

CLEE ST. MARGARET PARISH COUNCIL

ACTIVITY BETWEEN the NOVEMBER 2020 Meeting and the JANUARY 18th 2021 (non) Meeting Date

1. Because of the **CORONAVIRUS** crisis the January 2021 meeting was cancelled.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

i) SALC has continued to send details from the government as the Covid 19 crisis developed.

ii) The Open Spaces Society magazine has been received.

iii) The full register of electors for 2021 has been received.

3. FINANCE

i) Current financial position.

Current account £ 1,024

Savings account £17,452

ii) Although we are not yet at the end of the financial year there are not many more bills to be paid. The income from NATS is due towards the end of March and, this being the fifth year at this current level, a review needs to be proposed early in the next financial year to cover the next five years.

iii) Hargreaves Lansdown investments have recovered from a low of £99,000 at the peak of the troubles to £125,500 at the present time. Given the current virus situation the stock market has held up better than expected. Income from Hargreaves Lansdown still looks like meeting the projection of £4,500 for the year and is currently at £4,200. As most of the expenditure and income for the rest of the year is predictable, we have attached a copy of the current year's budget with actual income and expenditure included. There is also a draft of a proposed budget for 2021 -22 which is included at this stage for comment.

4. VILLAGE

i) Shropshire Council workers have filled the worst of the potholes on Ludlow Road and Scirmidge Lane and have been seen working in the area near Wainbridge House but there are still many more to be filled both outside Rose Cottage and along Scirmidge Lane. The road from the Abdon crossroads towards Cockshutford has many potholes to be filled and in places, especially near Quarry Cottage, the road is breaking away at the edges. The clerk will be contacting the council to ask that these repairs be done as soon as possible.

ii) The notice boards at Field Lane Junction and The Crossroads have been reinstalled with new posts. This means that all notice boards except the one in the centre of the village have now been refurbished.

iii) A tree that was collapsing onto the telephone box has been cut down and removed.

5. THE COMMON

i) Overhanging trees in the Cockshutford area have been cut and cleared by Doug Heighway, Martin Heighway and Ian Heighway. This work was done without official permission and, although the bill has been paid this time, it has been made clear that this type of unauthorised activity should not happen again.

ii) Tree planting is underway but is clearly subject to winter weather problems at the moment.

6. PLANNING

i) A planning application had been received from Ms. Allen for permission to convert a building at Upper Brook Farm into an office. The Council had supported this application but the County Planners have refused permission.

ii) An observation from a parishioner that an additional small building was being built on the end of the affordable bungalow known as Wren Cottage resulted in a response from the owner that the addition was lawful and the floor area of 100 sq. had not been exceeded.

iii) The motocross application at Blackford which was the subject of an appeal by the developers, has been refused by the planning inspectorate. The parish council had supported Stoke St. Milborough Council in its objections to the application.

The next council meeting is due to be held on 1st March 2021 but, owing to the continuing pandemic and the fact that many councillors are self-isolating, there will be no more council meetings until such time as it is safe to do so.

Joan Palmer
Clerk
19th January 2021

