

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Shrawley Parish Council held in Shrawley Village Hall on **Monday 13th March 2017 commencing at 7.45pm.**

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

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, County Cllr P Grove, MHDC Cllr Pam Cumming, Dr Richard Pumphrey & four members of the public.

Apologies: Councillor Pip Armstrong

179 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th January 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

180 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.

181 Planning Matters:

Members noted the planning sheet previously circulated including decisions taken by MHDC since the last meeting.

Council considered Planning Application No 17/00076 The Chalet, Eastgrove, Sankyns Green, Worcestershire, WR6 6LQ. It was RESOLVED to support this application given that detailed materials and design are in keeping with the immediate vicinity and that any reserved matters are dealt with appropriately in accordance with technical specifications and requirements. Also it is a condition that the requirements of the SWDP 18 are met concerning Replacement Dwellings in the Open Countryside.

(Post Meeting Councillor Tesh wished to record his objections to this application)

Council also considered Planning Application No 17/00180 Barn at Eastgrove. Council RESOLVED to support this application.

182 County & District Councillor's Report

Malvern Hills DC Cllr Pam Cumming reported a reduction of £250k given to MHDC by Central Government under the New Homes Bonus Scheme this current year. Cllr Cumming reported Malvern Hills DC is looking at converting to a fortnightly bin collection from April 2018. She reported this would follow the waste collection schemes adopted by all other Worcestershire Districts. Cllr Cummings confirmed the examination to outsource the refuse collection service had been terminated.

County Cllr Phil Grove stated following the OFSTED inspection in December that the Cabinet have found an additional £800k to invest in the Children Services Directorate this is mainly going towards the most vulnerable children, carers and social workers to help support and improve this element of the Directorate found to be the most weakest in the recent inspections.

Cllr Grove stated Central Government had recently given Worcestershire County Council £17m for Highway and Infrastructure Improvements together with money to fund Engineering Training across the County. Cllr Grove thanked the Council for their support and cooperation over the past 4 years and stated he would be defending his seat at the forthcoming elections in May.

183 Defibrillator

Cllr Partridge presented a paper relating to the Defibrillator project at the Village Hall. Council RESOLVED to support a Budget of up to £250.00 for the Councils element of the installation costs. Cllr Partridge would endeavour to recover all costs from various parties.

184 War Memorial

The Chairman advised he had held a meeting with Mr John Westwood and following a visual inspection it was felt inappropriate to carry out any cleansing to the Memorial Stone and following discussions it was RESOLVED to leave the Memorial alone as there would be local voluntary cleaning and remedial work in the summer.

185 Bus Shelter

Cllr Norris agreed to discuss the location of a Bus Shelter with the Landowners adjoining the Telephone Kiosk.

186 Weed Spraying

In the absence of Cllr Armstrong it was agreed to defer this item.

187 Worcestershire County Council LTP 4

Councillors Armstrong & Tesh had circulated a response to the LTP 4 Document prior to the meeting. The Chairman stated he would consolidate the two responses and submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council to WCC.

188 Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport

Having studied the consultation document Council RESOLVED to support the proposals.

189 Deeds for the Village Hall

Cllr Partridge informed Council Morton Fisher had sent a final invoice for the replacement deeds for the Village Hall it was RESOLVED to pay the £312.00 bringing the total Morton Fisher costs to £542.00 plus £9.00 Oath Fee and £1.26 postage which Cllr Partridge is attempting to reclaim.

190 Asset Register

Council noted the circulated Asset Register previously circulated.

191 Lengthsman Scheme

The Chairman introduced this item. It had been debated at the Personnel Group at its meeting on 20th February 2017. It was proposed that the Councils previous discussions that Mr Bruce Wormington will be the sole Lengthsman from 1st April 2017. Councillor Tesh stated there was a need to maintain continuity of the Vehicle Activated Sign. All line management for the Lengthsman will be via the Clerk for future works. The Clerk would ensure our new lengthman is trained to WCC requirements. Council RESOLVED to support these proposals.

192 Accounts for Payment

- a) *One payment was authorised retrospectively:*
 - * Cheque # 028 - £31.43 – Naomi Thomas – Refreshments at Christmas Lights switch on*
 - The following payments were authorised during the meeting:*
 - * Cheque # 029 - £418.80 – Clerk’s Salary & Expenses for (Feb 2017 & March 2017)*
 - * Cheque # 030 - £89.20 – HMRC (Feb 2017 & March 2017)*
 - * Cheque # 031- £169.00 – CS Gardening Services – (January & February 2017)*
 - * Cheque # 032 - £135.00 – Bruce Wormington (Lengthsman up to 31st Jan 2017)*
 - * Cheque # 033 - £312.00 – Morton Fisher – Lost Deeds*

- b) Income and Expenditure sheets as previously circulated were noted.

193 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 22.00pm. The next meeting (AGM) will take place on Monday 8th May 2017 commencing at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Meeting at 8.00pm.

Chairman.....
8th May 2017

Public Comments;

A member of the Public asked about the roll out of Broadband.

A member of the Public stated it was a shame no members of the Parish Council attended the Shrawley Woods Meeting. Cllr Partridge stated he had attended and represented the Parish Council at a recent Shrawley Woods Meeting.

Dr Richard Pumphrey gave a report on his activities around the parish under his role as Footpaths Warden. The Council thanked him for his work on behalf of the community.