

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 15 July 2021 at The Guildhall, Cound

Present: Parish Councillors T Roberts, R Davies, S Green, S James, J Hall, K Symonds, and Shropshire County Councillor C Wild

Clerk: Lisa Harris

28.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S Scott, B Howarth and R Sartain. The reasons given were accepted by the Council.

29.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

30.21 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

Nick Newton, Traffic Engineer with Shropshire Council, updated the Parish Council on the speeding issue on the A458. He explained that his understanding was that the local residents wanted a 50mph speed limit applied to the stretch of A458 near Cound Park. After consulting with Rod Lake (Traffic Management Advisor, West Mercia Police), unfortunately this would not be possible. This is because the readings obtained from the speed strip exercise were far too high. A 50mph speed limit would not be enforceable without significant engineering measures to go with it. A speed limit needs to be self-enforceable i.e. motorists adhering to the speed limit without enforcement measures being in place so if they aren't complying with the existing speed limit they won't comply with a lower one. In addition, there is no collision data for this stretch of road so, as there are no reported accidents in the vicinity, a reduced speed limit cannot be justified on these grounds. Mr Newton suggested that the Parish Council apply to the Police Crime Commissioner Road Safety Fund at www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/funding/schemes for possible funding of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) which can be customised with a very brief warning message, for example "Concealed entrance". However, there is a lot of competition for this funding. Councillor Wild confirmed this to be the case as Berrington Parish Council had submitted a detailed (and time-consuming) application and had been unsuccessful in gaining funding. It was suggested that it might be quicker and easier for the community to look at fundraising to cover the cost of two VAS, one each end of the relevant stretch of A458. Mr Newton said there is a possibility, budget permitting, of Shropshire Council installing some static signs, such as "children crossing" but he would need to consult with his managers regarding this. The Chairman thanked Mr Newton for his time in apprising the Parish Council of the situation. As nobody had any further questions Mr Newton left the meeting.

31.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Symonds and

resolved (without opposition)

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2021 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly.

32.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20 May 2021

- a) Cound Arbour Bridge – site visit with Gurnek Singh (Engineering Services & Bridges Manager, Shropshire Council) took place on 9 June and there was a good turnout of residents. Mr Singh has sent through his notes from the meeting detailing the suggestions and ideas that had been mooted regarding signage and kerbing, together with drawings of the proposed works.

ACTION: Clerk to send out the information from Mr Singh to interested parties requesting responses by mid-August.

- b) A Certificate of Commendation from the Parish Council had been presented to a young parishioner for his litter-picking efforts in the village. Councillor Roberts had made the presentation and a photograph had appeared in the latest issue of Village Life.

- c) Update on ownership of the area around the footbridge on Church Lane – Councillor Howarth had sent an interim report on his research to date. He will continue to investigate. Councillor Symonds has unearthed some interesting information on the area which will be shared with Councillor Howarth.

ACTION: Councillor Symonds to liaise with Councillor Howarth to provide a further update at the next meeting as its own agenda item.

- d) Countryfile/Woodland Trust free tree scheme. Stephen Crack had requested that the Parish Council apply for trees under this scheme but there had been insufficient time to discuss at May's meeting. After fully debating this matter, the conclusion was that the Parish Council does not own any land suitable for tree planting and has no jurisdiction on what others do on their private land.

ACTION: Clerk to reply to Mr Crack with the Parish Council's response.

- e) Fullway Ford depth gauge – Nicola Moscrop had emailed the Council regarding this issue outside her property. Again, due to time constraints this could not be discussed at May's meeting. The Parish Council agreed that reinstating the depth gauge would be helpful.

ACTION: Clerk to report the missing depth gauge to Shropshire Council requesting for it to be reinstated.

33.21 BT Payphone Removal Consultation

Earlier in year the Clerk had submitted a holding response to Shropshire Council reconfirming the Parish Council's objections as stated in the last consultation (2016). However, the Parish Council now feels that the kiosk would be better used to house an additional defibrillator to serve the relatively densely populated area around the Upper Cound T Junction.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to consultation stating that the Parish Council would like to keep the telephone box whilst they investigate the feasibility of using the kiosk to house a defibrillator.

34.21 To appoint additional bank signatories

Due to the retirement of Linda Clutterbuck and Mervyn Smith, the only current bank signatories are Councillors Roberts, Scott and Hall.

