

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30pm ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE GUILDHALL COUND

Present: Parish Councillors S Scott, T Roberts, L Clutterbuck, R Davies, J Hall, S. James, R Sartain, M Smith, Shropshire County Councillor C Wild

Clerk: Kathy Symonds

41.19 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor S Green. The reason given was accepted by the Council.

42.19 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

43.19 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

No members of the public present.

Cllr Hall raised a concern regarding repeated vandalism to the catch mechanism on the gate at the entrance to the bridle path across from Fullway in Cound Moor. Repairs have been carried out.

44.19 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 July 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor James and

Resolved (without opposition)

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 July 2019 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

45.19 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18 July 2019

a) Smartwater - Min ref 29.19

See item 50.19

46.19 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Wild reported on the situation regarding Cound Arbour bridge (see 49.19) and regarding the progress of the rollout of Smartwater in other local parishes which can inform Cound's Smartwater planning (see 50.19).

The planning application at Highfields (Ref 18/02931/FUL) has recently been amended and re-submitted. Councillor Wild said that local residents had expressed their appreciation for the time and effort taken by the applicant to overcome local concerns.

47.19 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts presented the audit check for the period up to 19th September 2019. There were no issues to report.

48.19 To approve the purchase of a new Poppy Wreath for the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

The same wreath has been used for the last three years and a donation made directly to the British Legion poppy appeal each year. The 'old' wreath now looks rather tired and Councillor Roberts suggested that a new one be purchased for 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor James and

Resolved (without opposition)

That a new poppy wreath should be purchased for the 2019 British Legion Poppy Appeal at a cost of around £50.

49.19 Update on Cound Arbour bridge

Unfortunately the bridge was damaged again just a few days after Shropshire Council Highways department had finished the painting of it.

Councillor Wild confirmed that there is no plan to install traffic lights this time, that the repairs will be done as soon as possible and that she has asked for the work to be completed before the Winter sets in.

Councillor Roberts had circulated to Councillors a letter dated January 1990 from Shropshire County Council to the then Clerk of Cound Parish Council in response to concerns raised by the PC at that time about the bridge. Nearly 30 years later the same concerns are apposite; the bridge has been subject to numerous 'incidents' in the meantime at a great deal of expense.

Regarding the longer-term plan to modify the approach to the bridge to enhance visibility and make it safer Councillor Wild said that new ground and environmental tests need to be carried out before WSP (Shropshire Council Highways' design team) can propose a scheme with budgeted costings to go into a future year's capital budget.

Councillor Davies pointed out that road users' visibility has deteriorated from the Cound Arbour side due to the overgrown hedge to the left on the approach to the bridge.

ACTION: Clerk to speak to the hedge owner and request that it is trimmed back.
Post-meeting note. Actioned. Resident will attend to it in the next two weeks.

50.19 Update and planning regarding rollout of Smartwater

The Clerk had received confirmation of the grant of 25% of the cost of the purchase of the Smartwater kits from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's 'We Don't Buy Crime' team. There are 196 households in the Parish. 90% coverage was applied for - a total order of 176 kits.

It was proposed by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Roberts and

Resolved (without opposition) that the Clerk be authorised to sign and return the grant acceptance form committing the Council to purchasing 132 Smartwater kits at a total cost to the PC of £1,177.47 (excl VAT which is reclaimable from HMRC). The Clerk is authorised to pay for the kits directly from the on-line facility at Lloyds bank as soon as the invoice is received.

The remaining 44 kits (25%) and free signage will be supplied by the PCC.

Some discussion took place regarding the launch and rollout. It was agreed that Councillors Roberts and James and the Clerk would liaise regarding the detail of the rollout once the kits were received taking into account the following:

- Introduction of the scheme to residents in a flyer in the October Village Life
- Initial rollout/residents' signup incorporated into the 'Kitchen Launch' breakfast mooted for the new Guildhall kitchen (date to be determined)
- Kits issued to each household to immediately be registered using the 'Smartwater app'. A 70% 'saturation rate' (137 households) is required for the PCC to commence signage installation.
- Each Councillor to take responsibility for door-to-door 'signing up' of a proportion of the remaining households
- Central record to be kept of which households have been approached/accepted/signed up/rejected the offer to ensure all residents are invited to join up and to prevent duplicated effort. GDPR to be strictly adhered to.

51.19 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported some of the activities she had been involved in since the last meeting and on-going work:

Since last meeting:

- Minutes and admin from last meeting
- Regular correspondence, bank, bank recs, payments, etc.
- Liaised with Gurnek Singh re new damage to Cound Arbour bridge
- Liaised with Sgt Ram Ashton to process Smartwater application
- Two weeks annual leave

To do:

- Roll out of SmartWater
- First six months financial review for November meeting

- 52.19 Current Year Financial matters**
a) To approve outstanding accounts for payment

Authorised Payments for Aug/Sept 19 from Treasurers' Account

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
19/09/2019	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's net pay Aug/Sept 18	359.00
19/09/2019	HMRC	PAYE re Aug/Sept Clerk's salary	89.80
19/09/2019	Mrs KJ Symonds	Clerk's expenses Aug/Sept 19	20.51
19/09/2019	Hutchinson Groundcare	July/Aug Highways Contract	359.60
Total			828.91

It was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Hall and

Resolved (without opposition)

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 14 September 19

The bank was reconciled at £8,131.37, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. Of this, 'ring-fenced' cash was £235.93 relating to the Transparency Code funding. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

53.19 Planning

1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref: 19/01231/FUL

Address: 38 Venus Bank, Cound, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY56AL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey front and side extension

Status: Permission granted 28 August 2019

2. Planning applications for consideration:

a) Ref: 19/03893/FUL

Address: Dingle View, Cound Moor, Shrewsbury SY5 6AY

Proposal: Construction of an outdoor riding arena.

Status: Pending consideration

Validated: 2 September 2019

No objections nor comments were recorded on any of the above planning applications.

54.19 Correspondence

- Phone message from local resident, Cound Brook blocked at Cound Stank (now rectified)
- Letter from local resident regarding the latest bridge damage (forwarded to Councillors with agenda)

- Consultation on Post-19 travel assistance policy (forwarded to Councillors on 13/09/19)
- Email from Clerk of Cressage Parish Council advising that the issue of the overgrown hedge in Shore Lane would be attended to.

55.19 Future Agenda Items

- Smartwater rollout update
- Purchase of defibrillator pads - Cllr Roberts
- Speeding traffic issues update - Cllr James

56.19 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 November 2019 at 7.30pm at Coundmoor Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed by Chairman: _____

Date: _____