

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON MONDAY, 8th JUNE 2015 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman
J.R. Caswell
Ms J.L. Clements
R.J. Cotham (for part of meeting)
M.J. Edwards (Chairman)
R.S. Parr

Apologies: Councillor D.S. Cowie – business reasons,
Councillor Mrs. J.C. Marsh – personal reasons, Councillor D. Harris – business reasons,
Councillor S.J. Lawrence – personal reasons,
Councillor D. Whitmore – personal reasons,
Councillors Mrs. V. Williams – personal reasons
Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Edwards, the Vice Chairman, took the chair

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs. S.A. Beaman declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item no. 82.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th May 2015, having been distributed to all
Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

74/15 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been forwarded to all the councillors.

The summer planting scheme had been installed in all the planting troughs. The small shrubs removed to make way for the summer planting will be saved for re-use in the winter scheme. CIB will again plant the village hall beds. Shropshire Council had approved the application for a planting licence for the new Clover Heath bed. It was hoped members of the Youth Club will help plant small colourful shrubs on 9th June. The Church Street planting bed had been weeded and will be planted with some of the shrubs removed from the winter planting scheme.

Judging for the Heart of England in Bloom competition will take place on Monday, 13th July followed by the judging of the national competition on Saturday, 8th August. Volunteers were needed to help CIB with a tidy up on Thursday, 9th July starting at 6 p.m. at the Plough car park.

Instead of a hanging basket competition, CIB was proposing to hold a "Best Planting Display" competition this year. All types of horticultural displays will be eligible and three cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Judging will take place in late July.

Installation of the Aston Lane Memorial bench will be delayed pending confirmation from BT as to the exact location of the broadband fibre cabinets that are to be installed opposite the Telephone Exchange.

A CIB Facebook page had been set up to help widen the support base for CIB. Trevor Pope had volunteered to update the page on a regular basis using material supplied by CIB.

The 'Proms in the Church' concert, when The Berkeley Salon Ensemble had performed, had raised £1379.04 for CIB funds.

Marvin Harris had supplied a quotation amounting to £280.00 to trim the Aston Lane bank which was the same amount charged in 2014. He had also supplied an estimate to remove the arisings after strimming amounting to £80.00. It was proposed by Councillor Beaman, seconded by Councillor Clements and agreed by the Council to ask Mr. Harris to proceed with the work as the daffodils had now died down.

75/15 QEII Jubilee Field

In Councillor Cook's absence, there was nothing to report.

76/15 Parish Plan

In Councillor Harris' absence, the Clerk reported that the Parish Plan working group had met on 13th and 27th May and will be meeting again on 10th June.

77/15 Defibrillator

Councillor Woodward had supplied the Clerk with the email address of Chris Noble, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Alveley Patient Group.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr. Noble to see if he could offer any advice and to enquire whether Alveley had a maintenance contract for the defibrillators.

78/15 Youth Council/Youth Club

Councillor Lawrence had asked the Clerk to inform the meeting that the Youth Club was hoping to have a stall at the school fete on Saturday, 20th June.

Councillor Caswell commented that the Village Hall committee had asked him to raise concerns that Youth Club equipment was being stored against the boiler which could create a fire hazard. Councillor Caswell was informed this was not a parish council matter and the Village Hall committee should take it up with the Youth Club.

Councillor Cotham joined the meeting.

79/15 BT Road Closure

The Clerk read out an apology from BT regarding the misinformation about the planned road closure when signs were placed in error.

80/15 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward had not submitted a report.

81/15 **PLANNING**

Permission

15/000650/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side elevation, 3 Shipley Hall Barns, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley for Mr. D. Pace

15/00833/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use from children's nursery to domestic residential use, The Old School House, Bull Ring, Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwane.

15/01755/TCA To fell 1 x Leylandii within Claverley Conservation Area, Little Gables, 21B High Street, Claverley for Rev. L. Doughty.

New Applications

15/01940/FUL Erection of side and rear single storey extension, 6 Aston, Claverley for Mr. Nick Beere
As the property is semi-detached, the Parish Council expressed concern the extensions would have an adverse visual impact on the overall appearance of the two properties.

