



Minutes of Council Meeting of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council held at Little Ness Village Hall on Thursday 7th October 2021 at 7.30pm

Present Cllr. Brooks (Chairman), Arthur, Dickinson, Diggory, Gilbert, Mullis, Nunn, Peters, Turner

Absent: 0

In attendance: 1 member of the public, Cllr. Ed Potter

Clerk Mrs R. Turner

69/2122 **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
All present.

70/2122 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*

- Cllr. Arthur declared a pecuniary interest in item 80/2122 ref the quote he had submitted to clear the portacabin area.

b) *Dispensation requests*
None.

c) *Declaration of gifts or hospitality*
None declared.

71/2122 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**
The applicant spoke re 75/2122 (2) and presented revised plans, in response to feedback from parish council. The revised application falls within permitted development rights and the extension is in line with the house. The bin access isn't blocked as bins are accessed through the other side gate. Cllr. Dickinson asked applicant about the fence and the applicant said the fence is not to be altered and the distance of the extension from the fence is circa 2.5 metres. Cllr. Dickinson asked about the views of the house on other side and the applicant informed the meeting that he had spoken to them and they had no concerns.

72/2122 **MINUTES**

(i) *Minutes of the Council Meeting dated 7th September 2021* - it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes as being a correct record and authorise the chairman to sign them.

(ii) *Minutes of the CIL working group dated 16th September 2021* – noted. It was agreed to task the CIL group to look into a small community building.

73/2122 **REPORTS**

a) *Police Report* – concern was expressed re data not being locally relevant in the quarterly report and it was agreed to make a complaint.

b) *Shropshire Council* – Cllr. Potter reported on the following:

- *Pedestrianisation of Shrewsbury* – keen to get views of rural residents. New pedestrianisation trial of Wyle Cop. Climate team want 10% of highways budget put into active travel. Parish Council noted that Park and Ride usage down since pandemic and it needs to be more regular ideally but people who used it are not as comfortable since the pandemic. Concern was expressed re negative economic impact from decreased traffic being allowed into town and it was felt that there is need to balance pedestrianisation with loss of parking/economic issues. Cllr. Potter said he is keen to focus the Big Town Plan

outwards, to villages served by Shrewsbury and ensure it is not just a plan by Shrewsbury residents for Shrewsbury.

- *SC Finances* – still under pressure - budgetary pressure on council circa £50 million in next 3 years. Hoping Shropshire may feature in Levelling Up plans. Capital projects may have to be paused to reduce revenue pressure re borrowing. Looking to cut people budget
 - *Locally* – relatively quiet.
 - *Policing* – Cllr. Potter to speak to police re communication to the community when a major incident takes place e.g. the recent incident on Nesscliffe Hill. Speak to police re communication when an incident in the area.
- c) *Youth Club* – club gradually growing, now 14 on the books now. Nine years upwards and 2 from Baschurch.
- d) *Great Mess to Little Mess* – Cllr. Diggory reported there is circa £30 in bank. A pick is planned for end of October. No fly tips have been reported.
- e) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)* – none.

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PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION

- 1) 14/03797/OUT - Development Land West Of Oakfield, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 6 No dwellings (to include access)
Awaiting Decision
- 2) 14/05257/FUL - Proposed Dwelling Adj. Hopton Farm, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of a Single Plot Exception (SPE) affordable dwelling and formation of access
Awaiting Decision
- 3) 17/05151/EIA - Proposed Poultry Units NW Of North Farm, Felton Butler
Proposal: Erection of four poultry rearing buildings, eight feed bins, biomass store and amenity building including landscaping and tree planting.
Pending Consideration
- 4) 20/03976/EIA - Land Adjacent To The A5, Kinton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of four poultry rearing buildings, nine feed bins, landscaping scheme and all associated work
Pending Consideration
- 5) 20/05427/FUL - Oakfield, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling and detached double garage; modifications to existing vehicle access off public highway
Pending Consideration
- 6) 21/00841/FUL - Barns At Wolfshead Farm, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, SY4 1A
Proposal: Conversion of a range of traditional agricultural buildings into 5no. dwellings with carports/storage
Pending Consideration
- 7) 21/00860/VAR106 - Proposed Dwelling North Of Top Farm, Kinton, Shrewsbury, Proposal: Variation of S106 agreement (13/05065/OUT) to vary the affordable housing contribution
Awaiting Decision
- 8) 21/02844/OUT - Proposed Residential Development Land West Of White House, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 4No detached dwellings (all matters reserved)
Pending Consideration
- 9) 21/02989/LBC - Great Ness House, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2LE
Proposal: Installation of 5 sets of replacement sash lights affecting a Grade II Listed Building
Decision: Grant Permission

- 10) 21/03331/LBC - Tithe Barn, Kinton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1AZ
 Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the replacement of single pane glazing to numerous small slit windows with bespoke double-glazed units and secondary glazing to single-pane glazed hatch window in same (gable) wall, removal of fireplace surround, maintain wood-burning stove in existing position and make-good with simple hearth and exposed flue, replace supporting wooden pillar to internal wooden staircase with a cantilevered wooden beam, removal of small brick chimney and siting of new boiler flue to external elevation at rear of property affecting a Grade II Listed Building
Pending Consideration
- 11) 21/03734/FUL - Service Station, A5 Nesscliffe Bypass, Nesscliffe, SY4 1BZ
 Proposal: Installation of 8No. electric vehicle charge points, covered canopy and 2No. sub-stations
Pending Consideration
- 12) 21/03974/FUL - 2 Ridgewood Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DP
 Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension
Pending Consideration

75/2122 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 21/04619/TCA - Fielding, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2LE
 Proposal: Fell 6no Maple, 1no Hazel, 1no Ash & 1no Alder (See Plan & Photos) within Great Ness Conservation Area
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application to remove the self-seeded saplings.
- 2) 21/03974/FUL - 2 Ridgewood Road, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 1DP
 Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension
Comments: The parish council considered the revised plans and agreed to comment that they address the concerns raised and bring the extension in line with the existing house.

