activity would increase. The highway works had been completed. Some of the hydrology reports were on the planning portal but some had been sent to the Environment Agency for comment before being put on the planning portal but no breaches were thought to have taken place. He would make enquiries about the status of the missing reports. The quarry operator was willing to establish the Liaison Committee.

Councillor Aldridge, Chair of Worfield Parish Council, informed the meeting she had offered to chair the Liaison Committee and Connor Furnival, Clerk, had been trying to re-establish the group but had not received any replies from the partners concerned. Mr. Rigby undertook to ensure all the conditions are applied and would endeavour to ensure the Liaison Committee was resurrected.

Councillor Cotham raised the matter of the commencement date of exporting sand as nothing had been confirmed.

Councillor Aldridge commented on the difficulty accessing information on the planning portal. Mr. Rigby responded by saying he would see if there was an easier way to provide information.

Mr. Rigby concluded by saying there should be a good flow of information and it was his intention to broker a better relationship between local residents and the quarry operator.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rigby for coming to Claverley and he and Councillor Aldridge left the meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

137/24 Claverley in Bloom

An update on Claverley in Bloom activities had been circulated to councillors together with an updated project plan.

The summer planting had been cleared and replaced by the winter planting. Troughs had been under planted with small spring bulbs and retained stock from previous winters had also been used. The major troughs in the Bull Ring will be renovated before next year’s summer plants are installed. The bottom trough by the sign at Winchester crossroads had been left empty as it will be removed over the winter period.

Discussion took place about the quotations received for the proposed work to trees along the school field footpath and the Maple trees outside the school. It was proposed by Councillor Beaman, seconded by Councillor Hyde and agreed by the Council to accept the quotations from Wolverhampton Tree Services Ltd. amounting to £1152.00 and £660.00 respectively.

Claverley in Bloom will pay half the cost of the footpath work.

138/24 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook did not have anything to report.

139/24 Christmas Lights

 Councillor Cook reported the Christmas lights will cost £1567.98 ex VAT. Mick Thorrington

 would like to purchase some other items such as empty cable drums, cable and socket at an estimated cost of approximately £500. It was proposed by Councillor Beaman, seconded by

 Councillor Patel and agreed by the Council to proceed with the purchase of the items required.

 The Christmas lights will be put up on Sunday, 24th November. The Revd. Garry Ward is hoping to hold a Christingle service on Sunday, 1st December (first Sunday in Advent) at 5.00 p.m. and the switching on the lights ceremony will follow this at 6.00 p.m.

 A name was suggested for a senior citizen to switch on the lights and the Clerk would ask

 Jo Derrer to nominate the youngest pupil.

 Councillor Cotham was trying to locate a Christmas tree.

 **Action: Clerk to obtain permission from Shropshire Council to put up the lights and to see if the School’s PTA. wanted to participate in the ceremony.**

140/24 Bonfire and Fireworks event

Councillor Walker-Drew reported the tickets and posters had been ordered. The Risk Assessment had been checked and he would shortly be putting up the signs advertising the event. He had obtained the offer of sponsorship from Berriman Eaton, Complete Driveways, The Crown, The Lion o’ Morfe and The Old Gate at Heathton.

Hire of the portable toilets and fire extinguishers had been arranged.

141**/**24 Future project for Community Infrastructure funds

Councillor Cook had carried out an audit of signposts. 17 were in a poor state of repair, 33 fingers and 5 roundels were required. Councillor Hyde offered to find details of manufacturers.

142/24 **PLANNING**

Permission

23/04577/VAR Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to planning permission 23/00967/FUL

 dated 12 October 2023 to amend plots 3 and 4 from one bed bungalows to two bed

 bungalows and add PV panels at all plots, Land to the North of Small Heath Farmhouse,

 Ashford Bank, Claverley,

24/00390/VAR Removal of Condition Nos. 11 and 13 attached to planning permission

 17/02852/FUL dated 09 October 2018, The Lodge, Huffage Farm, Woundale.