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hall and
resolved (without opposition)

that Councillors James and Symonds become bank signatories.

ACTION: Councillor Roberts to liaise with Lloyds Bank to add new signatories (and remove outdated ones).

35.21 To consider the addition of a defibrillator for Cound Park

The residents of Cound Park are prepared to buy and install a defibrillator for use in that area but would like it included with the other two existing machines in Cound for monitoring and ongoing maintenance purposes. Once it is confirmed if Cound Park will be installing a defibrillator, the Parish Council will decide whether or not to accept the machine into the monitoring/maintenance scheme with the other defibrillators.

36.21 To discuss Cound Cricket Club parking

When events take place at Cound Cricket Club, cars are parked on both sides of the road which would prevent access to emergency vehicles if they were needed. Previously there had been an arrangement with David Waller to use his field for parking but this no longer had happened. Councillor Davies had spoken to a committee member of the Cricket Club who had agreed to raise the matter at their next meeting. The Chairman said that all that the Parish Council could do in this situation was to write to the Cricket Club advising that they been informed of the problem by a number of concerned residents, and could they please resolve it.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Cound Cricket Club.

37.21 To consider the use of email to discuss Parish Council matters

Councillor James had prepared a document to remind Councillors of emailing etiquette in relation to such things as data protection and freedom of information. It was discussed whether it would be more professional for each councillor to have a dedicated domain associated email address and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the cost of doing this.

ACTION: Clerk to research the cost of having individual email addresses off www.cound.org.uk

38.21 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Wild presented her report:

- Highways Budget – Full Council had met that day and had agreed an increase of £8m to the highways budget for the remainder of this financial year. The plan is to take a paper to Cabinet in September asking to borrow in excess of £60m over four years to fix the roads properly. The budget for bridge maintenance in the whole of Shropshire is only £300k. Councillor Wild has emailed the Chief Executive as that amount could be spent in the

Severn Valley Ward alone.

- Parliamentary Boundary Review – To reassure people, Cound Parish will still exist and will remain in Severn Valley and under Shropshire Council. The only thing changing will be the parliamentary boundary where Severn Valley Ward will be removed from Shrewsbury and Atcham and put into South Shropshire instead. The aim of the boundary changes is to even up the constituency numbers of each MP.

Councillor Wild left the meeting after giving her report.

39.21 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 11 July 2021. Both defibrillators require new batteries at a cost of £170 (+ VAT) each.

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Symonds and
resolved (without opposition)

that the batteries be replaced as soon as possible.

ACTION: Councillor Roberts to order two replacement batteries.

40.21 To receive Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was therefore not read out. There was nothing further to report.

41.21 Guildhall Matters

The Chairman read out a report submitted by Councillor Sartain in advance of the meeting. It covered:

- The windows and doors have been replaced with many thanks to Geraint Rees for all his work in both successfully applying for grants and supervising the installation. There are a couple of remedial works to complete such as the electrics for the top windows. Further projects include finishing off the kitchen with a fire door and shutters over the serving counter.
- The Riverside Inn has hired the building a number of times recently for their recruitment and training.
- Increasingly there is a demand for a broadband facility in the Guildhall.
- There are currently two parish councillors who act as trustees for the Guildhall but there is a requirement for a third to join Councillors Roberts and Sartain. The candidates are Councillor James and Councillor Howarth. There are two further vacancies coming up at the Guildhall AGM.

The Chairman advised that the Council should vote on which of the two candidates should become a trustee so Councillor James was asked to leave the room while the vote took place. An email was read out from Councillor Howarth saying that he volunteered in the belief that it was a vacant position, and that he was being helpful. However, in light of it actually being a contested position he was happy to withdraw. A show of hands from the councillors present voted unanimously agreeing the appointment of Councillor James to become the third parish councillor acting as a Guildhall Trustee. It would be suggested to Councillor Howarth that he considers becoming a trustee as a representative of Cound Park.

42.21 Current Year Financial matters

a) Payments

Authorised payments for June and July 2021 from Treasurer's Account

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
15/07/2021	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses June/July	£ 70.59
15/07/2021	Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary June/July	£ 354.60
15/07/2021	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 88.60
15/07/2021	SALC	Affiliation Fees 2021/22	£ 227.17
TOTAL			£ 740.96

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hall and

resolved (without opposition)

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 11 July 2021

The bank was reconciled at £9,656.70, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by Councillor Symonds.

