

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Shrawley Parish Council held in Shrawley Village Hall on **Monday 12th November 2018 commencing at 7.15pm.**

Present: Councillors Mr C Honan - Chairman
Mr R Tesh – Vice Chairman
Ms R Mosedale
Mr P Benkwitz
Mrs N Thomas

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, County Councillor Grove, Mr B Wormington Lengthsman & 4 members of the public.

304 Apologies for absence:

From Councillor A Dorrell & District Councillor P Cumming.

305 Confirmation of the Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th September 2018 as circulated earlier were approved and signed by the Chairman.

306 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

a) There were none. b) There were none.

307 Planning Matters:

Councillor Tesh updated Council on outstanding applications awaiting MHDC determination.

308 County & District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Grove reported on recent activities at County Hall. He offered to progress the village gates installation and would contribute to the costs should a temporary road closure be required. He also offered to assist with the cost of purchasing green grit bins for the Parish.

309 Visibility Mirror - Opposite New Inn Lane

It was agreed the Parish Council would seek clarification from County Councillor Grove relating to the policy for visibility mirrors being located around Worcestershire. Should the County not support the installation the Parish Council agreed to consider a small grant towards the purchase of a mirror.

310 Additional VAS Sign

The Council position was to install the gateways at either end of the village and improve the red repeater markings on the carriageway together with freshening up the lineage. Should these measures not work the Council will consider a second VAS being purchased.

311 Village Litter Picking

Parish Councillors had joined a Village Litter Picking on Saturday 3rd November 2018 when 14 people had attended including representatives from Malvern Hills District Council. Some eight or nine bags of rubbish were collected and it was considered a great community event.

312 Parish Grit Bins

The Council resolved to purchase 4 Grit Bins to be installed at New Inn Lane, near the grass triangle on Rectory Lane, Glazen Bridge and the corner of Church Lane. The bins cost £227.00 each supplied and installed.

313 Royal Mail Post Box

Following the theft of the Village Post Box it was noted Shane Rees from Royal Mail had confirmed a replacement box would be installed as soon as possible. The Clerk would progress chase.

314 Wyre Forest District Council – Consultation on revised Local Plan

It was agreed Councillor Honan & Tesh would draft a Parish Council response to the latest consultation document.

315 Parish Council Vacancy

It was noted there remained a casual vacancy to the office of Councillor.

316 Worcestershire County Council – Library Review

Most residents seem to use the Stourport Library together with the Mobile Service used by a limited number of residents, due in part to its limited promotion. The consultation document would be re-sent to all councillors for a coordinated response.

317 Finances

a. Three invoices were approved on the night:

- ✓ £510.41 - Clerk's Oct / Nov remuneration - £488.58 (salary), £119.63 expenses - # 94
- ✓ £97.800 - HMRC Oct / Nov - # 95
- ✓ £150.00 - Mr Colin Link Lengthsman - # 96

b. Grants to Local Groups were discussed noting the budget for 2018- 19 was £600.

It was agreed to award:

- ✓ Friends of St Marys £250 towards up keep of the Church and grounds - # 97,
- ✓ Friends of St Marys £100 towards the Parish Magazine- # 98
- ✓ Great Witley School £100.00- # 99

The small grants application form would be re-circulated to all Councillors by the Clerk so additional grants can be considered at a future date.

c. Income & Expenditure sheets to date were noted together with a Bank Balance of £17.536.27 after the payments approved during the meeting.

318 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.45pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th January 2019 commencing at 7.15pm.

Chairman.....
14th January 2019

Matters raised under Public Participation included:

- * Mr John Lee Could the PC consider a 17ft Christmas Tree this year rather than 14ft.