



Minutes of Council Meeting of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council, held at Little Ness Village Hall on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Cllr. Mullis (Chairman), Arthur, Brooks, Dickinson, Diggory, Gilbert, Nunn, Peters and Turner
Absent: None.
In attendance: Cllr. Ed Potter
Clerk Mrs R. Turner

115/2223 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Turner (work).

116/2223 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

- a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*
None declared.
- b) *Dispensation requests*
None being sought.
- c) *Gifts or hospitality*
None declared.

117/2223 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

- a) *A period of 15 minutes is set aside to allow the public the opportunity to speak on an agenda item*
No public present.

118/2223 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting dated 19th January 2023 as being a correct record, subject to amending 111/2223d to state that SC's Enforcement Officer had visited the dog's owners. The chairman was authorised to sign the amended minutes.

119/2223 **REPORTS**

- a) *Police Report* – none.
- b) *Shropshire Council* – Cllr. Potter reported as follows:
- The SC budget is now £260 million less than when SC became unitary in 2009.
 - 4.99% Council Tax increase for SC 2023/4.
 - No charges for green waste.
 - The LP Review Stage 1 report states that SC need to find 1,500 homes extra in LP and extra employment land. This is likely to be a strategic site, rather than spread around settlements.
 - Still high demand for housing
 - Boundary Review ongoing for SC areas – recommendations due to be published 25th April. Cllr. Potter's constituency may extend into the areas near/within the Severn floodplain.
 - Noted that SC Highways technician, Jonathan Ingoldby, had replied saying a new drain is needed at Milford Bank which would require the co-operation of third party landowners at Perry Cottage. Cllr. Potter offered to liaise with SC highways to ensure this issue is dealt with swiftly.
 - In response to a query re comments on the planning portal re the planning application at Wilcott Water tower site, it was confirmed that Wilcott is still a

community cluster, not Open Countryside, as SAMDEV is the prevailing LP policy.

- c) *Youth Club* – Cllr. Gilbert reported that attendee numbers were low in early Feb, due to a group not attending. The numbers are increasing again now.
- d) *Great Mess to Little Mess* – Cllr. Diggory reported that the group has £150 in the bank. Litter picks are planned for March, April and May.
- e) *CIL Working Group* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the group minutes and recommendations:
It was agreed to progress the disabled access gate and keep the old metal gate as a replacement for the kissing gate at the BMX track. It was further **RESOLVED** to delegate to the clerk to add the landscaping works to the asset register, insure the willow classroom and new hedging/fencing on the access track.
- f) *Nesscliffe Country Park Working Group* – the clerk informed the council that a meeting is to take place tomorrow. She advised that she had received an email asking about poo bins at the country park. It was agreed to raise this at the WG but noted they would be difficult to empty within the park area. It was further **RESOLVED** to purchase a poo bag dispenser for Nesscliffe and Wilcott playing field, budget up to £100.
Actions:
- WG to report back to council re Nesscliffe Hill
 - Clerk to purchase poo bag dispensers for Nesscliffe and Wiclott play areas, G. Taylor to fit.
- g) *Clerk's Report* – the report was noted. It was **RESOLVED** to ask G. Taylor to clear Hopton Lane from The Three Pigeons junction to the school, part funded by EMG.
Action: Clerk to instruct G Taylor
- h) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)*
- **Warm Welcome** - Cllr. Brooks said that he has been invited to no further meetings on Warm Welcome and it was agreed to remove this item from the clerk's report.
 - **Nesscliffe VH** - Cllr. Gilbert informed the council that the hall has no plans for the King's Coronation.
 - **Great Mess to Little Mess Big Help Out** - Cllr. Dickinson reported that she has registered Great Mess to Little Mess's Big Help Out event, on 8th May, on the King's Coronation events website.

