

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Shrawley Parish Council held in Shrawley Village Hall on **Monday 8th May 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Mr M Partridge
Mr R Tesh
Mr P Benkwitz
Mrs A Dorrell
Mrs N Thomas

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk & 11 members of the public.

194 Election of Chairman

Councillor Michael Partridge was elected Chairman of the Council for 2017-18 municipal year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

195 Vice Chairman

Councillor Richard Tesh was elected Vice Chairman for 2017-18 municipal year.

196 Apologies for absence

Councillor Caroline Norris. It was noted Councillor Pip Armstrong had resigned from the Council and the Clerk had notified the ERO at MHDC and placed the necessary vacancy notice on the Parish Website.

197 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th March 2017 as previously circulated and as amended were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

a) Councillor Anna Dorrell declared an interest in all matters relating to New Inn Lane/ land north of New Inn Lane on the Planning Update Sheet reference 16/01629 & 17/00511 both of which are not on the agenda for discussion today. b) There were none.

199 Planning Matters:

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

Council noted that application 17 / 00662 NMA, although on the agenda, had been approved by MHDC earlier in the day.

Council was concerned there were no plans on the website for application 17/00567/ AGR (land north of Rectory Lane) even though a notice which was to be posted on the land directed the public to the website. The Clerk was to request MHDC to upload any plans relating to this application.

200 Shrawley Woods Action Day

Councillor Peter Benkwitz stated he had held discussions with Richard Boles of the Forestry Commission regarding holding a couple of family days in the woods to tidy up and clear some of

the timber left over from last year's work. There are multiple tons of good firewood up to 8 inch diameter which could be collected and used as firewood by the collectors.

Children could help and build bivouacs or natural wood piles for wildlife under the Forestry Commission direction. Hopefully this could grow into residents working together to maintain and own the woods and become regular events. Maybe even take a gas BBQ along for lunch?

Cllr Benkwitz stated Richard Bolas seemed very keen and might be persuaded to assist further. The Council thought it was a very good idea for June/July. Cllr Benkwitz said he was very happy to lead on the matter and formulate a group to help.

201 Fencing at rear of War Memorial

Cllr Partridge informed the meeting that the Mr Richard Jevon Fellows (RJF) land owner of "Crown Meadows" had installed new post and wire fencing around their property including behind the fencing to the back of the Shrawley War Memorial. RJF had offered to replace the current fencing behind the War Memorial if the Parish Council felt it necessary at no cost to the Council. The options need to be evaluated after which a decision can be made.

202 Meeting Dates for 2017-2018 Municipal Year

The Clerk circulated provisional dates for the Council Meetings over the next 12 months one or two need tweaking and it was agreed to bring the list back to the next meeting for ratification. It was agreed normal meetings should be held on Monday wherever possible.

203 Accounts for Payment

- a) *Three payment was authorised retrospectively:*
 - * *Cheque # 034 - £200.00 – Bruce Wormington (Lengthsman February & Part March)*
 - * *Cheque # 035- £78.00 – CS Gardening Services – (March 2017)*
 - * *Cheque # 036 - £94.03 – Mark Burke Website 2 years from February 2017*

The following payments were authorised during the meeting:

 - * *Cheque # 037- £28.00 – CS Gardening Services – (April 2017)*
 - * *Cheque # 038 - £466.83 – Clerk's Salary & Expenses for (April 2017 & May 2017)*
 - * *Cheque # 039 - £92.80 – HMRC (April 2017 & May 2017)*
 - * *Cheque # 040 - £250.06 – CALC Annual Subscriptions 2017-2018*

- b) The Chairman stated a working group consisting of The Clerk and Councillors Tesh & Partridge would be meeting on Wednesday 10th May to finalise the Annual Return for internal inspection and approval by Council at a meeting to be determined later this month.

204 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 19.55pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th July 2017 commencing at 7.45pm.

Chairman.....
10th July 2017