24/02826/FUL Erection of a timber-built storage shed, The White Cottage, 17 High Street,

 Claverley.

24/02933/FUL Erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension, enlarged porch

 to front elevation, 2 Danford Heath, Claverley.

Refusal

Appeal ref. APP/L3245/D/24/3340901 The Old House, Hopstone – appeal by Mr. R. Bate

 against the decision of Shropshire Council to grant planning permission for extension to

 existing outbuilding to create single occupancy assisted dwelling unit (application

 23/05127/FUL). The appeal was dismissed.

New Application

24/03515/VAR Removal of Condition Nos. 4, 5, 6, attached to permission 23/04940/FUL

 dated 4 April 2024, Oak Farm, Claverley.

The Parish Council commented that if the floodlighting was reinstated Conditions 4 and 5 should apply to the reinstated floodlighting.

The Parish Council objected to the removal of Condition No. 6 as the building development of Oak Farm is clearly visible from the cricket pitch and the planting of a hedge as a screening measure is fully justifiable and should be implemented to protect the visual impact of the development in the Green Belt.

24/03838/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension, insertion of a flat roof dormer

 window, rendering of the entire building, addition of a black painted metal flue and

 alteration to existing porch, Corner House, Upper Ludstone, Claverley.

The Parish Council did not have any objections

24/03869/FUL Two-storey side extension, Greensleeves, Heathton, Claverley.

 The Parish Council did not have any objections.

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For information only

24/03837/CPL Erection of a garage/outbuilding ancillary for use to the main dwelling.

 Construction of gabion retaining walls, external swimming pool and terrace and extension

 of existing driveway following the removal of existing outbuildings, Corner House, Upper

 Ludstone, Claverley.

143/24 **UNITARY REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Taylor reported that Shropshire Council would be making significant

cuts to its expenditure. At present 80% is spent on social care. There had been a delay in implementing the new arrangement for the garden waste collection service. Due to the wet weather Shropshire Council had decided to bring the grass cutting season of 2024 to an end due to the damage being made to the ground while mowing in wet conditions. Hedge and shrub cutting will be undertaken. Councillor Taylor had received a complaint regarding parking at Claverley Medical Practice.

 144/24 **PARISH MATTERS**

It was reported that a vehicle was parked outside No. 10 Danford Heath which was not taxed and did not have an MOT.

Work had been taking place on the building site at Ashford Bank on a Sunday when scaffolding had been taken down.

A warning sign at Danford Heath indicating narrowing of the road required replacing.

In 2023 Councillor Beaman had suggested purchasing two figures and large poppies from the Royal British Legion as a public means of marking Remembrance Day. She suggested the figures were placed in the Bull Ring and the poppies on lamp posts. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Beaman, seconded by Councillor Hyde and agreed by the Council that 20 poppies and 2 figures be purchased.

 145/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

 Shropshire Council – Exploring future options

Shropshire Council had informed town and parish councils that it had been decided to suspend current interactions as it was too impractical to achieve significant benefits due to timescales and would not meet the range and complexity of local priorities and preferences.

 SALC AGM

 Councillors had been informed the SALC AGM will be held at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury on

 Wednesday, 30th October commencing at 4.00 pm.

146/24 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

 Village Hall Committee

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

147/24 **PAYMENTS**

By cheque:

Chq. no. 001882 E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd.

 Repair to street light £230.40

 Installation of 4 new columns and

 LED lanterns £5482.32 £5712.72

 001883 Mrs. G.M. Price – Clerk’s salary for second quarter

 2024/2025 (weeks 14-26)………………………………............£889.35

 001884 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for second quarter

 2024/2025………………………………………………………£101.20

 001885 Rushmere Nurseries – plants for winter planting scheme……....... £519.66

 001886 Float for Bonfire and Fireworks event…………………………… £2000.00

By Direct Debit SSE - energy for street lights 01/08/24 to 31/08/24………..………£237.88

It was proposed by Councillor Beaman, seconded by Councillor Hyde and

 agreed by the Council to approve the above payments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

 Date of next meeting: Monday, 11th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.