

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2019 AT 8:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

2477. APOLOGIES

Councillor G Gough, Councillor Mrs V Smith and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

2478. PRESENT

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, T Flashman, Mrs S Madeley, M Pye, A Richards, and Dr C Stevenson. Clerk C Maclean.

2479. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2480. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

Councillor T Flashman proposed and Councillor P Bodimeade seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2019 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2481. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2481a. Longville Arms: No further information received from Shropshire Council.

2481b. Traffic and Road Matters: Councillors noted the planned road repairs in Topley Lane. Discussions had been held with Shropshire Council on the priority of this repair considering the current road surface conditions in other parts of the parish including Roman Bank and Lushcott Lane. It was considered that this repair would proceed despite the concerns stated. Chairman advised that it was believed that all actions had been taken to enable police enforcement of the speed limits in Wall Under Heywood and Longville. Feedback awaited on whether this is indeed the case.

Councillors noted concerns over the speed of tractors proceeding through the parish with drivers appearing to be using their phones whilst in transit. It was resolved that enquiries be made with the police on whether education sessions could be held with Young Farmers clubs in the area to help promote the safety message.

The topic of community speed monitoring was considered but the issues that this could present were also reviewed.

2481c. Smartwater Initiative: Clerk advised Councillors that the current initiative is scheduled to run until end March 2020 on basis of the required percentage of properties having signed up. Current estimates suggested an implementation cost of £2,915.64 with the parish council's share amounting to £2,186.73. Insufficient funds to cover these costs within current financial year.

It was resolved that contact be made with the police to enquire on alternative approaches such as purchasing in smaller numbers as and when demand is seen. Consideration also required on the renewal costs of subscription as these do not appear to have been mentioned in presentations to date.

Action 1: Clerk to contact police to discuss options, costs and renewal subscriptions.

2481d. Longville Defibrillator: Clerk advised Councillors that the defibrillator had completely failed but had been replaced with a new unit from the manufacturers without cost.

2481e. Councillor Responsibilities: It was agreed that this schedule be deferred until further analysis had been undertaken on Local Council Awards Scheme.

2482. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Items Requiring A Decision

2482a. None received

Other Correspondence

2482b. **Removal of Previously Exempt Water Abstraction Activities - Wetlands:** Councillors noted the letter from the Environment Agency on the changes but did not consider that it impacted anybody in the parish.

2482c. **VE 75th Anniversary 2020:** Councillors noted the general communication from the Armed Forces charity promoting the events planned for May 2020. It was agreed to consider parish participation closer to the events. Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised that the 2020 Vintage Tea Day would celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day.

It was agreed that details be placed in the council website and the parish magazine.

Action 2: Clerk to place details on council website and parish magazine.

2483. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs C Motley no report was provided.

2484. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2484a. **Housing Needs Survey**

Clerk advised councillors that 47 responses have been received as at Friday, 18 October.

Shropshire Council had advised that they sent out 204 questionnaires which appear a considerable number less than the number of properties in the parish. Two councillors advised that they had not received questionnaires and Clerk agreed to check with Shropshire Council on the discrepancy.

A view was expressed that the envelope looked like junk mail and risked being binned without checking contents.

Action 3: Clerk to check with Shropshire Council on reasons for difference in numbers.

2484b. **Plan Update**

Following discussions, the Councillors viewed the most appropriate time to progress the Plan Update would be after the results of the Survey had been received and reviewed. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2020 be used as a platform to promote the Plan with compilation and execution undertaken through the summer period. Consideration required on securing community engagement and clarifying the requirements of the Update.

2485. **PLANNING**

Planning Application has been received for:

2485a. 19/04167/FUL: Proposed Exception Plot Dwelling to the North of Wall Bank, Wall Under Heywood, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of single plot exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and carport/garden store; installation of septic tank

Decision: Councillors have no objection to this application but view to be expressed to Shropshire Council that the granting of approval should be on the basis that the Exception remains affordable in perpetuity.

2485b. 19/04259/TCA: The Yews, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB

Proposed Tree Works: Crown reduction by 4 metres of 1no. Willow and fell 1no. Sallow within Rushbury Conservation Area

Decision: Councillors have no objection to this application

2485c. 19/04260/TCA: Greenstone Cottage, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EB
Proposed Tree Works: Fell 1no. Maple within Rushbury Conservation Area

Decision: Councillors have no objection to this application

Planning Permission has been granted to:

2485d. 19/03692/FUL: West Park House, Stanway Manor, Rushbury, Shropshire, SY6 7EF
Proposal: Application under section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of a wood pellet silo for biomass boiler

2486. FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM

Councillor T Flashman advised councillors of the risks associated with repairing the bridge without appropriate supervision from Shropshire Council and insurance cover. As that has not been forthcoming from the discussions to date there is little opportunity to progress with this repair.

2487. FINANCIAL REPORT

2487a. Banking

Community Account at 02.10.19	£1,325.39
Deposit Account on 01.10.19	£4,140.52

2487b. To pay October

Sodexo (9900498478)	£130.06
Rushbury Village Hall (July 3038)	£13.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (13782)	£3.60
SALC (389)	£70.00

Resolved: Councillor P Bodimeade proposed and Councillor M Pye seconded that the payments be made.

2487c. Clerk advised the councillors that expenditure is on track to budget. The paperwork has been submitted to the Vice-Chairman for review.

2488. COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Clerk advised that work continues to address the outstanding documentation to be presented at a future meeting.

2489. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

2489a. Village Hall Update

No update.

2489b. Millennium Green and Playground Update

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised that work was ongoing to replace the swings and application of lottery grant for rest of equipment.

The AGM of the Millennium Green Trust took place with Harry Walters continuing as Chairman. Mrs Jen Bartyl has assumed the role of Secretary.

2490. PARISH MATTERS

The councillors were advised that recent hedge cutting at Colony Brook on the B4371 has resulted in the bridge stonework being exposed. This has resulted in a couple of vehicles clipping the edges and causing damage to the vehicles concerned.

Action 4: Clerk to contact Shropshire Council Highways to seek assistance in flagging the bridge edges.

Councillors were advised of recent suspicious activity within the parish. The police have advised that all such incidents should be reported.

The Chairman advised councillors of recent discussions with owner of land adjacent to Rushbury road. An offer has been made to assign a section of the edge of the field adjacent to the lane to the council to enable pedestrians to step aside when traffic passes. The offer was well received by the councillors recognising that sections of the lane are narrow.

Enquiries to be made of costs to enable the transfer to be made and the work required to complete these step asides.

Clerk advised of the 2020 meeting dates which would be confirmed by email. The meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 27 April to enable attendance from Rushbury School.

Action 5: Clerk to email Councillors with 2020 meeting dates.

2491. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

2020/2021 Precept and Budget

Insurance Cover for Millennium Green and Playground

Rushbury Road/Footpath Area

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.

2019 Further Meeting Dates - 18 November

2020 Meeting Dates to be Published