

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman
Ms J.L. Clements
D.A. Cook
D.S. Cowie (Chairman)
M.J. Edwards
S.J. Lawrence
Mrs. J.C. Marsh
R.S. Parr

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward
Mr. and Mrs. A. Fenwick-Wilson, Mr. P. Barby, Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. A. Bourne
(for first agenda item)

Apologies: Councillor J.R. Caswell – business reason, Councillor D. Harris – business reasons,
Councillor D.A. Whitmore – personal reasons,
Councillor Mrs. V. Williams – personal reasons

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No pecuniary interests were declared.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th October 2015, having been distributed to all
Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

155/15 PLANNING

New Application

15/04156/FUL) Conversion of existing public house to 2 no. dwellings; conversion of barn
15/04157/LBC) to 1 no. dwelling; erection of 3 no. detached dwellings and associated
garaging, Crown Inn, High Street, Claverley for Mr. A Bourne

Councillor Mrs. Beaman left the meeting

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Bourne to the meeting. Mr. Bourne outlined his proposals.
He confirmed purchase of the Crown had not been completed.

Comments were made about the lack of amenity space for the occupants of the Crown and
barn, the need for sufficient off road parking for occupants and their visitors, site layout,
type of housing, no community benefit was shown in the planning application.

The Parish Council did not feel able to support the present application because it was
concerned about certain aspects. Mr. Bourne thanked those present for their comments and
he said he would consult with his architects and Shropshire Council's Planning Officer.

Mr. Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick-Wilson, Mr. Barby and Mr. Atkinson left the meeting

Councillor Mrs. Beaman returned to the meeting

15/03877/LBC Erection of single storey extension to side elevation affecting a Grade II Listed Building, 3 Shipley Hall Barns, Bridgnorth Road, Shipley for Mr. D. Pace
The Parish Council did not have any objections

Permission

12/04520/FUL Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling together with outbuilding containing garage, wc, shower and wash facilities and a farm office; installation of septic tank (amended scheme) Upper Beobridge Farm, Beobridge, Claverley for Mr. R.L. Lee

15/03487/FUL Erection of replacement double garage, Franks Cottage, Upper Ludstone for Mr. and Mrs. P.A. O'Connor

15/03486/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension and detached double garage, 4 Danford Lane, Claverley for Mr. R. Morgan

15/03836/FUL) Erection of link from dwelling to existing annex; formation of driveway to 15/03837/LBC) an existing access Aston House, Aston, Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. C. Carver

Refusal

15/03172/FUL Erection of cattery to house 26 no. cats to include change of use of land, Pear Tree Cottage, Pear Tree Lane, Heathton for Mrs. C. Jones

Withdrawn

15/01376/FUL Conversion of outbuilding to 1 no. dwelling and installation of septic tank for Mr. B. Francis

For information only

15/04516/CPE Application for lawful development certificate for domestic garage, access road, hard-standing and ornamental pond Dallicott Farm, Dallicot for Mr. S. Kirk.

15/04676/CPE Application for Lawful Development Certificate for an existing activity in breach of a planning condition (Agricultural Occupancy) for the continued use of the agricultural worker's dwelling without compliance with the condition attached to planning application 50/66/1. The dwelling has been occupied by non-compliant occupiers for a period in excess of 10 years Small Heath Farm Bungalow, Ashford Bank, Claverley for G.H. Lee Farms.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

156/15 Claverley in Bloom

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

Claverley in Bloom had been presented with a gold award at the Britain in Bloom awards ceremony coming second in the village category a few points behind the winner, Spofforth. 70 entrants took part in various categories but only 29 managed to achieve a gold award. The judges' feedback on Claverley's entry was almost entirely positive.

The Revd. Garry Ward had given permission for the RHS “gold award” banner to be positioned over the Lychgate entrance.

Councillor Cowie congratulated Councillor Parr and Claverley in Bloom and also congratulated Councillor Parr on being awarded the RHS Community Champion award.

Approximately 4,000 daffodil bulbs were planted on 7th November on a very wet morning. Only 10 volunteers turned up to help. The Youth Club planted approximately 300 bulbs in the grass verges at the entrance to Clover Heath.

157/15 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook had contacted Jo Derrer about the moles on the field. She had arranged for someone to deal with the problem. When the mole catcher returned he had found the traps had been dug up and removed and some had been deliberately smashed.

Councillor Cook had asked Mrs. Derrer for a list of the minor works required on the play equipment. When he had received it, the Clerk to ask Marvin Harris to supply a quotation for the work required.

158/15 Parish Plan

In Councillor Harris absence, the Clerk reported the working group had met on 14th October and 4th November to continue working on the draft of the Parish Plan. It was hoped to have the draft ready for circulation to Councillors for their contribution during December. The working group will be meeting again on 11th November.

159/15 Street Light

The order for five Victorian style 4.5 metre columns and lanterns had been placed with Mike Smith Designs Ltd. The anticipated delivery date was 26th November. E.ON had agreed to take delivery of this order.

E.ON Energy Solutions’ quotation for the installation of the five columns and lanterns amounted to £3865.05 excluding VAT. It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Parr and agreed by the Council to accept this quotation.

160/15 Defibrillator

Councillor Marsh had been back in contact with the Ambulance Service but had not been able to obtain a date as to when one of their representatives could come and speak to the Parish Council.

