

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17
FEBRUARY 2020 AT 8:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL**

2524. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors P Bodimeade, T Flashman, G Gough, M Pye and Mrs V Smith.

2525. PRESENT

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors Mrs S Madeley, A Richards, Dr C Stevenson and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley. Clerk C Maclean.

2526. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2527. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 20 JANUARY 2020

Councillor Dr C Stevenson proposed and Councillor A Richards seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2528. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2528a. Longville Arms: Councillors were advised of the discussions at the Shropshire South Planning Committee resulting in the decision to refuse the applicant's application. Next steps are awaited but Councillors agreed that community interest in the pub remaining is key to any future success.

2528b. VE Day: Councillors noted that whilst the Records Trust and the Village Hall Committee would be running events to focus on VE/VJ Day, it was agreed that no activities be planned by the Council.

2528c. South Shropshire Area Committee Meeting: Clerk advised Councillors of the presentations delivered at the meeting on 30 January 2020. First presentation was delivered by Richard Woolley, Chief Executive of Connexus on the scope of work and relationships he would like Connexus to deliver with town and parish councils. A second presentation was also delivered by Tom Blackburne-Maze, Consultant to Shropshire Council on Highways who advised on the scale of change being considered by Shropshire Council to all operational matters, resources and delivery.

2529. CORRESPONDENCE

Items Requiring A Decision

2529a. None.

Other Correspondence

2529b. Health Watch Shropshire – Stronger Together Event: Councillors noted the invitation to attend the annual event scheduled for 4th March.

2529c. Social Prescribing: Councillors noted the communication from Healthwatch Shropshire and their proposed consultation and questionnaire.

2529d. Great British Spring Clean 2020: Councillors noted the promotion for the 2020 spring clean to run from 20 March to 13 April. Details to be advised to Young Farmers and Rushbury School. Details also to be placed on website and Village Hall notice board.

2529e. Smart Rural 3 Event: Councillors noted the event scheduled for 27th February.

2530. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Mrs C Motley advised Councillors of the following developments:

2530a. **Connecting Shropshire Update**

Noted that the three main suppliers to the area BT, SWS and Airband are each operating with different systems. Rollout progressing but concerns remain over adequacy of cover.

2530b. **Highways**

Shropshire Council providing updates on developments to address flooding. Communications seen as more proactive.

2530c. **Rural and Communities Strategy**

This is being updated and development of the plan progresses. Progress on development of Place Plans slowing due to current absence of Gwilym Butler. Focus on environmental issues and climate change.

2530d. **Youth Services**

Plans progressing on the set up of the team by Shropshire Council and their remit to liaise with local authorities. Consideration being given to reach out process as youth club model not always seen as best way forward.

2530e. **Tourism Expo**

Shropshire Tourism Expo scheduled for 30 March at Ludlow Castle. Recommended to visit. Initiative being run along with Shropshire Hills Destination Partnership.

2530f. **Cultural Strategy**

Shropshire Tourism currently researching with Consultants looking into Culture and Heritage.

2531. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2531a. **Housing Needs Survey**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson summarised the key findings from the recent survey and which had been presented in the local parish magazine. It was noted that 69 responses had been received to the survey representing 25% of the parish population. 13 households were considering a move of property with 7 thinking of moving out of the parish. Various views were expressed on the size of properties desired. The concerns over the types of questions set out in the survey and which had been shared with Shropshire Council were felt justified. More detailed questions would be considered for inclusion in the Parish Plan Update. Discussion was held on the merits of relaxing the planning restrictions to enable more affordable housing to be built on the basis these were on exception sites.

2531b. **Plan Update**

It was noted that there had been no public interest in joining and working with the Council on the Plan Update. Councillors agreed that the best way forward was for Councillors to outline the key aspects and options for the future of the parish and present these to parishioners at the Annual Assembly in April. Feedback received would be factored into the Update. Councillor Dr C Stevenson proposed that next steps involve email communications on the detail to be set out and Councillor Mrs S Madeley agreed to assist in this effort. It was noted that Councillor P Bodimeade had previously expressed interest in the Plan Update and he would be approached to enquire of his interest in joining this sub-group.

2532. **PLANNING**

Planning Application has been received for:

2532a. 20/00209/FUL: Longville Farm, Longville in The Dale, Much Wenlock, Shrops, TF13 6DS

Proposal: Conversion of traditional farm buildings to create 4 residential dwellings with garaging and approved vehicular access

Decision: No objections raised but feedback to be given to Shropshire Council advising that condition of approval required ensuring that waste from the properties went to the main sewer.

Planning Decisions made:

2532b. 19/05281/CPE: The Fairlings, Longville in The Dale, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DX
Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for existing biomass boiler

Decision: Certificate – Lawful

2532c. 19/05440/OHL: Land at Rushbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Addition of third wire to section of network

Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification

2532d. 18/03355/FUL (validated 11/09/2018): Longville Arms, Longville In The Dale, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6DT

Proposal: Change of use of former public house to residential (resubmission of 17/01687/FUL)

Decision: Refuse

2533. **FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM**

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised that she had spoken to the Footpath Specialist at Shropshire Council and discussions are being held over the liability responsibilities for any repairs undertaken.

2534. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2534a. **Banking**

Community Account at 02.02.2020	£279.91
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Deposit Account at 01.02.2020	£2,642.60
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2534b. **Invoices to pay February**

Sodexo (9900522384)	£130.06
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Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (14532)	£3.60
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Resolved: Councillor A Richards proposed and Councillor Mrs S Madeley seconded that the payments be made.

2535. **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

2535a. **Village Hall Update**

The Clerk updated Councillors on recent events within the Village Hall.

Progress continues to be made on the refurbishment of the Ladies WC.

The Pop-Up Pub event on 24 January had been very successful and provided a profit of £595 on sales.

Quotes are being obtained on an External Storage Container.

Discussions held on the fencing that is to replace the hedge removed from the section of the car park adjoining the road to improve visibility.

A local family has donated funds to the Village Hall

The Home Education Group has requested the installation of benches for outdoor use.

2535b. **Millennium Green and Playground Update**

Councillor Mrs S Madeley advised the tidy up day had been rescheduled to 14th March.

2536. **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor A Richards advised of concerns of residents in East Wall on the state of the lane. The recent weather has caused further deterioration and there are increasing concerns that the lane will sink into the brook.

Councillors expressed general concerns over the state of the highways across the parish.

2537. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Parish Plan Update.

Items to be advised to Clerk in advance of next meeting.

2538. **DATES OF 2020 MEETINGS**

16 March; 27 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

18 May (AGM + Ord Meet); 15 June; 20 July

21 September; 19 October; 16 November

Meeting closed at 9:50pm.