120/2223 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) **14/03797/OUT - Development Land West Of Oakfield, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury**
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 6 No dwellings (to include access)
Superseded by 23/05153/OUT
- 2) **14/05257/FUL - Proposed Dwelling Adj. Hopton Farm, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury,**
Proposal: Erection of a Single Plot Exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and formation
of access
No longer appears on Planning Portal
- 3) 17/05151/EIA - Proposed Poultry Units NW Of North Farm, Felton Butler
Proposal: Erection of four poultry rearing buildings, eight feed bins, biomass store and amenity building including landscaping and tree planting.
Pending Consideration
- 4) **22/01008/FUL - Proposed Exception Site Dwellings To The South Of, Little Ness**
Proposal: Erection of single plot exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and garage
Decision: Grant Permission
- 5) 22/01262/VRA106 - 5 Darby Close, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DN
Proposal: Variation of the Section 106 Legal Obligation pursuant to planning permission 14/03259/OUT
Awaiting Decision
- 6) **22/03063/REF - Proposed Development Land At Adcote School, Little Ness, Shrewsbury,**
Erection of 3No dwellings (resubmission)
Decision: Appeal Dismissed

- 7) 22/05153/OUT - Phase 2 Proposed Development Land West Of Nesscliffe Hotel, Nesscliffe
 Proposal: Outline application for residential development to include means of access (resubmission of 14/03797/OUT) to be served via extant Phase 1 (12/00821/OUT & 13/02901/REM & 16/00670/REM)
Awaiting Decision
- 8) 22/05643/FUL - Nesscliffe Hotel, Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, , SY4 1DB
Proposal: Change of use of hotel to a dwelling to include creation of private amenity space
Decision: Withdrawn
- 9) 22/05606/FUL - Motor Fuel Limited, Service Station, Nesscliffe, SY4 1B
Proposal: Formation of 2 no. self-service car wash bays including 2.7m high screens
Decision: Grant Permission
- 10) 22/05425/FUL - Field (formerly Of Wolfshead Farm), West Of Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe
Proposal: Installation of a 20m high lattice tower, electronic communications mast to support 6 no. apertures, 24 no. RRUs, 6 no. MHAs, 12 no. active routers, 6 no. BOBs, 4 no. 600 dishes on gantry support poles and ancillary equipment
Decision: Grant Permission

121/2223 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 22/05703/FUL - Residential Development Land At Former Water Tower, Wilcot Avenue, Wilcott
 Proposal: Residential development of 4no. semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and access work.
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application and ask that the houses are in keeping with other houses in Wilcott e.g. rendered finish.
- 2) 23/00622/FUL – Crowdy, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, SY4 2LD
 Proposal: Installation of render and paint with weathershield off white/gardenia to front elevation
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.
- 3) 23/00785/FUL - Nesscliffe Hotel, Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, SY4 1DB
 Proposal: Change of use of hotel to a dwelling to include creation of private amenity space (re-submission)
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.
- 4) Pre-app enquiry re former Wilcott Speedcast satellite site (see emailed documents), ref PREAPP23/00097
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to comment that the “Proposed Change of Use to Class E (g)(ii) Research and development of products or processes; and Class E (g)(iii) Industrial processes; and the associated use of the land for the storage of lock up containers for secure Storage”, is potentially acceptable. From reading the Planning Statement, the parish council recognises that other uses may be a possibility. The parish council would want the following factors to be considered in relation to any future uses: hours of operation (daytime hours preferred), impact on landscape including light pollution, impact on volume of traffic and highway safety (in particular, uses that will result in more HGVs passing through the villages are not supported), noise levels. Residential is not supported at the site, including a paragraph 80 dwelling.

122/2223 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Highways maintenance – to report matters and update on previously reported matters*
- Sewer grids loose on old A5 – reported
 - Felton Butler – the first 100 yards of road past Pryce’s Farm are in good condition but after that there are excessive potholes.
 - Highways England gorse at Wolfshead – they confirmed they would look into this urgently
- Action: Clerk to report and monitor submitted reports
- b) *Drainage – a meeting is to be arranged with SC Drainage re Nesscliffe Hill.*

- c) *Play area routine inspection reports* – no concerns to note.
- d) *EMG works* – Cllr. Diggory reported that he is in the process of doing a pavement survey which will inform the 2023/4 EMG grant application.
Action: Cllr. Diggory to complete pavement survey and clerk to draft EMG application, for approval at council meeting on 4th April.
- e) *King's Coronation* – proposal to purchase time capsule and medals for school children – it was **RESOLVED** to commemorate the event with the following:
- Purchase a 50p with the King's head for all children in the parish.
 - Have a parish photo outside The Three Pigeons with drone overhead photo of the parish.
 - The Annual Parish Meeting to celebrate the King's Coronation.
 - Work with the school to lay a time capsule on the community land.
- Actions:
- Cllr. Mullis to ask in the Post Office about obtaining 50 pence coins.
 - Cllr. Potter to email SC data team to find out how to identify the children in the parish.
 - Cllr. Mullis to ask Luke about drone photo.
 - Cllr. Mullis and clerk to liaise with school re time capsule.
- f) *Data Protection advice* – it was **RESOLVED** to seek quotes for data protection advice for 2023/4 onwards.
Action: Clerk.
- g) *Survey Monkey renewal* – it was **RESOLVED** to downgrade to the basic free plan.
- h) *Reports of other parish matters*
- A road sign by The Oaks car park has been drawn on rudely
Action: Clerk to report

