

Minutes of Woore Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8th November 2021, 7.30pm, Victory Hall, Woore



PRESENT:

Cllr M. Cowey (Chairman), Cllr K. Davies, Cllr D. Beeston, Cllr. J. Higgin, Cllr M. Blake, Cllr. C. Hamilton, Cllr. G. Daville and Cllr. R. Goodman.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs H. Jackson, Clerk to the Council.

PUBLIC:

There were 3 members of the public in attendance, including Woore Parish Tree and Path Wardens.

21095 Welcome / Present, Apologies and/or absent

Cllr Cowey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr R. Aldcroft and Cllr Carter due to personal commitments. It was unanimously **resolved** to accept all apologies.

21096 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or any other interests

No pecuniary interested were declared.

21097 Open Forum – to last no longer than 15 minutes.

A member of the public expressed concern over HS2 plans relating to Gravenhunger Lane and asked if, within the mitigations, consideration had been given to the diversion of traffic when the A51/A525 become gridlocked or are closed, referencing a recent road closure and the chaos this created with blockages and back-ups along Gravenhunger Lane as it was used as a cut-through. Will HS2 be putting effective diversions in place in instances such as this? The Chairman responded that the PC has fought for action to address this since day one of discussions and has secured road signage to implement restrictions on the weight of vehicles using all side roads in the Parish, including Gravenhunger Lane. The Chairman agreed to raise this for comment at the scheduled HS2 Sub-Group meeting to be held 25th November. The Chair commented that the PC has been approached by a resident of Gravenhunger Lane about the desire of some residents to adopt the road privately.

A resident queried when Shropshire Council will release more details regarding the provision of wheelie bins for recycling waste, commenting that the current boxes are insufficient and contribute to issues with litter. The Clerk agreed to provide an update at the December meeting.

Cllr Daville referred to a grey box that had appeared in the Parish by the Village Green, Audlem Road. The Clerk agreed to contact SC Highways and West Mercia Police to enquire as to its purpose.

Cllr Blake questioned why SC is able to retract names from HS2 meeting minutes. The Chairman responded that this was acceptable according to procedures although noted that it was not well received by the HS2 working party.

The Chairman congratulated the WI on the success of the Big Breakfast event and the Cricket Club on the recent Bonfire Night event, thanking both for their efforts to bring the community together after a difficult 18 months.

21098 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th October 2021 (Local Government Act 1972, s12p41(1)).

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve minutes from the meeting 11th October 2021.

21099 Matters arising: to cover any matters arising from Minutes 11th October, referred to in 21098.

The Chairman provided an update on the following issues;

- Quotes not yet received for streetlight electricity supply renewal, due 31st December 2021. No response also to correspondence to Shropshire Council regarding ownership and safety concerns relating to streetlight maintenance surveys outstanding. The Clerk and Chairman provided an update on the current issue regarding ownership. Councillors referred to a report circulated by Cllr Blake providing a summary of the history to date. Much discussion took place. It was unanimously **resolved** to take the following actions;
 - o To defer the proposal from Cllr Blake to terminate the contract for energy supply until the December meeting
 - o Clerk to write again to Dean Carroll, Roy Aldcroft, Lezley Picton and Jason Hughes (providing a further update on the concerns regarding SCs inability to respond, referencing 22nd July and further correspondence since. WPC agreed to defer until Dec meeting and hope for a response before that time with firm information to assist in determining ownership. Due to time taken, may be left with no alternative than to take legal action).
 - o Clerk to provide contract renewal pricing for discussion.
- Cllr Aldcroft contacted to chase Shropshire Council planning for an update on the provision of road signage at the Hedgerows/Grove development. Enquiry by resident for the PC to provide signage, response sent via Clerk to inform that this is the responsibility of the developer. Cllr Beeston provided an update that the developer has since contacted residents to inform that signage had been ordered. The Clerk requested written confirmation of this be made available to the Parish Council.
- Planning Enforcement issue for 21/00065/FUL is currently underway, with the outcome to be shared in due course.
- Soil contamination query in Pipe Gate due to HGV dumping now closed, following confirmation of no concerns from the Environmental Agency. Issue of the overgrown brook passed to John Bellis, Shropshire Council, for guidance. No update.
- No response received from Shropshire Council (Tim Rogers) to correspondence requesting a hold on the granting of all planning permission until the severe inadequacies of drainage facilities within the Parish are addressed.
- Numerous regular flooding issues within the Parish are ongoing. Possible private legal action against SC.
- Remembrance Service arrangements now include representatives from Woore Parish School to lay a wreath on behalf of the children of the Parish.
- Overgrown hedges on the public footpath running alongside the bowling green have been addressed, with thanks to the residents concerned. Hedges on the A525/Gravenhunger Moss junction also trimmed with thanks to the resident concerned.

