**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCILMEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman

 D.A. Cook

 R.J. Cotham (Chairman)

 Ms C.A. Holland

 M.J. Plumb

 P.J. Wade

 B. Walker-Drew

Also present: Paul Pickerill – Claverley Tree Warden

 Apologies: Councillor H.M. Cains – personal reasons,

 Councillor Mrs. E.M. Holding - personal reasons, Councillor D. Hyde - personal reasons,

 Councillor K. Moseley - personal reasons, Ms L. Patel – personal reasons,

 Shropshire Councillor Colin Taylor

 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th August 2024, having been distributed to all

 councillors, were confirmed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

123/24 Claverley in Bloom

 Paul Pickerill had prepared a Claverley in Bloom project plan which he distributed to

councillors. A further quote will be obtained for the proposed work to trees along the school field footpath and the Maple trees outside the school. Paul Pickerill suggested a larger noticeboard be obtained with a dedicated area for village clubs and societies and undertook to obtain details

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

 A site meeting had been held at Winchester crossroads and the school field footpath.

The clearance of the summer planting will begin during the week of 7th October and installation of the winter planting on 14th October. CIB plan to trial under planting with small spring bulbs in the Bull Ring planters and other village areas.

The Autumn Plant Sale will be held on 19th October and the Winter Quiz on 30th October.

124/24 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported that the metal place sockets for the goal posts were no longer sticking out as soil had been used to make them safe. The moles would be attended to during the half term holiday. A query had been raised by a resident of The Wold about the willow trees which had been causing problems with the drains. A joint reply from the school and the Parish Council had been sent.

125/24 Shipley Quarry

Shropshire Councillor Colin Taylor had received a telephone call from Mike Rigby, Shropshire Council’s Minerals/Planning Officer, who had offered to attend the next meeting to update the Parish Council about matters relating to Shipley Quarry and answer questions to the best of his knowledge.

126/24 Christmas Lights

 Councillor Cook would be speaking to Mick Thorrington about placing an order with Turnock Ltd. for the Christmas lights.

127/24 Bonfire and Fireworks event

Councillor Walker-Drew reported arrangements were progressing. Admission charges were discussed, and it was resolved to keep the prices the same as in 2023. As costs had continued to increase sponsorship would be sought.

**Action: Clerk to hire two portable toilets and six fire extinguishers.**

128**/**24 Future project for Community Infrastructure funds

 Councillor Cook suggested a future project could be that road signs should be of a

 traditional design.

129/24 **PLANNING**

Permission

24/01113/FUL Change of use of former farm buildings to provide overnight accommodation

 and parking High Grosvenor Wedding Venue, High Grosvenor

24/02488/LBC Proposed alterations to buildings to provide overnight accommodation for

 existing wedding venue, High Grosvenor Wedding Venue, High Grosvenor

24/02773/OHL Upgrade an electricity supply from a single phase supply to a three phase

 supply, Royal Oak, Rudge Heath.

Refusal

24/02194/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

 for the erection of porch to front elevation, Sandford Cottage, 3 Powk Hall Cottages,

 Pound Street, Claverley,

New Applications

 24/02785/FUL Erection of two storey rear and side extensions with loft conversion, new front

 wall and gates with rear garden swimming pool, The Wheelhouse, Lodge Park, Claverley.

 The Parish Council did not have any objections.

130/24 **UNITARY REPORT**

As Shropshire Councillor Taylor could not be present at the meeting, he had submitted a report which stated Shropshire Council was in a dire position financially and had still not had confirmation from central government that they will fund the NWRR around Shrewsbury but

Shropshire Council continued to throw money at it.

Communications continued to be dreadful and getting replies to requests for information was particularly poor.

He had written to the Highways Department requesting a meeting where all three parishes that he represented can have a presence to discuss speeding issues.

He had requested information concerning the house numbering at Griffiths Green, Ashford Lane and Danford Heath and was awaiting a reply.

131/24 **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2023/2024**

 PKF Littlejohn LLP, the external auditors, had concluded their limited assurance review

of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31st March 2024. No matters had come to their attention to give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. PKF Littlejohn LLP did not have any matters not affecting their opinion to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. The Notice of Conclusion of the Audit and the right to inspect sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31st March 2024 had been displayed on the notice boards and on the Parish Council’s website.

 132/24 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Wade reported there were still potholes which had not been repaired in Danford Heath. The drain by the school was blocked and work was taking place at weekends on the Ashford Bank building site.

Councillor Holland reported that Digbeth Lane was still blocked. Delivery vehicles were causing problems.

Councillor Cook commented on overgrown hedges, particularly the hedges either side of the road from Claverley to Winchester crossroads.

Councillor Cotham reported that only four of the eight gullies had been cleared at Lower Hopstone.

The Clerk reported that the member of the public who had previously cut back the bush on the verge in High Street was no longer able to do this.

 133/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

 Shropshire Local Council Survey

Councillors discussed the Parish Council’s response to Shropshire Council’s request to complete the survey to ascertain whether the Parish Council would be interested in providing or contributing towards local services.

**Action: Clerk to complete the survey indicating the Parish Council might be willing to help depending on the resources required.**

 Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey

Councillors were in agreement the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery

Strategy survey was too generalised to enable a response to be made.

 Openreach Ultrafast Full Fibre Scheme

Openreach had created a Fibre Community Partnership scheme for in and around Claverley to build the Ultrafast Fast Full Fibre network, using contributions from Openreach and the Gigabit Broadband Voucher programme. Openreach was now seeking support from the community by pledging for a Gigabit voucher to fund the remaining costs of the scheme.

 Notification of road closures

Notification had been received that essential carriageway repairs will be carried out on the A454 Bridgnorth to Staffordshire County Boundary between 08/09/24 and 01/10/24. The dates for closure of each section had been provided.

134/24 **REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

 Village Hall Committee

Councillor Wade had attended the September meeting at which it had been reported the finances were dire due to the lack of bookings.

135/24 **PAYMENTS**

By cheque:

Chq. no. 001878 Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd – insurance

 premium…………………………………………………………£1395.86

 001879 PKF Littlejohn LLP - fee for limited assurance review

 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return

 for year ended 31st March 2024………….……………………… £378.00

 001880 Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. 15% deposit for fireworks display…………£387.00

 001881 Shropshire Council – licensing fee for Bonfire and Fireworks

 event ……………………………………………………………….£21.00

By Direct Debit SSE - energy for street lights 01/07/24 to 31/07/24………..………£237.88

 It was proposed by Councillor Wade, seconded by Councillor Beaman 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, 14th October 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.