

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15 JULY 2019 AT 8:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

5 parishioners attended. One parishioner in attendance to discuss item 2446c; one parishioner to discuss item 2447a and two parishioners to discuss item 2450a. All parishioners departed prior to the start of formal proceedings.

2441. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors T Flashman, M Pye and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

2442. ABSENT

Councillor G Gough

2443. PRESENT

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

2444. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2445. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 17 JUNE 2019

Councillor Mrs S Madeley proposed and Councillor A Richards seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2019 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2446. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2446a. **Longville Arms:** Still no update or response received from Shropshire Council.

2446b. **Traffic Through Wall-under-Heywood:** Whilst the speed limits have been adopted by the Council adoption by the Police is awaited. Chairman advised of concerns raised by parishioners over the speed of vehicles through the village, not helped by the noise from vehicles travelling over loose manhole covers.

2446c. **Rural Crime Prevention Evenings:** The discussion with the parishioner who had attended both meetings and advocated support for the council to adopt the Smartwater initiative was noted. It was resolved that investigations be undertaken to understand the implementation effort and costs. Concern raised over the potential costs to be covered by the Parish Council and whether there may be adequate funds in the contingency budget to allow early implementation. Contact to be made with the West Mercia Police Sergeant responsible for the area with a possibility of attending a future parish council meeting to go into more detail. **Action 1: Clerk to establish contact with West Mercia Police and analyse the implementation costs.**

2446d. **Broadband Concerns:** Following enquiries with SWS on the level of coverage, a request had been received back seeking details of the premises which lacked the coverage to enable SWS to investigate. It was agreed that some publicity inviting the concerns to be raised with SWS be inserted into the parish council website and the parish magazine. Chairman also advised that details of an alternative provider, Airband Community Internet Ltd, had been given and this would be shared to the councillors.

- 2446e. **Councillor Responsibilities:** Clerk advised councillors that further consideration required on the way forward with this document with intention of providing some detail at next meeting.
- 2446f. **Longville Defibrillator:** Clerk advised that a loan unit had been provided and arrangements in hand to return the faulty unit to the manufacturer. West Midlands Ambulance Service would be advised that the location is available.

2447. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Items Requiring A Decision

- 2447a. **Request For Potential Confirmation of Local Connection:** Councillors reviewed the request.

After due consideration, Councillors resolved that the Strong Local Connection criteria were met. Councillor P Bodimeade proposed and Councillor Mrs S Madeley seconded that the Clerk respond to the request and confirm the Council's view that the applicant met the Strong Local Connection criteria to Rushbury.

Action 2: Clerk to issue response to request.

- 2447b. **Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Consultation:** Clerk advised that notices of the consultation had been placed within the Village Hall lobby and on the car park notice board. The request by Shropshire Council that the Council consider the review was met and it was resolved that the village hall satisfied the criteria for being a suitable venue. The Submission Form was considered and Clerk to complete and return to Shropshire Council.

Action 3: Clerk to complete and send Submission Form to Shropshire Council. (See Appendix 1 attached to Minutes.)

Other Correspondence

- 2447c. **West Midlands Ambulance Service – New Defibrillator Database:** Clerk advised of new database being rolled out and details of the two parish defibrillators were being uploaded.

2448. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

In the absence of Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley, the Chairman read from notes provided for the meeting.

Absence due to attendance at the Arts Council of the Rural Stakeholders Group identifying how to work more effectively with rural arts providers. This is in connection with Shropshire Council's initiative to put together a Cultural Strategy.

Noted Rushbury's initiative to progress with the Housing Needs Survey and potential for an Apedale wide survey which appetite is not being met by Councillors at Eaton-under-Heywood/Hope Bowdler.

Chairing of a Youth Activities Group looking at how and where to source funding for youth activities.

Working with Gwilym Butler, cabinet member for communities and place plans, on putting together a rural strategy for the county.

Joined group to review the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Joined up with councillors from Craven Arms/Church Stretton/Acton Burnell re meeting to be held with local highways team to discuss who is doing what and with whom we should be communicating.

2449. **POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY 2019**

Councillors reviewed the questionnaire and Clerk to submit the agreed responses.