21100 Committee and Representatives Reports: for Councillors/representatives to provide reports/updates on any relevant matters.

a) **North Shropshire Area Committee:**

Cllr Carter provided a report via the Clerk in his absence. Principle topics of discussion included West Midlands Ambulance Service and Planning. Initial thought on WMAS is that it does not appear fit for purpose. Minutes of the meeting awaited.

b) **MVAS & Community Speed Watch Scheme:**

Cllr Blake referred to the MVAS report circulated to Councillors and all relevant parties prior to the meeting. It was noted that Inspector Claire Greenaway of West Mercia Police had corresponded with the Clerk to acknowledge the data received from Cllr Blake and that it was being monitored closely. Also noting that Sergeant Tim Lever has joined the team and will be introduced in due course. Inspector Greenaway has also made herself available to meet with the HS2 Working Party to receive an update on mitigation discussions with Shropshire Council, specifically those related to speed limits.

Cllr Hamilton provided an update on developments with the CSW, noting that due to illness and awaiting training of 2no volunteers, limited sessions had taken place. This is expected to improve once all volunteers are trained and able. Volunteers are encouraged to contact the Clerk. Other locations are still being discussed with the Safer Roads Partnership to include Audlem Road and Pipe Gate.

c) **Village Hall:**

No report was provided as no meeting had taken place since 11th October.

d) **Fix My Street:**

34no calls listed with 7 closed/fixed to date. Full report available via the Parish website.

e) **Trees & Paths:**

The Clerk reported receipt of a definitive list of TPOs within the Parish, to be held for future reference.

21101 Shropshire Council Representative Report: for Cllr R. Aldcroft to provide reports/updates on any relevant matters.

A statement was provided via the Clerk in Cllr Aldcroft's absence, in reference to the resignation of Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP:

'The disappearance of our advocate in terms of the village at parliamentary level is a great shock and comes at a time which is key in terms of getting our message heard. I have no idea who will candidate for the vacancy, let's just hope they recognise the parish's situation and don't let HS2 bulldoze things through.'

21102 Planning

- a) Applications: to adopt comments to be submitted in response to the following applications and as circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting;
 - i. Reconsultation due to amendment:
Reference: 21/02985/REM Proposed Residential Development Land To The South Of Audlem Road, Woore, Shropshire (6th October 2021)
Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission 20/05302/OUT comprising 4no detached dwellings
*comments submitted via Delegated Powers in advance of meeting

The Chairman referred to reports circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously **resolved** to approve comments submitted in advance of the meeting via Delegated Powers and as detailed in Appendix 1.0.

It was noted that that post submission, notice of further re-consultation had been received by the Clerk. It was unanimously **resolved** to agree a working party to formulate a response on behalf of the Parish Council, to be submitted again via Delegated Powers.

- ii. Comments in response to updated plans:
Reference: 21/02241/FUL (24th May 2021)
Address: Proposed Development, Station Yard, Pipe Gate, Market Drayton, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of four detached dwellings with detached garages; formation of estate roads; Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the formation of access road and infrastructure (sewer)
*comments submitted via Delegated Powers in advance of meeting

The Chairman referred to reports circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously **resolved** to approve comments submitted in advance of the meeting via Delegated Powers and as detailed in Appendix 1.0.

It was noted that that post submission, notice of further alterations to the planning application had been uploaded to the planning portal. It was unanimously **resolved** to agree a working party to formulate a response on behalf of the Parish Council, to be submitted again via Delegated Powers.

- iii. Reference: 21/04880/FUL (20th October 2021)
Address: Proposed Holiday Let Barn At Onneley Hall Farm, Newcastle Road, Woore, Shropshire
Proposal: Conversion of existing barn to provide holiday let together with erection of a pool building and installation of septic tank.

Lead Councillor referred to a report circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously **resolved** to support the application with comments as detailed in Appendix 1.0.

