

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Shrawley Parish Council held in Shrawley Village Hall on **Monday 9th January 2017 commencing at 7.45pm.**

Present: Councillors Mr P Benkwitz (Chairman)
Mr M Partridge
Mr R Tesh
Mrs A Dorrell
Mrs N Thomas
Mrs P Armstrong

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, County Cllr P Grove, & three members of the public.

Apologies: Councillor Caroline Norris & District Councillor Pam Cumming

170 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th November 2016 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman with the following points made.

- Cllr Benkwitz said the new Village Website project was progressing well thanks to Mr Mark Burkes which is in the process of re-designing it
- Cllr Partridge stated the outstanding matter ref mislaid Deeds for the Village Hall was progressing with our solicitors
- Cllr Benkwitz said he would chase the Defibrillator with West Midlands Ambulance Service
- Cllr Benkwitz said he was progressing with a quotation/siting for the new bus shelter.

171 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

a) There were none. b) There were none.

172 Planning Matters:

Members noted the planning sheet previously circulated including decisions taken by MHDC since the last meeting. It was noted planning application 16/01632/Ful at Charnwood for a four bed dwelling had been approved last week by MHDC.

173 County & District Councillor's Report

County Cllr Phil Grove stated following the OFSTED inspection in December their findings and report would be shortly available for public inspection. He stated the Church of England had offered to use their 16,000 church spires throughout the country for siting satellite installations as a proposed method of rolling out faster broadband to hard to reach rural locations.

174 Lengthsman

It was noted that Mr Bruce Wormington had commenced work as a self-employed contractor for the Parish on 1st January 2017. He is currently siding out the footways and attending to overhanging hedges and trees. Councillor Armstrong to speak to CS Services informing them of this arrangement and the reasons for this action.

175 Telephone Kiosk

The Council was delighted at the continued refurbishment to the Kiosk undertaken by Peter Nott and the generous grant secured by District Councillor Pam Cumming.

176 Parish Magazine Report

Cllr Naomi Thomas was writing the report for February Parish Magazine and Cllr Richard Tesh for the March edition.

177 Accounts for Payment

- a) *Three payments were authorised retrospectively:*
- * Cheque # 021 - £153.00 – X2 Connect for Tel Kiosk Parts
 - * Cheque # 022 - £10,000.00 – Cambridge & Counties Bank
 - * Cheque # 023 - £96.00 – Harper Farming
- The following payments were authorised during the meeting:*
- * Cheque # 024 - £234.00 – CS Gardening Services – (Lengthsman up to 31st Dec 2016)
 - * Cheque # 025 - £407.80 – Clerk's Salary & Expenses for (Dec 2016 & Jan 2017)
 - * Cheque # 026 - £89.40 – HMRC
 - * Cheque # 027 - £50.00 – Nora Parsons Day Centre
- b) Income and Expenditure sheets as previously circulated were noted.
A projection showed an anticipated out-turn surplus in excess of £600 for 2016 / 17 against a break-even budget and a year-end balance of approaching £10,500
An initial draft budget based on an unchanged precept showed a surplus in excess of £400 for 2017 / 2018
- c) Council RESOLVED to set the precept for the 2017 / 18 year at £5,500. It was noted that the Precept has remained at this level since 2010 / 11 and now eight years at the same value.
- d) £10,000 has been invested in a Cambridge and Counties 31 day notice account earning currently 1.09% paid monthly. If the balance falls below £10,000 then the interest rate becomes 0.05%

178 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 22.00pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th March 2017 commencing at 7.45pm.

Chairman.....
13th March 2017

Public Comments;

A member of the Public asked how the decision for the New Inn Lane Housing Application had been determined and what actions the Planning Working Group played in that decision.

The Chairman stated the objectives of the Planning Working Group PWG. Where/when appropriate the working group look at the applications and reach a position, where there is no full meeting that position is circulated to all councillors to give the opportunity for comment, challenge or agreement. A position statement is then provided which is returned to MHDC via normal channels. This is then the Parish Councils response. Where a meeting is available this happens at the meeting rather than by email.