76/2122 **PARISH MATTERS – to consider updates and new matters**

- a) *Highways' maintenance matter*
- Road condition at Ruyton plus Gibraltar Lane.
 - Hedge on north side of village needs doing. Cllr. Diggory has spoken to a hedge contractor with a view to doing 3 or 4 safety issues.
 - It was agreed to clarify with Graham Taylor if the path clearance, as part of EMG works, includes Nesscliffe Hotel to Great Ness crossroads.
 - Concrete at bus shelter need doing.
- b) *S50 works, VAS and crossings* – the clerk presented some of the S50 plans but some are awaited. There are issues with the Bluetooth connection on the VAS which the clerk is investigating to enable data to be downloaded. The crossing plans were noted and the work is to be done when the other S50 application items are submitted, to save application fees. A quote for the crossings has previously been agreed.
- c) *Noticeboards – delivery date and fitting* – date awaited.
- d) *30mph stickers (Cllr. Mullis)* – it was agreed to ask SC if we buy 30mph stickers to put on lampposts.
- e) *Lorries speeding* – a response had been received from MJ Refrigeration who had apologised and said he would remind his drivers they are to use the bypass not come through Nesscliffe village.
- f) *Draft Local Lettings Plan for affordable homes at Hopton Park* – it was agreed to ask for the following amendments:
- Applicants to have resided in parish 2 years not 3 years.
 - Re the bungalows and an enquiry about them being used for persons with disabilities, it was agreed that the parish council's preference that they be first advertised for 6 weeks for local need, then 6 weeks for disabled persons, then general need.
- g) *Sign for Drover's Road, Great Ness* – the sign wording was approved, subject to S50 approval.

- h) *Book swap (Cllr. Mullis)* – a book swap box has been placed with the food bank. There have been some swaps but some concerns re if it will work in terms of capacity and choice. It was agreed to continue to trial for a further month or two and consider putting a suggestions list.
- i) *Reports of other parish matters*
- *Cllr. Turner suggested a donation to Samaritans Shrewsbury branch of £50, in light of recent incidence re Nesscliffe Hill. It was also agreed to suggest to SC Countryside Team that a notice with the Samaritans number is placed at the site. Cllr. Peters suggested the Great Ness Charity contributes to. It was **RESOLVED** to donate £100 (£50 will be given on behalf of the charity who will reimburse the parish council once the banking issue they have is resolved). It was further **RESOLVED** to pay for the aforementioned signage at the hill and seek advice from the Samaritans on signage.*
 - *Little Ness war memorial damage* – a lorry had struck the war memorial. Guy Davies had kindly arranged a repair and intercepted the driver – it was agreed to write and thank him,

77/2122 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *External audit report* – no concerns raised.
- b) *Bank reconciliation and budget report to Q2* – Cambridge BS statement awaited so this item was deferred.
- c) *Payments including payments made between meetings* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P37-2122	SCPF	Pension	SO	£169.30	£0.00	£169.30
P38-2122	Scottish Power	Electric	SO	£31.27	£1.56	£32.83
P39-2122	R Turner	Salary September	SO	£771.99	£0.00	£771.99
P40-2122	Asset Surfacing	Car park sign erection	BACS	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00
P41-2122	Green Barnes Ltd	Noticeboards	BACS	£4,730.65	£946.12	£5,676.77
P42-2122	Little Ness Village Hall	Room hire	BACS	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
P43-2122	PKF Littlejohn	Audit	BACS	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
P44-2122	HMRC	PAYE Q2	BACS	£289.22	£0.00	£289.22
P45-2122	R Turner	Expenses Jul to Sep	BACS	£113.97	£2.40	£116.37
P46-2122	DM Payroll	GDPR	BACS	£155.00	£0.00	£155.00

It was agreed to pursue the removal of the Scottish Power connection at the site of the former portacabin.

- d) *Income received* – none.

78/2122 **CORRESPONDENCE** –

- a) *Submission of draft Local Plan* – noted.
- b) *Excavation works adjacent to Quarry House* – complaint received from resident which he was advised to refer to planning enforcement.
- c) *Adcote Mill Bridge* – Cllr. Potter said that residents on the other side of the bridge have protested and this has resulted in an injunction; the work is seasonal so will now be delayed until next year

79/2122 **NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) *Council Meetings* – 9th November 2021, Nesscliffe Village Hall.
- b) *Items for next meeting agenda- to note requests*
- *Local connection -to confirm request. Applicants to be invited to the next meeting.*

It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press should be excluded during discussion of Items 80 to 82/2122, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information

80/2122 **COMMUNITY LAND**

- The amended transfer deed is awaited.
- Seeding of the land is in hand and some turf donations have been received.
- Quotes for clearance of portacabin land (*Cllr. Arthur left the room*). Two quotes had been received and one was significantly cheaper – it was **RESOLVED** to accept the cheaper quote of £100.

81/2122 **FOOTPATH LINK TO SCHOOL** – it was **RESOLVED** to defer seeking quotes until rest of landscaping works for the community land area put out to quote/tender.

82/2122 **EMPLOYMENT MATTER** – the clerk reported an employment matter which the council noted.