

MINUTES of the Full Council of Lilleshall Parish Council held on 1st February 2022 at 7pm held at Hillside Meeting Room

Members present Cllrs: Baker (Chair), Cornes, Challinor, Millard, Parker, Shaw, Taylor

In attendance: Mr Furnival (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

21/22.129 Opening

Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming members and the public and reminded members to raise their hands if they have any questions.

21/22.130 Apologies and declarations of Interest

21/22.131 Public Session

N. Harley informed members that the Hundred Acre Kitchen will be closed for the next week due to an outbreak of Covid among members off staff.

N. Harley wished to take any questions that members may have on the solar farm proposals. No members raised any questions at this stage.

P. Hill raised his and residents' disappointment with the decision of the TWC planning committee to narrowly approve the proposals at the Old Builders Yard at Barrack Lane. The decision was made by the casting vote of the Chairman. Mr Hill said that the reports to planning committee appeared biased and commented that the site was brownfield, however the solicitors of TWC suggested the site use was not brownfield, there are further concerns amongst residents that criteria applied to neighbouring developments was not applied to these proposals. The planning committee meeting was called for 15th December; however, many reports were only made available online a couple of days before the meeting, therefore questions if committee members read the documents before voting on the application.

The Chairman informed members that this matter would be further discussed under planning.

21/22.132 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 4th January 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Parker, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2022 be signed as a true record.**

21/22.133 Matters arising, for information, from the 4th January 2022

None.

21/22.134 Correspondence

None.

21/22.135 Reports from Parish Councillors and Ward Member present

Cllr Millard, one of her neighbours had complemented the latest edition of the Lilleshall Voice.

Cllr Eade has called in applications TWC/2020/0356 and TWC/2020/0358 to be considered by planning committee at TWC, the parish council may wish to nominate a member to speak at planning committee.

Cllr Eade reported that the new footpath along the A518 has been finished to a good standard, however it is now evident that old parts are in some disarray which need attention, therefore he has made enquiries within TWC and the housing trust to assist in contributing to improve the old parts of the footpath heading towards Church Aston, Cllr Eade asked if in principle, the parish council would consider making a contribution towards these improvements, pending a review of costings. It was proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Challinor, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to support this scheme in principle.**

21/22.136 Clerks Report

- A grant of £1,000 from Veolia has been awarded to the parish council towards flower planters.
- Idverde, on behalf of TWC have now installed a Rowan - Sorbus "Cardinal royal" at the playing fields behind Lilleshall Primary School.
- K. Steele has now left TWC and A. Collier will be taking over as this areas Locality Officer later this month, an introduction meeting will be organised in due course.
- It has been identified that the parish council may need to conduct a fire and electrical assessments of the Talbot Centre, the Clerk is following this up.
- Bollards on Hillside East to be replaced within the next 2 weeks.
- A request to consider a defibrillator at the Memorial Hall has been received, the Clerk asked members if they would consider this. It was agreed to provide quotes for the March meeting.

21/22.137 Planning

Members debated the importance of solar energy as an effort to tackling the climate emergency and protecting the planet for future generations, although there will be some loss of view of the landscape.

Cllr Cornes questioned if the parish council should be supporting these kinds of proposals on greenfield land and argues that trees being planted and solar panels on top of farming units as a measure to tackle climate change should be supported instead. He recognises that farmers need to diversify to tackle the loss in agricultural subsidies. Planning legislation needs to change to ensure future developments include solar units on new builds.

Cllr Challinor notes that there are a number of large solar farms in Spain, a lot of wildlife and specific species of birds are protected as a result. It appears that with careful planning there can be protections put in place for some species of wildlife, although there will be a loss in some level to agricultural land. The objections appear to be based on the "view", however this is not a sustainable argument as you have to think beyond that when we consider the impact of the existence of the planet.

Cllr Parker questioned the lifespan of the solar panels which are listed as being 25-30yrs. N. Harley was invited by the Chairman to confirm that the lifespan of the panels are for 40yrs and after 40yrs a bond will have been set aside to have them removed if solar is not seen as a viable option to tackle the climate emergency in that time.

Cllr Shaw agrees that solar panels should go on top of units and notes that the NiPark has produced no solar systems and new builds in the borough are also not meeting this need. However, we have this application before us to consider at this meeting and we do not have the legislation in front of us to lobby government, and further argues that the Local Plan needs to include solar panels on roofs of buildings during its review.

Cllr Eade notes that the Local Plan review is coming, these comments of policy change need to be considered by central government who set the policy.

N. Harley confirms that the panels will be set at a height that sheep and possibly deers cattle and ducks could be grassed on the site. The grassing will be moved around on site to allow planned seeding of wildflower with the opportunity to come to suitable growth before grassing continues on the site.

The following applications were considered by members and it was proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Challinor, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to approve the following responses**;

Application	LPC Response
TWC/2021/1225 - Site of Cheswell Grange Farm , Cheswell Drive, Cheswell Construction of a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays together with battery energy storage facility and associated infrastructure, including WPD and client substations, inverters, perimeter security fencing, access tracks, cctv and landscaping	RECORDED VOTE: In favour (support): 4 Against (object): 3
TWC/2022/0049 - Abbey View , Church Road, Lilleshall, Newport, TF10 9HJ Erection of a single storey rear and side extension	No objection.