Action 4: Clerk to send responses. (See Appendix 2 attached to Minutes)

2450. **PLANNING**

Details of following Planning Application have been received:

2450a. 19/022021/FUL: Gutter Farm, Wall Under Heywood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7JA
Proposal: Erection of a building to house stables, tack room and store

Decision: Councillors expressed concern over the level of communication of this application. Previous Shropshire Council (SC) error in thinking that the property subject to the application was in the Cardington parish and when realised that it was in Rushbury the notification letter was sent to the Clerk, but no actions taken by SC to lodge the application in the tracker maintained within the parish council website. It was further noted that any search against Rushbury did not reveal this application. View therefore taken that SC had not given Rushbury parishioners adequate notice.

Recognising that any subsequent remedial actions, if taken, may not allow discussion amongst the councillors, the application was considered resulting in consensus view that the parish council object to the application over concerns about height and size of the structure within the targeted land. Further concerns that the planned location may be nearer to Coley Brook than stated in the application form.

Action 5: Clerk to contact SC Planning Case Officer to discuss and register concerns.

Planning Permission has been granted to:

2450b. 19/02034/FUL: Upper Stanway, Rushbury, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7EF
Proposal: Change of Use of first floor storage space into holiday accommodation

2451. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2451a. **Church Stretton Place Plan Projects List**

The amended list of projects was reviewed and considered adequate to meet current list of requirements.

2451b. **Housing Needs Survey**

Clerk advised councillors that following further meeting with Shropshire Council, it has been agreed to proceed with the survey in October.

2451c. **Plan Update**

Clerk advised of meeting held with Renee Wallace of Shropshire Rural Community Council. Renee and team can provide advice on next steps without charge and it was agreed that Renee should be invited to a future meeting of the parish council to share her experiences and provide guidance on next steps.

Action 6: Clerk to invite Renee Wallace to future parish council meeting.

2452. **FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM**

No update at current time.

2453. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2453a. **Banking**

Community Account at 02.07.19	£802.37
Deposit Account on 01.05.19	£7,636.86

2453b. Transfer of £3,500 to be made from Deposit Account to Community to meet future invoices.

2453c. **To pay July**

Sodexo (9900480609)	£130.06
Rushbury Village Hall (June 2019)	£13.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd	£3.60
St Peter Church, Rushbury (Cemetery)	£300.00
Rushbury Millennium Trust (Playground)	£250.00
Clerk Salary (October 18 – March 19)	£1,379.04
Clerk Salary (April 19 – Sept 19)	£1,500.00

Resolved: Councillor P Bodimeade proposed and Councillor Mrs S Madeley seconded that the transfer between accounts be effected and payments made.

2453d. **To pay August**

Sodexo	£130.06
Rushbury Village Hall (July 2019)	£13.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd	£3.60

Resolved: Councillor A Richards proposed and Councillor Mrs V Smith seconded that these payments be made as they become due.

2453e. **Quarterly Review**

Clerk noted the actual expenditure in first quarter compared to budget. Positive variance due to some invoices not being paid until second quarter. Clerk thanked Vice-Chairman for his work in reviewing these and signing off the checklist.

2454. **COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Clerk advised that no new documentation could be presented at this meeting but that work will continue to address outstanding requirement over next two months.

2455. **VILLAGE HALL UPDATE**

2455a. **Treasurer's Report Year Ended 31 March 2019**

Councillors noted the Treasurer's report that had been presented at the Village Hall AGM.

2455b. **Village Hall Committee**

Councillor Mrs V Smith has now been formally appointed to the Village Hall Committee and representing the Parish Council. It was also noted that Mr C Maclean had been co-opted to the Committee and that this was in a personal capacity only.

2456. **MILLENNIUM GREEN AND PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised councillors that two new members had been appointed to the Millennium Green Trust Committee. Outlook for the trust looking better.

Clerk will check with other town/parish clerks to understand their scale of checks and risk assessments on playgrounds and also contact BHIB in relation to alternative insurance requirements.

2457. **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS**

Clerk advised that following discussion with Chairman and Editor of parish magazine, the Parish Council would look to increase its contribution and attempt to heighten more awareness.

2458. **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson noted that other local authorities appear to be able to include drinks cartons within their kerbside recycling collections. Matter would again be raised with Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley to discuss with colleagues.

2459. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

None Advised

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

2019 Further Meeting Dates

16 September, 21 October, 18 November