43.21 Planning

1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref: 21/01740/FUL

Address: Tree Tops 2 Briars Court Upper Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AG

Description: Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory

Validated: 06 Apr 2021

Status: Granted

b) Ref: 21/01430/FUL

Address: The Riverside Inn Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AF

Description: Demolition of existing brick retaining wall and replacement with timber post retaining structure; creation of paved seating areas; construction of external fire; installation of wooden posts and festoon lights; landscaping scheme.

Validated: 25 Mar 2021

Status: Granted

c) Ref: 21/01247/ADV

Address: The Riverside Inn Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AF

Description: Erect and display 1No. externally illuminated painted building sign, 4No. non illuminated painted building signs, 2No. non illuminated building mounted entrance signs, 2No. non illuminated chalkboard signs, 1No. externally illuminated totem sign, 3No. externally illuminated roadside post signs, 1No. non illuminated building mounted sign and 1No. non illuminated wooden directional post sign

Validated: 11 Mar 2021

Status: Granted

d) Ref: 21/02807/TPO

Address: The Riverside Inn Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AF

Description: To crown lift (car park side) 3.5m 1no Weeping Willow (T1), crown lift 4/4.5m 1no Silver Birch (T3) and crown lift 0.5m 1no Weeping Birch (T5) protected by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Land at and Adjacent to the Riverside Inn, Cound) Tree Preservation Order 2002

Validated: 08 Jun 2021

Status: Granted

e) Ref: 21/02209/FUL

Address: 5 Cound Park Drive Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6BN

Description: Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation

Validated: 24 May 2021

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration:

a) Ref: 21/02819/LBC

Address: Proposed Barn Conversion South of Butlers House Harnage Cound

Description: Conversion of redundant barn to 1No dwelling, domestic store and formation of vehicular access affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Validated: 04 Jun 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

b) Ref: 21/02818/FUL

Address: Proposed Barn Conversion South of Butlers House Harnage Cound

Description: Conversion of redundant barn to 1No dwelling, domestic store and formation of vehicular access

Validated: 04 Jun 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

c) Ref: 21/02442/COU

Address: 4 Cound Moor Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6BB

Description: Change of use of residential annexe to holiday let use

Validated: 17 Jun 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

d) Ref: 21/03059/FUL

Address: Cound Arbour Bungalow Cound Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AW

Description: Demolition and removal of existing single storey conservatory and erection of new slightly larger single storey sun room. Refurbishment and upgrading of external finishes to existing bungalow

Validated: 08 Jul 2021

No objections nor comments were recorded on any of the above planning applications.

44.21 Correspondence

- Previously received an email from Stuart Austin, Business Development Executive at Airband. He wanted to come along to a meeting to introduce himself. Due to a full agenda at the May meeting we had been unable to hear from him then, but he asked to be invited to the July meeting. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact him. However, another generic email has been received from Clive Leworthy, Community Ambassador at Airband advising that "If your parish is in the first part of the rollout programme I will be in touch shortly to arrange a presentation to your Council."

45.21 Minor matters not included elsewhere on agenda and future agenda items

- **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – consider what the Parish Council might do to mark the occasion on 2 June 2022. Possibly a beacon as for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012?
- **Severn Valley Railway Trail** – a Facebook group with this name has been set up campaigning to bring back the old railway line between Shrewsbury and Ironbridge into a footpath, cycle path and bridleway. A movement is afoot being led by Sophie Northridge. Some councillors have been approached asking what the Parish Council feels about it so it should be discussed at next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to put on September's agenda.

- **Safe passage from Cound Cottage to Riverside Inn**

ACTION: Clerk to put on September's agenda.

- **The Heighways** – the wooden posts of the street name sign appear to be rotten, and it is in danger of falling over.

ACTION: Clerk to report issue to Shropshire Council.

- **Review of Clerk's hours** – Clerk's workload appears to be increasing and if clerk is going to study for CiLCA then additional hours should be paid for this.

ACTION: Clerk to have a look at the hours required to carry out the role. September agenda item.

- **Footpaths Officer** – Consideration of who is appropriate as the Footpaths Officer to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

ACTION: Clerk to put on September's agenda.

46.21 Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 September 2021 at 7.30pm at The Guildhall, Cound.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 16 September 2021