The following applications were noted as being decided since the last meeting:

Planning Application Number, Location & Proposed Development	LPC Response	Decision
TWC/2019/0363 - Whitegates , Kynnersley Drive, Lilleshall, TF10 9HT Erection of 8no. barns and extension to existing barn (Part-Retrospective) ***AMENDED LOCATION PLAN RECEIVED, RED LINE CHANGES***	No objection	Withdrawn
TWC/2021/0865 - 13 Church Road , Lilleshall, Newport, TF10 9HJ Replacement of all existing timber windows with traditional timber casement windows (Full Planning Application)	No comment.	Granted

The Chairman raises the matter of the Old Builder Yard.

Cllr Shaw said that the approval of the application notes that the scheme has to be delivered within the permitted plans, however those plans are incorrect in terms of the undetermined footpath route of B17. There are a number of flaws with the application approval and a number of questions by planning committee members was ignored by planning officers and he thinks we need to consider if the parish council can do anything to ensure that planning process has been followed and due diligence is being conducted by the local planning authority and asks if the council could look at options to challenge this.

Chairman confirmed that an extraordinary meeting will be called to consider options.

21/22.138 Financial Reports

21/22.138.1 A summary of account statements from 1st Dec 21 to 31st Jan 22 were noted, a reconciliation of the accounts for this date period was reviewed by members and it was proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Shaw, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record**.

21/22.138.2 The following payment list and accompanying invoices/receipts were reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr Cornes and seconded by Cllr Shaw, thus **RESOLVED to approve the following payments to be made**;

Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Hire of Premises	Lilleshall Memorial Hall	E	1,100.00		1,100.00
aluminium grip frame	Viking	S	12.77	2.55	15.32
Magazine printing	canva	S	83.32	16.67	99.99
Clerk Salary	Furnival, C	X	721.79		721.79
Employee & Employer Pension	Shropshire County Pension F	X	113.81		113.81
Admin Assistant Salary	Sullivan E J	X	258.24		258.24
Magazine printing	Shropshire Printing Limited	Z	200.00		200.00
Total			2,489.93	19.22	2,509.15

21/22.139 Surveillance considerations of Hillside East and Station Road

Following the last meeting the Clerk obtained quotes for a solar system camera to be installed on Hillside East and a standard camera to be installed on Station Road. Members had been provided the quotes for the two cameras prior to the meeting.

Chairman raised his concerns with having this surveillance as the land for the CCTV to be situated on is TWC land but the parish council will incur the cost. He does not feel there is enough of a problem to proceed with this scheme and he does not understand what the purpose of the surveillance in this location is for.

Cllr Shaw was concerned that the parish council discussed this with residents at the last meeting and notes that the Chairman has regularly raised his concerns with drug use at the top of Hillside East in the past.

Cllr Eade notes that he could make a contribution towards surveillance through his Councillors Pride Fund.

Cllr Cornes notes that this issue, including the location of Hillside East has been raised on numerous occasions with the parish council and residents have raised these issues of drug use in this location before.

Following the discussion, it was agreed that these quotes would not be pursued at this stage and the Clerk was asked to bring Telford & Wrekin Council and West Mercia Police to a meeting with the parish council to consider other options for tackling these issues.

21/22.140 Projects and events

- Platinum Jubilee event planning

The last meeting of the Jubilee planning group decided on a list of activities to include stalls, food, music and family friendly sporting activities as well as a pre-session as part of the village fête. The group have taken on individual tasks to report back to the group.

The afternoon tea will be managed by Cllr Parker and the delivery of food shall be done in such a way to minimise handling of items to be covid safe.

The next meeting on the 8th February at 7pm at Hillside Meeting Room. Extra volunteers are needed.

- Road safety schemes for Lilleshall parish

Cllr Shaw reports that there is a meeting with Cllr Eade, Shaw and Baker, the Clerk and highways officers on Friday 4th February to review the current draft proposals.

- Installation of solar panels at the Talbot Centre

The panels are in place and the tennis club have been receiving feedback. No further updates to consider at this stage as we await the installation of battery storage units.

- Line wire for tennis courts fencing

Members had received two quotes and attempts had been made to contact a third company on numerous occasions without success. Therefore, after reviewing the quotes it was proposed by Cllr Cornes and seconded by Cllr Millard, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to approve Leisure Services at £675 (plus VAT) for the replacement of line wire at Lilleshall Tennis Courts.**

- Arrangements for installation of planters

It was agreed that the locations for planters shall be at Nursery Lane, Church Road (outside care home), The Green, The Woodlands, Limekiln Lane and x2 for The Humbers, the Clerk shall obtain three quotes from three landscapers for the installation of bases for the planters and a price for purchase, installation and watering of flowers shall be obtained.

21/22.141 Lilleshall Strategic Landscape Area

Cllr Shaw drafted a request for the SLA consideration in 2021 and shared this with members at the time, he wishes to make an amendment and circulate to members before

21/22.142 Adoption of policies and procedures

The policies were reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr Cornes and seconded by Cllr Challinor, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to adopt the following policies and procedures and publish on the parish council's website:**

- **Closed Churchyard Protocol**
- **Complaints Procedure**
- **General Reserves Policy**

Meeting closed at 21:10

These minutes are to be considered as a draft form until signed at the next appropriate meeting, the signed copy will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed: Dated:/...../.....

Date of future meetings

Full Council, Tuesday 1st March 2022, 7pm at Hillside Meeting Room