123/2223 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) *Policing charter priorities* – it was **RESOLVED** to sign the police charter and name the following priorities, in descending order: ASB including substance misuse, criminal damage, speeding.
Action: Clerk to submit charter contract to the police.
- 2) *Request for funding assistance with defib training from Little Ness VH* – it was **RESOLVED** to invite the 4 interested people to the WI First Aid training event, on 16th March. If a larger group comes forward, the parish council may consider contributing towards a separate event.
Action: Clerk to give the group contact details for WI training on 16th. In future, the PC may support further event.
- 3) *Car park, Stonehouse Close* – it was noted that the housing association had sought permission to excavate part of the car park to repair the wall. It was agreed to allow this, subject to insurance being in place, the car park being re-instated to its condition prior to the accident, and a preference for work to be done outside of term time. It was noted that a date for the work is not known yet.
- 4) *Letters of thanks re Hopton noticeboard and Wilcott "tidy up"* – noted.

124/2223 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P77-2223	Greenbarnes	Noticeboards	BACS	£6,587.96	£1,317.60	£7,905.56
P78-2223	R Turner	Salary	SO	£898.13	£0.00	£898.13
P79-2223	SCPF	Pension	SO	£198.54	£0.00	£198.54
P80-2223	SCPF	Pension	SO	£198.54	£0.00	£198.54
P81-2223	R Turner	Salary	SO	£898.13	£0.00	£898.13
P82-2223	Little Ness VH	Room hire	BACS	£115.00	£0.00	£115.00
P83-2223	G Taylor	Wilcott EMG work, Great Ness EMG work,	BACS	£3,140.00	£628.00	£3,768.00

		Gibraltar Lane				
P84-2223	Shropshire Council	Play area inspections	BACS	£572.00	£114.40	£686.40
P85-2223	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£148.00	£4.80	£152.76
P86-2223	Asset Surfacing	Noticeboards	BACS	£1,881.25	£376.25	£2,257.50

It was further **RESOLVED** to pay Lowther invoice of £10,991.09 once the stone piles have been removed.

- b) *Income received* – a refund of £170.86 for the Severn Trent fee for the water connection application at the community land has been received. This will be credited against the payment in the cashbook.

125/2223 **NEXT MEETING**

- a) *Annual Parish Meeting* – 30th May 2023, 7.30pm. Annual Council Meeting – short meeting at 7pm, Nesscliffe Village Hall
b) *Next Council Meeting* – 4th April 2023, 7.30pm, Nesscliffe Village Hall
c) *Items for agenda* - none noted.

126/2223 It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded during discussion of Items 127/2223 to 129/2223 due to the likely disclosure of confidential information

127/2223 **PATH AT NESSCLIFFE PLAYING FIELD ACCESS TRACK AND DISABLED ACCESS GATE**

- (i) It was **RESOLVED** to procure a disabled access gate at the main entrance to the play area. The quote of £2,021 plus VAT from Ray Parry Playgrounds includes necessary alterations to the fencing width.
Action: Clerk to place an order with Ray Parry Playgrounds.
- (ii) It was further **RESOLVED** to seek quotes for a “grano” dust path, linking the school to the car park, and to re-surface the access track and entrance to the playing field.
Action: Clerk, Cllrs. Arthur and Diggory to meet on site to draft a specification. Invite to quote to be sent to local companies, including JS Construction, Darren Jones Construction, MJPA Ltd, Ray Parry Playgrounds.

128/2223 **CLERK NOTIFICATION OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT** (*internal audit*) – the clerk informed the council that she was planning to audit circa 8 councils this year. No objection was raised to this.

129/2223 **TRAFFIC CALMING WORKS AND VAS FAULT** – it was **RESOLVED** to see if an alternative electrician can be found to finish the works. It was further **RESOLVED** to not pay the crossings invoice until the work is complete, as it may be necessary to deduct cost of a separately procured electrician.