

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18
FEBRUARY 2019 AT 8.00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

2364. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor P Bodimeade and Councillor M Pye.

2365. PRESENT

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors T Flashman, Mrs S Madeley, A Richards, Dr C Stevenson and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

2366. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2367. MINUTES

Councillor T Flashman proposed and Councillor Dr C Stevenson seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2368. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2368a. B4371 Road Repairs: Councillors noted the completion of the road repairs within the advised timelines.

2368b. Longville Arms: No further information received from Shropshire Council.

2368c. Wall-under-Heywood Speed Limits: Despite emails from the Chairman to Shropshire Council Highways Department no updates had been provided on the installation of the road signs. The Chairman referred to Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley to see if anything could be done to conclude this.

2368d. Shropshire Council Bring Banks Consultation: The Clerk advised that with the closing of the consultation period on 25 January, advice was awaited on the outcome.

2368e. Parish Defibrillators: Village Hall defibrillator reinstalled with new battery pack and pads into repaired cabinet. West Midlands Ambulance Service have this location back on their active list. It was noted that the approval of the chairman and vice-chairman had previously been provided to facilitate payment to speed delivery of the parts.

The Longville defibrillator has been returned repaired under warranty and with the delivery of the new pads this would be reinstated in its cabinet and the loan unit returned.

It was noted that costs of £228.00 had been incurred to resolve these issues against a budget of £600 which had been set aside out of contingency.

2368f. Standing Orders: The Clerk advised the merits of updating the document currently displayed on the Parish Council website to reflect the current NALC model. As membership of SALC and hence NALC is scheduled for April 2019 it was resolved that adoption of the updated Orders be concluded once membership obtained.

Action 1: Clerk to provide updated Standing Orders document to Councillors for review in advance of their formal adoption.

2368g. Financial Regulations: The Clerk advised that whilst the current document on the website had been reviewed at the February 2018 meeting, there were merits in updating the document to reflect the current NALC model. With planned membership of SALC and NALC in April

2019 it was resolved that adoption of the updated Regulations be concluded once membership obtained.

Action 2: Clerk to provide updated Financial Regulations document to Councillors for review in advance of their formal adoption.

2368h. **Data Privacy and Protection:** The Clerk proposed that a statement be displayed in the Parish Council website to ensure clarity of understanding. In view of the recent changes covering the General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act, further investigation is required to ensure that the correct content is identified and displayed. Access to the NALC guidelines would be obtained in April to enable conclusion of the required content.

Action 3: Clerk to continue investigations on best practice policy statement.

2368i. **Risk Management Policy:** The Clerk noted that some Parish Councils maintain a brief outline of their policy on Risk Management and there may be merit in a similar document being displayed on the Parish Council website.

Action 4: Clerk to continue investigations on appropriate policy.

2369. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Great British Spring Clean: The Councillors reviewed the circular provided by KeepBritainTidy.org advising of the mass-action environmental campaign planned for the period 22 March to 23 April 2019. After due consideration it was resolved not to sign up to the campaign at this stage but to forward the details on to local groups and place details on the parish notice boards and website to gauge level of interest.

Action 5: Clerk to place details on parish notice boards and parish council website.

Action 6: Clerk to forward details to Rushbury School Head and Village Hall chair.

Action 7: Councillors to forward details to contacts in WI and Young Farmers.

2370. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley advised the Councillors of the following developments:

2370a. **New Cabinet Member:** Gwilym Butler has been appointed as Portfolio Holder for Communities and Place Planning. This is seen as a positive step to strengthen relationships between Shropshire Council and the local town and parish councils.

2370b. **Rural Strategy:** Greater understanding perceived of influencing central government to focus on strategies for local areas. More focus required on improving areas such as broadband, public transport, elderly care. Consideration required to address barriers on progress and what can be done to support the implementation of initiatives.

2370c. **AONB/National Park Review:** Whilst awaiting the outcome of the national review it has been recognised that AONBs can be more effectively linked to health and well-being with impacts on rural economies. Responding to and handling consultations on planning applications could be strengthened and initiatives need to be considered to present to central government to provide the benefits.

2371. **FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM**

Following discussion on what progress had been achieved to improve the stone footbridge it was not clear whether any improvements were expected. The previous proposal to replace with a wooden footbridge had been rejected. An update would be requested from the local footpath liaison officer.

Action 8: Councillor Mrs S Madeley to enquire of progress with footpath liaison officer.

2372. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

The Councillors recognised that timing may be appropriate for a further update to the Parish Plan. Consideration to be given to asking parishioners on the appetite for any further housing development. The meeting with Ms Howell at Shropshire Council had focused on the level of central support that could be provided for affordable housing. Research would need to establish the criteria to measure the needs. It was resolved that further discussion was required with all councillors attending and the item was deferred to the next meeting.

2373. **PLANNING**

2373a. No planning applications have been received in the current period.

Planning Permission has been granted to:

2373b. 18/05259/FUL: Highwood Hill, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7ED

Proposal: Erection of a single storey oak framed garden room to rear.

2374. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2374a. **Banking**

Community Account at 02.02.19 £2,278.72

Deposit Account on 01.02.19 £1,634.15

2374b. **To pay**

Sodexo £126.26

Cardiac Science £41.94

Defibshop £186.00 (ratification)

Rushbury Village Hall £13.00

Chris Maclean (Local Council Admin Book) £108.79

Resolved: Councillor A Richards proposed and Councillor T Flashman seconded that the payments be made.

2375. **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Mrs S Madeley updated the Councillors on the initiatives that the Village Hall Committee members were undertaking to enable the facility to be adequately funded. Further scope required to identify opportunities to raise funds and maintain costs and the level of support that the Parish Council and the local community could provide was considered. The proposal that a joint meeting of members of the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council was considered of merit.

Action 9: Clerk to liaise with Councillor Mrs S Madeley on scheduling of a joint meeting with village hall contacts.

2376. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

None raised.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

2019 Meeting Dates

18 March, 15 April (Parish Meeting)

20 May (Annual General Meeting followed by General Meeting)
17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November