- iv. Reference: 21/04881/FUL (20th October 2021)
Address: Onneley Hall Farm, Newcastle Road, Woore, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension with link to converted outbuilding

Lead Councillor referred to a report circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously **resolved** to support the application with comments as detailed in Appendix 1.0.

- v. Reference: 21/05118/BHE (1st November 2021) ****NO COMMENT REQUIRED**
Address: Long Meadow Farm, Pipe Gate, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 4HD
Proposal: Application for prior approval under Schedule 2 Part 1, Class AA of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the erection of one additional storey

It was noted that this is recorded only for reference purposes and that the Parish Council is not required to respond to the consultation.

The Clerk noted two further planning applications received post agenda.

- 1. Reference: 21/05051/FUL (29th October 2021)
Address: Farcross, London Road, Woore, CW3 9RQ
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension together with internal alterations and conversion of existing garage to form self-contained annex

It was unanimously **resolved** for the Clerk to respond to the application under Delegated Powers, following circulation of a report by the Lead Councillor assigned.

2. Reference: 21/04913/FUL (4th November 2021)
Address: Proposed Residential Development Land To The South Of , Audlem Road, Woore, CW3 9RJ
Proposal: Erection of 1No dwelling to include integrated garage (revised scheme)
Applicant: Simon Frankish (Proposed Residential, Development Land, To the South Of, Audlem, Road, Woore, CW3 9RJ)

It was unanimously **resolved** to appoint a working party of Councillors and for the Clerk to respond to the application under Delegated Powers.

- b) Decisions: to acknowledge all planning decisions made between 11th October and 8th November 2021.
- i. Reference: 21/04046/FUL (validated: 18/08/2021)
Address: Ivy House, 20 London Road, Woore, CW3 9SF
Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to workshop/studio with shallow pitched roof and oak gable frame
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii. Reference: 21/04086/FUL (validated: 20/08/2021)
Address: Holly Cottage, 2 Pipe Gate, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 4HU
Proposal: Extension and conversion of existing store and garage to form garden room, installation of solar panels (amended description)
Decision: Grant Permission

21103 HS2:

- a) To receive an update from the Chairman on Traffic Calming/Mitigation discussions/next steps and HS2 Consultation.
- b) To receive an update from the Chairman on actions from the meeting with Owen Paterson, Lezley Picton, Steve Charmley and Roy Aldcroft, 22nd July 2021

The Chairman addressed all the above, noting that the meeting 4th November took place in the absence of Owen Paterson following his resignation the same day. A summary of the meeting was shared by the working party, noting that all related correspondence had been made available to Councillors post meeting. Shropshire Council continue to drag their feet in relation to significant mitigations and have failed to respond to any actions outlined at the 22nd July meeting with Lezley Picton. Despite lack of engagement from Shropshire Council, with options now limited following Owen Paterson's resignation and having lost the door to Andrew Stephenson, HS2 Minister, it was noted that it is essential not to damage relationships with Shropshire Council further. As a by election is to be called for Owen Paterson's replacement, a period of purdah will entail. A deadline of 19th November was agreed with Shropshire Council for actions relating to the 4th November meeting.

The Chairman noted that the HS2 Annual Highways Sub-Group Meeting is to be held 25th November with the Parish Council HS2 working party in attendance. Questions will be submitted by the Parish Council in advance.

Discussions took place and Councillors shared frustrations that the Shropshire Council continue to fail to support the residents of Woore Parish.

The Chairman noted that the working party has engaged with Balfour Beatty as HS2 contractor, with an introductory meeting to be arranged. It was noted that HS2 do not pay for repairs to trunk roads and therefore any works on the A51/A525 will be the responsibility of Shropshire Council and the taxpayer.

One-to-one sessions to be held at the Village Hall on 18th November are now sold-out. Virtual sessions remain available and further face-to-face dates will be made available again in the New Year. Discussions to introduce a dedicated HS2 newsletter for Woore Parish are progressing.

Copies of correspondence sent to landowners within the Parish by Mott MacDonald, on behalf of HS2, have been provided to the Clerk.

21104 Queens Jubilee 2022: to discuss the potential celebrations to mark the Queens Jubilee, June 2022.

Discussion took place in reference to Jubilee celebration details as circulated by the Clerk.