(for information)

15/01876/PMBPA Application for prior approval under part 3, class MB of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use, agricultural building at Ludstone Hall, Ludstone for Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith

82/15 **THE KINGS ARMS/THE CROWN PUBLIC HOUSES**

Councillor Parr expressed concern at the potential loss of car parking if the two public houses were sold. Councillor Cotham pointed out that they were not public car parks but currently were used with the agreement of the current owners. Any future purchaser would have to apply to de-licence the property if the intention was to develop the site.

83/15 **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 were presented showing a deficit for the year of £8918.46 as the programme to replace street lights had commenced which the Parish Council had agreed to fund out of reserves. The income from the fireworks and bonfire event had been lower but the costs of running the event had decreased. There had been some income from the Football Club for the use of the QEII field. . The cost of electricity for the street lights had increased.

It was proposed by Councillor Clements, seconded by Councillor Caswell and agreed by the Council to accept the Accounts.

Mrs. Bailey had completed the internal audit of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015. In her report she had stated that internal control procedures are well documented and generally maintained. However some issues had been highlighted in the review of the new Financial Regulations relating to Regulation 2.2, Regulation 4.4 and Regulation 5.1. Appropriate books of account had been properly kept and an up to date register of assets maintained. Mrs. Bailey's report was noted.

The Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 was read out. Answers were agreed. It was proposed by Councillor Clements, seconded by Councillor Parr and agreed by the Council that the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31 March and the Annual Governance Statement be signed.

84/15 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Caswell had been asked by the Village Hall committee to report a car had been parked near the entrance to the Village Hall and was considered to be causing an obstruction.

Action: Clerk to speak to the car owner

Councillor Cotham informed the Council that the potholes at Hopstone had not been repaired. There was a bad pothole on the road between the B4176 and the A454.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council

Councillor Cotham reported that Mr. Smithyman had not cut his hedge between the turn to Wall Hill and the entrance to Lea Farm.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Smithyman

Councillor Clements reported that the mirror opposite the Lion o' Morfe had been stolen. She also asked about the missing signpost which had been damaged when the hedge had been cut.

Action: Clerk to speak to Shropshire Highways

Councillor Beaman expressed concern about the speed of traffic on the A454 as there are been accidents when vehicles were turning into Rudge Heath Stores.

Action: Clerk to ask Shropshire Council if signs to slow down traffic could be provided and double white lines installed.

Councillor Edwards reported the potholes were re-forming by the Farmcote junction near the Cricket Club. There were also potholes near the Three Dwellings junction.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council

85/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification of road closure

Notification had been received from Shropshire Council that the road between Woundale House Farm and Three Dwellings will be closed between 24th August and 4th September to enable Western Power Distribution to lay underground electricity cables.

SAMDev Plan Schedule of Main Modifications - consultation

Notification had been received that the SAMDev Plan Schedule of Main Modifications has been published for a six week consultation period from 1st June to 13th July. The main modifications have been identified by the Inspector as those necessary to make the policies in the SAMDev Plan sound. Comments will only be accepted and considered by the Inspector that relate to a proposed Main Modification.

Consultation on youth activity provision in Shropshire

Shropshire Council was conducting a six week consultation on youth activity. The consultation period ends on 22nd June following which the Bridgnorth Youth Commissioning Working group will meet on 24th June to look at the consultation and make recommendations to the LJC Planning meeting which will meet on 2nd July.

86/15 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Rights of Way

Councillor Cotham reported that Shropshire Council had stoned part of Digbeth Lane and hoped to tackle the centre section in due course. Large stones had been provided for the War Memorial grass triangle to prevent vehicles damaging the grass. The right of way between the War Memorial and Damson Hollow had been flailed.

87/15 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001249	E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd. – installation and connection of Victorian style street light outside No. 4 High Street and removal of redundant wall light on No. 5 High Street.....	£1578.22
001250	Kensa Creative Ltd. – hosting and maintenance of security of website.....	£318.00
001251	Shropshire RCC reporting on Parish Plan Community and Youth questionnaires.....	£390.00
001252	Rushmere Nurseries – plants for summer planting scheme.....	£480.96

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 p.m.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, 6th July at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall