

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman
R.J. Cotham
D.S. Cowie (Chairman)
Mrs C.G. Dungar
M.J. Edwards
M.P. Hill
S.J. Lawrence
Mrs. J.C. Marsh
R.S. Parr
D.A. Whitmore

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward,

Apologies: Councillor J.R. Caswell - business reasons
Councillor D.A. Cook - business reasons

152/16 CO-OPTION AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mrs. Dungar had confirmed her wish to become a member of the Parish Council and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt her.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Dungar to the Council and she signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No pecuniary interests were declared.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th September 2016, having been distributed to all Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

153/16 Claverley in Bloom

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

The summer planting scheme will be removed prior to the winter planting scheme being installed on Saturday, 15th October. Polyanthus plants purchased by CIB in March, which were used to brighten up the troughs, had been saved and will be re-planted in March 2017.

5500 February Gold daffodil bulbs had been purchased in readiness for the planting session on Sunday, 6th November which will commence at 9.30 a.m. Volunteers would be very welcome to help with the planting.

The summer quiz had been a success and £240 had been raised for CIB funds. CIB was grateful to Keith and Karen Horton who had donated over half of the ticket proceeds,

contributed to the raffle prize pot and had supplied the prize to the winning time. A winter quiz will be held towards the end of January.

Councillor Parr expressed concern about the continuing problem of dog fouling. This problem had also been raised by the school. The path by the side of the school field and the path to the outdoor classroom were badly affected. Councillor Parr offered to research measures to tackle this problem.

154/16 QEII Jubilee Field

Mr. Phil Wilson, Service Delivery Manager – Learning & Skills had emailed the Clerk and Jo Derrer, Head Teacher with details of a proposal regarding the play equipment whereby the cost of removal and replacement of the stepping posts would be shared three ways – Learning & Skills, the school and the Parish Council - and the soft wood steps would be shared between the school and the Parish Council. Councillor Cook had prepared a further letter, the contents of which had been agreed by the Head Teacher and the Governors, which had been sent to Mr. Wilson requesting Shropshire Council to execute its obligations contained in the Joint Use Agreement as the Parish Council and the Governors did not consider they bore any responsibility for the structures forming the play area.

Jo Derrer had informed the Clerk a child, who was being supervised, had fallen off one of the solid stepping logs. The pupils had been told not to use them. Councillor Cook had looked at the frame which Jo Derrer had described as being unstable. Councillor Cook had agreed with Jo Derrer to close the field to the public on health and safety grounds until the repair/replacement of the play equipment had been resolved.

Councillor Lawrence hoped the field would be open to the public as soon as possible. Councillor Beaman suggested that the play equipment should be looked at before a decision was made as to what items to replace. Councillor Cotham considered the stepping posts were dangerous.

155/16 Defibrillator

Councillor Beaman informed the meeting that letters had been sent to parents of children at the school regarding defibrillator training and there had been a good response with 35 replies. One parent was a fire fighter and will bring her training defibrillator. Training sessions will commence after the half term holiday and will be offered to the wider community at a later date. The defibrillator had been ordered and will be despatched on receipt of payment. The access code was agreed.

156/16 Christmas Lights

Councillor Parr reported the new lamps had been purchased. The Christmas lights would be put up on Sunday, 20th November, commencing at 8.00 a.m.

Action: Clerk to inform householders affected and to order bacon sandwiches and tea/coffee from The Plough for the volunteers once numbers were known.

Councillor Parr and Councillor Cotham were trying to source a suitable Christmas tree.

The Clerk had submitted the application to Shropshire Council for permission to erect the lights and was awaiting a response. Western Power Distribution had requested information regarding dates and times lights would be in use, wattage and number of lights.

Action: Clerk to supply the information.

Councillor Parr had delivered the two signs requiring amendment to Ringway. The Clerk was waiting for a quotation from Ringway for providing two new warning signs and amending the two existing signs to read 14 ft. rather than 16 ft.

The switching-on ceremony will take place on Sunday, 27th November following the Advent Service. The Clerk had spoken to the Vicar and the format will be the same as last year. The Advent Service will commence at 5.30 p.m. with the switching-on ceremony at 6.30 p.m. Gordon Drury had agreed to provide the P.A. system but will be unavailable for New Year's Eve.

Discussion took place about inviting a senior citizen to switch on the lights. Clerk to ask the person suggested. The School had been asked to provide a young pupil to join the senior citizen.

157/16 Bonfire and Fireworks Event 2016

Gordon Drury had confirmed he would be able to provide the P.A. system.

Shropshire Council had approved the Temporary Events Notice application. Dr. Ryan had kindly agreed to act as the first aider. The Police and Fire Service had been informed of the event. Came and Company had also been informed and had confirmed as no premium will be charged, a revised Policy Schedule will not be issued in this instance.

158/16 PLANNING

Withdrawn

16/03291/FUL Erection of one 'eco-friendly' (affordable) dwelling; formation of visibility splays; planting scheme, west of The Cottage on the Hill, Upper Ludstone for Mr. R. Davies

Permissions

16/022551/FUL Erection of two storey side and rear extension; internal and external alterations including installation of dormer windows (amended description) Two Gates Cottage, Claverley for Mr. R. Goodson

16/03310/FUL Erection of a multi-purpose agricultural building and extended farm yard, Red Lion Farm, Upper Farmcote Junction to Corner Cottage Junction, Upper Farmcote for Messrs. J. & E. & P. & S. Preece

New Applications

16/04095/COU Change of use of agricultural building to form three commercial units, Unit 3 High Grosvenor Farm, High Grosvenor for High Grosvenor Estates Ltd.
Permission granted for the original application had lapsed. The Parish

Council did not raise any further objections.

16/04174/FUL Erection of first floor extension, Windy Arbour, High Grosvenor for Mr. Kevin Elwell.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

16/04344/TCA Removal of 1 no. Ash Tree within Claverley Conservation Area, Old Hall Cottage, 4 Wapping Alley, Claverley for Mr. N. Woolley.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

For information

16/04151/CPL Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of a single storey double garage with rear storage and rear gymnasium, White Cross Farmhouse, Broughton, Claverley for Mr. Ian Benson

16/04385/CPL Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed conversion of two dwellings to one, Upper Lea Barn, Wall Hill for Mr. and Mrs. Ian Fallon

159/16 **UNITARY REPORT**

Councillor Woodward reported the 1100 litre green bins at Digbeth Lane had gone missing so grey bins had been provided as a temporary measure.

160/16 **ROAD ISSUES**

Councillor Woodward was following up speeding issues raised in Mr. McSherry's letter with the Police, Safer Roads Partnership and Shropshire Council. Data collection on the B4176 had been carried out which showed the 85th percentile speeds on the B4176 were below the enforcement threshold.

Action: The Safer Roads Partnership will be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting and Mr. McSherry will be informed when a date has been arranged.

Clerk to confirm to Shropshire Council that the Parish Council wished to put forward under the Road Safety Policy concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the B4176 and the increase of HGVs trying to get through the centre of Claverley

161/16 **PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

As Councillor Harris had tendered his resignation and would therefore be unable to chair the Parish Plan Implementation group, it was agreed to defer discussion for the time being.

162/16 **REVIEW OF SALARY BUDGET (Financial Regulation 4.4)**

Under Financial Regulation 4.4 the salary budget is to be reviewed annually in October for the following financial year. Councillor Dungar offered to investigate wage inflation figures.

163/16 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Cotham reported that three people in a white transit van had been seen discharging firearms. As this was a firearms offence it had been reported to the Police but further action had not been taken.

Action: Councillor Cotham to supply the Clerk with full details to enable her to write to Philip Dunne and the Police Crime Commissioner

A drone flying over Hopstone had also been reported to the Police.

A rut required attention on the bend on the left hand side of the road going down Dallicot bank.

Councillor Marsh reported there had been two incidents of fly-tipping between Swan Cottages and Admoor which had been reported to Shropshire Council.

Councillor Cowie reported that the hedge on the left hand side travelling from Draycott towards the road to Halfpenny Green was overgrown at the road junction impairing visibility when pulling out.

Action: Clerk to contact landowner

Long grass required cutting on the verge at the junction with the B4176 at Red Hill.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

164/16 CORRESPONDENCE

Notification of road closures

Notification had been received from Shropshire Council that the road between Sketts Cottage junction to Lower Beobridge junction will be closed between 27th and 31st October (24 hrs) and the unnamed road from Kings Barn to Lower Beobridge will be closed between 7th and 15th November (24 hrs) for installation of poly duct for the BDUK contract.

Request for confirmation of strong local connection

An email had been received from Mr. John Smith requesting the Parish Council's confirmation that his client, Mr. Ryan Davies had a strong local connection. The Clerk had spoken to Claire Hughes, a Rural Housing Enabler for Shropshire Council for guidance as councillors were unable to make this confirmation at present without further information from Mr Davies. Ms Hughes suggested a request for this information to be made. The site visit to look at the proposed location for Mr. Davies' affordable dwelling to clarify various points had been very useful.

Council Tax Referendum proposals

NALC was seeking support in opposing the Government's proposals to extend council tax referendum principles to local parish and town councils. At parish level a referendum would be expensive and the cost would be disproportionate to the council tax increase.

It was proposed by Councillor Whitmore, seconded by Councillor Parr and agreed by the Council to write to Philip Dunne endorsing NALC's opposition to the Government's proposals.

SALC AGM

Notification had been received that the SALC Conference and AGM will be held on Saturday, 19th November at Dawley Town Hall, 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Resignation of Councillor David Harris

Councillor Harris had submitted his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect as he had moved away from the parish.

Action: Clerk to write to Councillor Harris to thank him for his contribution, especially for all his work on the Parish Plan

Healthwatch Shropshire Annual Event 2016

Healthwatch Shropshire's Annual Event will take place on Thursday, 3rd November at The Guildhall, Shrewsbury. The morning session will run from 11 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and the afternoon session from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Councillor Marsh expressed interest in attending.

165/16 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Parr had prepared an update following the WACC September meeting. This information had been forwarded to all the councillors. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 14th December.

166/16 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001336	Defib Store Ltd. – cabinet for defibrillator.....	£538.80
001337	Mrs. G.M. Price – Clerk's salary – 2 nd quarter 2016-2017.....	£738.37
001338	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE weeks 14-26.....	£11.60
001339	Float for Bonfire and Fireworks event.....	£1000.00
001340	T.L.C. (Exeter) – LED Golf ball lamps for Christmas lights....	£148.20

It was proposed by Councillor Whitmore, 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 the next Parish Council meeting: Monday, 14th November at 7.30 p.m. in the

Village Hall