

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JULY 2020 AT 8:00PM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIRTUAL REMOTE PLATFORM

In anticipation of the start of the meeting the Councillors noted the broadband initiatives being undertaken by Airband and SWS. The Chairman advised Councillors of recent discussions with management at SWS and the proposed aerial to be sited adjacent to Rushbury Village Hall.

2555. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first virtual remote platform meeting of the Council.

2556. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors G Gough and A Richards.

2557. PRESENT

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, T Flashman, Mrs S Madeley, M Pye, Mrs V Smith (joined 8:20pm), Dr C Stevenson and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley. Clerk C Maclean.

2558. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2559. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 16 MARCH 2020

Councillor T Flashman proposed and Councillor P Bodimeade seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2020 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2560. CORRESPONDENCE

Request For Potential Confirmation of Local Connection

Councillors considered the request from a parishioner and after due consideration, resolved that the Strong Local Connection criteria were met. Councillors resolved that Clerk should provide letter confirming the Council's view that the applicant met the Strong Local Connection criteria to Rushbury.

Action: Clerk to issue response to request.

2561. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Mrs C Motley advised Councillors of the following developments:

2561a. Shropshire Council Staff

A survey of staff had been undertaken to canvass views on remote working. It was identified that 90% of staff divide time between the office at Shirehall and home and that the technology was in place to support this. Shropshire Council investigating option to move staff out of Shirehall and operate in a decentralised setup with staff located in local and market towns. Key functions and offices would in future be located in a civic centre in Shrewsbury town centre.

2561b. Boundary Review

Shropshire Council Leader has expressed desire for boundary review to be undertaken following the election in May 2021. Parish Councils should be prepared to consider

voluntary proposals to offset risk of central resources redesigning boundaries without taking local factors into account.

2561c. **Shropshire Pension Fund Investments**

The pension fund has disinvested itself of fossil fuel investments.

2561d. **Highways Repairs**

It was noted that the leaving of grit on recently resurfaced roads was being done to extend the life of repaired roads.

The Chairman expressed concerns over the raised ridge left in the centre of resurfaced roads due to the white line not being removed and this would be shared with Shropshire Council.

Councillors noted that reports to Shropshire Council of road repairs need to be lodged on the MyShropshire portal and not to email individual managers within the Highways team.

Concern was noted over the condition of the lane from the B4371 to East Wall.

2561e. **Draft Local Plan**

The draft local plan had been discussed at Cabinet and released for public consultation. Now available on-line. Councillors were advised to review the Church Stretton Place Plan to check on any local impact.

2562. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2562a. **Housing Needs Survey**

No further points raised. It was noted that questions used in the survey were not considered particularly helpful to understand local needs.

2562b. **Plan Update**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised Councillors that because of the pandemic no meetings could be held. Councillors considered deferral of the plan update until after the election in May 2021. Councillors also recognised that the Government is proposing changes to planning policy which could influence local opinion.

Councillors agreed that in the current situation little further progress can be made.

Councillor Mrs C Motley advised that there is no deadline in relation to this being completed.

Councillor Mrs C Motley gave her apologies and left the meeting at 8:30pm.

2363. **FINANCE**

2563a. **Current Finances**

Councillors noted the list of payments made to suppliers since the last meeting. Councillors approved the payments due in August to:

Sodexo (TBC)	£135.26
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (115002)	£3.60

Resolved: Councillor T Flashman proposed and Councillor P Bodimeade seconded that the payments be made.

2563b. **Bank Reconciliation**

Councillors noted the bank reconciliation as at 30 June 2020.

2563c. **Presentation of the 2019/2020 Accounts**

The Clerk presented the audited accounts.

Balance Brought Forward at 1 April 2019	£3,279.17
Total Receipts	£6,819.86
Total Expenditure	£9,025.42

Balance Carried Forward at 31 March 2020 £1,073.61

Councillor P Bodimeade proposed and Councillor M Pye seconded and resolved (unanimously) that the accounts be accepted.

2563d. **Statement from the Auditor**

The auditor's report was presented to the meeting.

Councillor P Bodimeade proposed and Councillor M Pye seconded and resolved unanimously that Mr G Hurst be invited to audit the 2020/2021 accounts.

2363e. **Annual Governance Statement**

Councillors considered the statements in the governance report and agreed that they were correct.

Councillor T Flashman proposed and Councillor Mrs V Smith seconded and resolved unanimously that the Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman.

2363f. **Accounting Statements**

The Accounting Statements presented to the meeting were agreed as correct.

Councillor M Pye proposed and Councillor Mrs V Smith seconded and resolved unanimously that the Accounting Statements be signed by the Chairman.

2363g. **Certificate of Exemption**

The Certificate of Exemption was presented to the meeting and it was agreed that the Certificate be signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Dr C Stevenson proposed and Councillor M Pye seconded and resolved unanimously that the Certificate of Exemption be signed by the Chairman.

2564. **PLANNING**

2564a. **Applications Awaiting Parish Council Decision:**

20/02214/FUL: Boystone Farm, Darby Lane, Wall Under Heywood, Shropshire, SY6 7DT
Proposal: Erection of a new livestock building (to provide a purpose-built isolation unit for TB & restricted stock)

Decision: No objections raised

20/02401/TCA: Rushbury Bank, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB
Proposal: Fell 1no Lawson Cypress within Rushbury Conservation Area

Decision: No objections raised

2564b. **Appeals Against Shropshire Council Decision: Consider Parish Council Input:**

20/01360/VAR: Longville Arms, Longville in the Dale, Much Wenlock, Shropshire
Description: Removal of Condition No 2 attached to planning permission SS/1/05/17285/F dated 12 September 2005

Decision: No change to or additional comments required on behalf of Parish Council

18/04504/CPE: Old Coach House, Longville Arms, Longville in the Dale, Shropshire

Description: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for continued residential use

Decision: No change to or additional comments required on behalf of Parish Council

2564c. **Applications Approved By Parish Council Since Last Meeting:**

20/01733/FUL: Land at Gutter Farm, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7JA

Description: Erection of a building to house stables, tack room and store; formation of 20 x 40 riding manege with boundary fencing

Decision: No Objections raised

2564d. Applications Withdrawn:

20/01840/TCA: Rushbury Bank, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB

Proposal: Remove around 8m on the (unsafe) main leader and 4m on the secondary branch & remove about 4m from the other branches in order to re-balance 1no Oak within Rushbury Conservation Area

Decision: Withdrawn

2564e. Applications Decided by Shropshire Council:

20/01225/FUL: Kernow, Longville in the Dale, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7DZ

Proposal: Erection of building for stables, fodder and machinery storage

Decision: Grant Permission

2565. PARISH MATTERS

None raised.

2566. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Items to be advised to Clerk in advance of next meeting.

2567. DATES OF 2020 MEETINGS

21 September; 19 October; 16 November

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.