Cllrs Beeston and Higgin agreed to contact all community organisations and groups within the Parish to liaise as to their plans for Jubilee celebrations, with an aim to establishing a committee to organise a Parish celebration to mark the occasion. An outline budget of circa £3k was agreed for budgetary purposes (Section 137), with Councillors noting that this would not be supported if it meant an increase in Precept.

21105 Christmas 2021:

- a) To approve the purchase and erection of a Christmas tree for the Parish, details to be confirmed.

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve a budget of £100 for the purchase of the Christmas tree. The Clerk to action.

- b) To agree involvement in St. Leonards Church Christmas Tree Display.

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve a budget of £50 for Woore Parish Council entry to the Christmas Tree Display in support of St. Leonards Church (Section 137). Cllr Higgin to action.

21106 Winter Planting: to approve the planting of 13 tubs by Westholme Nurseries, £25 per tub (inc. VAT).

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve winter planning of 13 tubs by Westholme Nurseries at £25 per tub (inc VAT). The Clerk to action.

21107 Meeting Dates 2022: to agree meeting dates for the year 2022 as circulated prior to the meeting.

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve meetings dates for 2022 as per below;

DATE	TIME	MEETING
10th January 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
14th February 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
14th March 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
11th April 2022	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting * to be held between March and June
9th May 2022	7.30pm	Annual General Meeting
13th June 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
11th July 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
8th August 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
12th September 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting

10th October 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
14th November 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting
12th December 2022	7.30pm	Parish Meeting

21108 Defibrillators: to receive a report on the status of defibrillators for which the Parish Council is responsible.

The Clerk reported that both Parish Council operated defibrillators are working correctly and in good condition as per regular maintenance checks/procedures. Pads at the Woore Country Stores location have been replaced with spares. Pads for the Chetwode Arms location are due for replacement at the end of November, spares are available. Budget must be considered for replacement pads/spares for financial year 22/23.

21109 Finance:

- i) Invoices/payments & receipts: to resolve to approve the below detailed expenditure:
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the following payments as presented.

Date	Recipient	Reason for Payment	Cheque Number	Amount (Ex. VAT)	VAT Amount	Power of Expenditure
09.10.21	Helen Jackson	Clerk Salary (Sep): Gross Pay Holiday Pay NI deduction Income Tax deduction Expenses Sundry	1817	£697.57 £0.00 £0.00 £0.00 £45.42 £28.50 (£771.49)	£5.44 <u>£776.93</u>	LGA 1972 s.112 (2) LGA 1972 s.112 (2) LGA 1972 s.112 (2) LGA 1972 s.112 (2) LG (FP)A 1963 s.5 LG (FP)A 1973 s.5 LG A 1972 s.111 LGA 1972 s.137
04.10.21	SSE	Streetlight energy supply	D/D (Paid)	£48.86	£3.03	PCA 157 ss.3(1) & 7, HA 1980 s.301
11.09.21	British Legion	Donation to Poppy Appeal *Section 137	1816 (Paid)	£100.00	£0.00	LGA 1972 s.137**

- ii) Bank reconciliation: for the Council to receive and accept the month end bank reconciliation

The Clerk provided a report as follows;

Current Account: £100.00

Reserve Account: £114,460.09

Unpresented cheques: £878.62

Balance 11th October 21: £113,701.47

*Note £20 difference applies to overpayment identified from previous month, yet to be adjusted

Split as follows;

Recreational fund: £11,351.00

CIL fund: £52,063.24

General fund: £50,287.23

21110 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

To receive a summary of Reports and Correspondence for the period from 11th October to 2nd November.

The Clerk confirmed that all correspondence for the period had been circulated, noting the below;

- Correspondence received from a member of the community in relation to an incident of HGV speeding within the Parish. Resident's concerns shared with the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency. Clerk to respond.
- Madeley Neighbourhood Plan consultation notice received. Advice sought from Chair of Woore Neighbourhood Plan. Conclusion that no response required from Woore Parish Council as all accurate and acceptable.
- Incident of parking on the road outside the new development on the A51 raised with the Clerk by a resident. Correspondence with WMP shared and issue flagged again.

The meeting closed at 9.56pm.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

13th December 2021, 7.30pm and 10th January 2022, 7.30pm.

Signed.....(Chair)

Dated 13th December 2021