Councillor Beaman had done some research and had found that the British Heart Foundation would supply a defibrillator and box free of charge. This offer expires in March 2016 after which a contribution of £400 would be required. The battery, costing £100, would need replacing every five years. A power supply would be necessary.

Action: Councillor Beaman offered to contact Rev. Ward to ask if a defibrillator could be located in the Lychgate.

161/15 Youth Club

Councillor Lawrence reported that the Youth Club was running well and there was a good turnout for meetings. Members of the Youth Club had planted daffodil bulbs in the grass verges at the entrance to Clover Heath and the planting bed had been extended.

162/15 Bonfire/Fireworks Event

Councillor Cook reported the event had gone well. Councillor Cotham was thanked for providing the field and for building such a good bonfire. The volunteers who had helped set up, clear up and help on the night were also thanked. Jubilee Fireworks had put on an excellent display. It was thought the lower attendance was due to the event being held on Halloween and coincided with the end of half-term so some families were away. However, a profit of £696.66 had been made.

Action: Clerk to book Jubilee Fireworks for Saturday, 5th November 2016.

163/15 Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk reported that the application for repayment of CIL funds had been successful and a remittance of £2359.80 had been received from Shropshire Council. Councillor Whitmore was thanked for all his work preparing the application.

164/15 Christmas Lights

The Clerk reported that Arbil Ltd. had carried out the testing and examination of the anchor points on 6th November and had confirmed the equipment was safe to use.

The Clerk had submitted the application to Shropshire Council for permission to erect the lights and was awaiting a response.

The Clerk had informed the householders that the Christmas lights will be erected on Sunday, 22nd November and had requested that cars were not parked outside their properties while the work was taking place.

Action: Once the number of volunteers was confirmed, the Clerk to order bacon sandwiches and coffee from The Plough

Councillor Parr offered to ask Joe Higham to switch on the lights with Chloe Lowe from Claverley School. Councillor Parr was trying to source a suitable Christmas tree. On the night of the ceremony Councillor Lawrence would act as a marshal in Church Street, Councillor Edwards would be positioned in High Street and the Clerk would be in Pound Street.

165/15 Dog Bin

The Clerk reported the dog bin had been delivered. She had met Anne Breakwell, Shropshire Council's Technical Support Officer, Environmental Maintenance – Street Scene to agree a suitable site at the end of High Street. Marvin Harris had submitted a quotation

amounting to £48.00 to install the bin. It was proposed by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council to accept this quotation.

166/15 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward informed the meeting that Shropshire Council had removed £146m from its budget due to efficiency savings but will need to save another £77m over the next five years due to the combination of inflationary increases in costs and further cuts in Government grants. In a bid to raise public awareness of these challenges Shropshire Council has launched the 'Big Conversation'. Shropshire Council will be talking and listening to residents and community groups about how best to face the tough financial challenges together.

167/15 **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

It was agreed that music will be provided as in previous years.

Action: Clerk to book Gordon Drury

168/15 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Beaman reported that five bags of rubbish had been left in Ludstone Avenue and the fridge/freezer left in Stockings Lane had not been removed.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council

Councillor Beaman invited councillors to look round the Kings Arms at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 14th November.

Councillor Marsh commented that the hedge at the Old Gate at Heathton and down the lane to Draycott had not been cut. A pothole by the turning to Draycott required attention.

Councillor Cowie reported that a finger post had been damaged on the signpost at the Tinkers Castle junction with the B4176.

Five bags of rubbish were in the brook at the bottom of Powell's Lane.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council

169/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification of Road Closure

Notification had been received that the road adjacent to Brimstree Barn, Aston will be closed on 5th and 6th January to allow Severn Trent Water to make a new water connection.

170/15 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Parr reported that Mr. Withers' complaint about the frequency of low flying aircraft over his property remains unresolved. An additional complaint had been made by another resident in the Beobridge area.

Due to work pressures, Alistair Mackinnon, the airport's Operations Manager, had not been able to spend time in the Beobridge area to ensure pilots were following the correct circuit

procedure but he intended to do so. The issue has been raised at the Airport User Group meeting and it had been agreed that more attention should be paid to circuit discipline.

Councillor Parr will maintain pressure on Mr. Mackinnon to fulfil his pledge regarding circuit monitoring. Unless some sort of joint understanding is reached, the issue will be taken formally to the next meeting of the Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee on 16th December.

171/15 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001273	SALC – fee for VAT training.....	£20.00
001274	M.E. Harris – strim Aston Lane bank.....	£280.00
001275	E.ON Energy Solutions – street light repair.....	£102.60
001276	Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. – balance for fireworks display.....	£1134.00
001277	D. Cook – overlay for notice boards.....	£72.00
001278	M. Thorrington – purchase of fuel for generator and electrical items for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£53.75
001279	Hobsons Brewery & Co. Ltd. – beer for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£189.00
001280	Tuck Hill Village Hall Fund – hire of tents for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£130.00
001281	Rudge Heath General Stores - crisps, soft drinks and plastic glasses for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£64.60
001282	Space Mobiles Ltd. - hire of two portable toilets for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£108.00
001283	A.J. Lloyd - pig roast, hot dogs, vegetarian option for bonfire and fireworks event	£600.00
001284	G.T. Drury - providing PA equipment and music for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£50.00
001285	Swops Ltd. wine, lager, cider for bonfire and fireworks event.....	£324.60
001286	SALC – fee for pensions training.....	£20.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall