

MINUTES OF THE NASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020

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PRESENT: Jane Harris; Clare Morris; Charlie Pinckney; Stuart Lapper,; Peter Stubbs (Vice Chairman);Bob Young (Chairman),

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Jones (Clerk); Clr Richard Huffer (Shropshire Councillor); Alun Morgan (Interim Head of Highways) and Andy Wilde , Shropshire Council)and three members of the public.

The Meeting commenced at 7pm

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>1. Apologies: Apologies (and a report on current highways issues) had been received from Louise Roberts</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>2.1. Charlie Pinckney declared an interest in Planning Application 19/05359/FUL Wood Farm: Erection of part single storey part two storey extension and insertion of replacement windows/doors and roof lights</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2019.</p> <p>3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November were approved.</p>	<p>Proposed by Clare Morris Seconded by Charlie Pinckney</p>
<p>4. Alun Morgan Interim Head of Highways) and Andy Wilde (Operational Lead for Highways and Traffic) Shropshire Council</p> <p>4.1. The Chairman welcomed Messrs Morgan and Wilde and invited them to respond to the letters and video previously sent to Steve Davenport, Shropshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Highways and Parking, and to the feedback they had received from their Divisional Highways Manager, Andy Keyland.</p> <p>4.2. Alun Morgan reported that he had driven around the Parish in response to the correspondence and acknowledged that there was a need for some urgent remediation and a general problem of long term neglect of basic maintenance of gullies, ditches and culverts.</p> <p>4.3. He hoped that the repair of the VAS in Knowle, in response to Councillor Huffers criticism at the previous meeting, would be received as evidence of Shropshire's good faith in responding to local concerns</p> <p>4.4. He confirmed that the B4214 and some other roads in Nash parish required significant investment and that works would be undertaken in the current financial year</p> <p>4.5. Ben Corfield is the lead officer for this project and he will be meeting with representatives of the Parish Council on the morning of Thursday 23rd January, commencing, as with the previous visit of Andy Keyland, at the Chairman's home to survey the parish to determine and agree the scope of work to be undertaken prior to March 31st.</p> <p>4.6. Mr Morgan said it was clear when he drove around the Parish that a programme of works for the ditches and culverts was also urgently needed as the surface water is clearly not being managed and SC housekeeping of the highway needs updating and in future all elements of the highway infrastructure will be recorded, tracked and marked on the Councils asset system.</p> <p>4.7. He explained that SC had 5 operating areas but in future works will be managed centrally. There had not been a comprehensive gully emptying programme for years and as a consequence surface water is not being managed. However a Flood Risk Manager has been appointed to looking at water runoff in the light of</p>	<p><u>Mr Corfield to make contact with the Clerk or Chairman prior to the meeting</u></p>

increased rainfall associated with climate change. Hitherto 600 gully's were being cleared in a month, but now up to 800 a day are being treated. In future every gully will have at least one visit a year.

4.8. Councillor Huffer suggested that it would be very helpful if Mr Morgan and Mr Wilde could attend the next SSCC meeting on the 30th January to update the parish and town councils and answer any questions.

4.9. Mr Morgan said that Shropshire Council is struggling to recruit the right people to the jobs required, they appreciate the link has been lost between Parish Councils and Shropshire Council and are seeking to put that right.

4.10. Mr Morgan was handed a list of issues from Louise Roberts for his attention along with photographs of recent issues. “

- **Clee Hill/ Tenbury road**

This road is becoming dangerous there are no white lines or cats' eyes These need to be put in place urgently. I was travelling home from work before Christmas late at night In thick fog I had to stop four times as I couldn't see where I was or if I was on the road due to the lack of lines etc...Surface water is also a very big problem we need ditches dugout & cleared urgently

- **Knowle bends**

We were told that the Knowle bends were going to be resurfaced etc Is this going to happen or not??? If not & the money is going towards social care just remember that carers etc have to use the roads to get to clients. At the end of the day the roads are more important as they enable this service. At the moment the majority of the roads are not fit for purpose full stop! You Shropshire council can give every excuse you wish by blaming Kier but at the end of the day the buck stops with you! We don't want excuses etc we want action!!The two areas where the bends were patched last year have started to crumble so it needs to be redone or as promised resurfaced - the latter preferably. The ditches on these bends need to be dug & cleared to stop surface water crossing the bends & remove the dangerous circumstances

- **Nash Court Corner**

Nash court corner need to be resurfaced properly - last year it was patched & is now worse than before...

- **Flooding by the Rugsits**

On a recent drive around the Parish with Andy Keyland he said that this was due to work carried out by a utility company not doing the work properly. No this is due to Shropshire Council not overseeing that the work was done properly. Too easy to blame others...

- **Lane at the bottom of the Knowle bends that leads to Coreley**

Flooding which needs to be sorted. Andy Keyland said that this is down to the landowner. It isn't as it was caused when the road was widened to accommodate the extra traffic for the Studley tunnel as the drain wasn't carried right across the road. Again blaming others when Shropshire Council should have been overseeing the works & ensuring that it was carried out properly! Further on down this lane there is another problem by Sodom Farm & Sherbourne Farm with drainage: three drains that are higher than the road & they lead directly on to a smaller scale of the Knowle bends. This lane is a cut through off Clee Hill & used regularly by School Taxis.

- **Church Bridge**

Where the bridge has collapsed & nothing much has been done to repair it. We want to see action & quality work not lip service & excuses

4.11. All these issues to be addressed at the 23rd January meeting with Ben Corfield.

<p>5. Questions from the Public</p> <p>5.1 Three members of the public were in attendance.</p> <p>5.2 QUESTION: Why can't the 30mph speed limit be extended to the Knowle bends, it is not acceptable that vehicles can reach 60 MPH. Can advisory signs be put up if the speed limits are not possible.</p> <p>5.3. ANSWER: Alun Morgan noted the request to review speed limits on the length of the B4214 and undertook to initiate a review. Stuart Lapper is to send Mr Morgan the comments on speeding from the Parish Survey.</p> <p>5.4. QUESTION: How long should it take for a pothole to be repaired?</p> <p>5.5. ANSWER: Andy Wilde stated that there is a statutory obligation to remove the defect as soon as possible, there is a priority hierarchy when the defect is reported but hopefully the pothole should be repaired straight away.</p> <p>5.6 QUESTION: This Parish Council is small and with very little money, when we are writing to SC officers often, we do not get a reply, Why?</p> <p>5.7 ANSWER: Alun Morgan apologised and explained that in Highways in the last 6 months there have been many changes and we are striving to improve the service and will report progress back to you.</p> <p>5.8 QUESTION: The road from Fern Farm to Cleobury Mortimer has been closed for some time with no view to opening, do you know how long it is going to be closed?</p> <p>5.9 ANSWER: Andy Wilde undertook to find out and report back</p> <p>5.10 QUESTION: Is the land drainage system adequate for current and predicted rain/surface water levels?</p> <p>5.11 ANSWER: Andy Wilde agreed that we are seeing more storms and Shropshire's consultants WSP are looking at options which will require collaboration between the Council and landowners if sustainable solutions are to be delivered.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Morgan and Mr Wilde for their attendance and their commitment to deliver significant highways' investment before April and effective cleansing of ditches gullies and culverts early in the 2020/2021 financial year.</p>	<p><u>Stuart Lapper to provide speed data from the Parish Survey to Alun Morgan</u></p>
<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <p><u>6.1. Knowle Sports Financial Contribution</u> Knowle Sports have been given a quote of £60 to repair the glass in the notice board It was agreed at the last meeting to contribute, the sum of £60 was authorised.</p> <p><u>6.2 Place Plan Boundary Issue</u> The Chairman undertook to provide a further response to Shropshire Council reiterating the Parish Council's position and received the following reply from Gemma Davies, Assistant Director Economic Growth. "Thank you for your letter dated 04 December 2019. As we have previously stated, we are aware that there are local concerns regarding the boundaries of the Ludlow and Cleobury Mortimer Place Plan areas. You will also be aware that we have previously stated that our short-term priority was to complete the review of all 18 Place Plans, and to then publish these documents, as they form an important part of the Local Plan Review. When publication of the Place Plans was completed, we agreed that we would then move on to examining boundary issues.</p>	<p><u>Clerk to arrange payment</u></p>

<p>I am pleased to confirm that this short-term aim has been realised, and the Place Plans have been published on Shropshire Councils website. (Please note that we have yet to undertake any publicity surrounding this publication, due to the restrictions of the pre-election period. Publicity activities will therefore take place in January) Completion of this first step means that we can move to look at boundary issues as previously promised. It was agreed that the review of Place Plan boundaries should now be taken forward, and that this should be done in tandem with additional work related to a potential Boundary Review. We therefore reiterate our previous position that we will not support a switch at this stage and the basis on which Place Plan were created is robust. However, we stress that there is absolutely no reason why Nash cannot co-operate with any of their neighbouring councils including those in the Ludlow Place Plan in the meantime”</p> <p>The Chairman is writing again to remind Gemma Davies that we are still awaiting receipt of the evidence to substantiate her assertion that the current Place Plan area boundaries were “based on an extensive review of data, as well as local conversations with the relevant town and parish councils”.</p> <p><u>6.3 VE Day Celebrations</u> The Clerk has spoken to the Tenbury Town Council and the item is on the February meeting agenda to discuss. The TTC Clerk is also going to contact The Royal British Legion to find out their plans and report back to the clerk.</p> <p><u>6.4 Parish Profile Census Data disparity</u> Stuart Lapper has contacted the Governance Team at Shropshire Council who have confirmed that there are 138 properties in the Parish, not 164 as previously stated as this included Hope Bagot. SC were unwilling to provide the Parish Council with the names of the residents at the properties.</p>	<p><u>Chairman to provide further request to SC for copies of data review reports and transcripts of local conversations</u></p> <p><u>Clerk to keep in contact with Tenbury Town Council Clerk</u></p>
<p>7. Chairman’s Items: Items that need to be brought to the attention of the meeting which are not of a policy or financial nature</p> <p>7.1 The Chairman did not have any further items to bring forward at this time..</p>	
<p>8. Clerk’s Report</p> <p>8.1. The Leader of Shropshire Council – Peter Nutting will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on the 19th March.</p> <p>8.2 The clerk informed the Councillors that there is a training event on 12th March – “Fundamentals for Councillors”, clerk to forward details.</p> <p>8.3 The Clerk has been contacted by a resident of The Tilsop area regarding the state of the road and the total disregard to the users of the road. Clr Huffer is to provide the details of the landowner. Also, when Mr Corfield from SC visits the area next Thursday PC representatives will assess the situation and request SC enforcement action if necessary.</p>	<p><u>Clerk to forward details</u></p> <p><u>Clr Huffer to provide the Clerk with the details</u></p>
<p>9. Environmental Maintenance Grant</p> <p>9.1 After the Council has heard of the Plans of Mr Morgan and Mr Wilde for Nash it was felt that this would not be the right time to submit an application for the grant. This was proposed by Charlie Pinckney and seconded by Clare Morris and agreed.</p>	<p>Proposed by Charlie Pinckney Seconded by Clare Morris</p>
<p>10. Nash Housing Needs Survey</p> <p>10.1 Charlie Pinckney started a discussion around the Parish Council buying land for people to build on, but without housing powers we would have to establish a separate entity such as a CIC or Housing Association to do this to enable a loan to be raised.</p>	

<p>However it was agreed that through the Parish Plan process information will be gained from other Parish Councils experiences to find the best way forward.</p> <p>10.2 Clr Huffer said if any residents required any help with their housing needs, if they contact him he would do his best to help.</p>							
<p>11. Nash Parish Survey Update 11.1 Clare Morris and Jane Harris were both pleased with the number of responses of the survey that had been received.</p>							
<p>12. Parish Plan 12.1 Stuart Lapper was concerned that we would not be ready to move forward at the end of January. Charlie Pinckney asked for clarification on why we needed to proceed with the plan if the only issues were housing and highways</p> <p>12.2 The Chairman rehearsed the background and reminded the PC of the decisions they had already taken to progress the plan and that the survey had identified issues around public transport, , education, nursery provision, social care and sustainability in addition to housing and highways. It was also imperative that we proceed whilst the data from both the Parish and Housing Needs survey were current.</p> <p>12.3 After a discussion it was agreed that an initial public meeting would be held on Saturday 1st February from 2pm – 4pm with a preparatory pre-meeting at 12 noon for Parish Councillors.</p>	<p><u>Stuart Lapper to send clerk all email addresses of survey respondents</u></p> <p><u>Clerk to send out invite to steering group</u></p>						
<p>13. Financial Items</p> <p>13.1. <u>To approve payment of accounts:</u></p> <p>The Clerk sought authorisation for the following items: 1) Chq 285 Clee Hill United and Knowle Sports £60.00</p> <p>13.2 Chq 285 was authorised unanimously and duly signed.</p> <p>13.3 Payments Approved since last meeting</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2) Chq 283</td> <td>S Jones (Salary)</td> <td>£390.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3) Chq 284</td> <td>S Jones (HMRC)</td> <td>£78.16</td> </tr> </table>	2) Chq 283	S Jones (Salary)	£390.80	3) Chq 284	S Jones (HMRC)	£78.16	<p><u>Clerk to arrange payment</u></p>
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<p>14. The 202/21 Parish Council Budget and Precept Requirement 2020/21 14.1 The Options</p> <p>14.2 Option 1 Growth £5,130 65% increase Band D c £37.50 14.3 Option 2 Growth £4,130 33% Increase Band D impact c £30.50 14.4 Option 3 Inflation Only @ 2.1% £3,170.20 Band D Impact c £23.00</p> <p>14.5 After a reviewing the options and the expected expenditure for the year is was Proposed by Stuart Lapper and seconded by Charlie Pinckney that Option 3.be adopted and this as unanimously agreed.</p>	<p><u>Clerk to send precept requirement form back to Shropshire Council</u></p>						
<p>15. Planning Items</p> <p>15.1. To consider any planning applications received:</p> <p>15.2 19/04937/FUL Cadbury Farm, Nash - Conversion of Garage to Annex including extension and associated works - No Objections</p> <p>15.3. 19/05321/FUL Adjacent 3 Titrail, Knowle – Affordable Dwelling .Members felt that the proposed orientation of the dwelling fails to maximise passive solar gain.</p> <p>15.4 19/05216/FUL Kiln House, Knowlegate- Not in Nash Erection of detached dwelling and garage following demolition of existing ..Members supported the</p>							

<p>extensive observations made on behalf of Hope Bagot but in addition noted that the reflectivity of the extensive fenestration could be intrusive in sunny conditions.</p> <p>15.5 19/05359/FUL Wood Farm, Extension to existing building including windows No Objections</p>	
<p>16. Unitary Councillor Report</p> <p>16.1. Cllr Huffer said that all he wanted to report on had been spoken about earlier in the meeting, other than he felt that things would only continue to get worse unless Shropshire Council use their reserves. to deal with the critical resource position.</p>	
<p>17. Agreed Dates for Future Meetings</p> <p>Meetings 2020: 19th March 14th May Annual Meeting, 25th June , 17th Sept, 19th Nov, Meetings 2021: 21st January 18th March and 20th May Annual Meeting</p>	
<p>18. Close of Meeting: 9.40 pm</p>	