

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Shrawley Village Hall and virtually via Zoom, Tuesday 12th January commencing at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors Ms R Mosedale (RM) – Chairman
Cllr A Dorrell (SD)
Mr M Dymond (MD)
Mr H Jackman (HJ)

In attendance: Ms C Shinner – Clerk, Dst Cllr P Cumming and 8 members of the public

483 Apologies for absence:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr P Grove, and Cllr R Clark (RC)

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

a) There was a declaration of interest made by AD re the planning application 20/01995. She was placed in the ZOOM waiting room by the Clerk at the time of the discussion of the planning application.

b) No Changes were notified.

485 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of 15 December 2020.

Alteration to minute 473 – “Dodoak 20/00908 had been through the planning committee and is recommended for approval by the planning officer”

The minutes of the previous meetings were then confirmed as accurate and will be signed accordingly.

Rebecca Mosedale wished the attendees a happy new year and then the meeting was closed for public question time and whilst this is not part of the Parish Council meeting there are notes attached to the minutes to act as an aide memoire.

486 Co-Option of Parish Councillors:

It was noted that whilst there were 2 vacancies for Councillors on Shrawley Parish Council, there were no applicants to consider at this meeting.

487 Planning matters

20/01880/HP
Courtlands
Sankyns Green
Little Whitley
WR6 6LQ

Replacement single storey extensions to existing house and amended access arrangements.

This application was considered in October 2020 and the parish council did not wish to change their previous decision.

This planning application came in after the agenda was published and was discussed due to time constraints – the deadline for replies ends before the February meeting of Shrawley Parish Council.

20/01995/FUL

Stonehill Farm,
New Inn Lane,
Shrawley. WR6 6TE

Proposed construction of indoor classroom building and change of use of land to outdoor nursery (class E(f))

It was noted that this was a replacement building.

The Parish Council agreed to visit the property in question.

Comments submitted by the Parish Council prior to this meeting.

20/01621/CU.

Storage Building at (os 79506432)

Sankyns Green,

Little Witley.

Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to 2 no holiday lets.

"In principle, Shrawley Parish Council support the conversion of the agricultural building. The application to convert the existing agricultural barn into two holiday lets, we believe, meets the SWDP 35: Section B: item V (conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to visitor accommodation).

However, Shrawley Parish Council are unable to support the current design as design is not keeping with and unsympathetic to its surroundings. Whilst size and scale are set by planning policy, i.e., conversion of a redundant agricultural building must be within the existing buildings footprint and reuse the existing structure, we feel the current proposal is not harmonised with or considerate of the setting. The dwellings will also overlook and impact on the privacy of Barn Owl and The Chalet opposite.

We would be unable to support any application without seeing a full landscaping and screening plan"

It was noted that further correspondence from Parishioners had been received on this application, and that this plot has had a variety of applications to date.

488 Correspondence and progress reports

- Email from parishioner re conversion to holiday lets 20/01621
- Reply from highways re Rectory Lane/Dark Lane sat nav and highways issue.
- Email of thanks to the parish council from Parishioner.
- Email from parishioner re planning application 20/01621 objecting and noting that the barn has been in use as storage and is therefore not redundant.
- Email from parishioner objecting to the application 20/01621
- 20/01995/FUL Letter from parishioner re the application.
- Members top 5 from P Grove
- Note from P Grove re donation towards millennium project

These were emailed with the agenda where possible and were also available for consideration prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the renewal of the New Inn as a community asset was underway (by Cllr RC) and parishioners were asked to fill in the survey on the pub which were on the Facebook pages.

489 Report from Parish, County and District Councillors.

Pam Cumming (PC) – District Councillor noted that the Council were currently dealing with the effects of Covid19 and would report further on this matter at the next meeting.

P Grove (PG) – County Councillor sent a report which is attached to this agenda.

490 Finance.

- a) Barclays Bank balance (as at 1/10/2020)
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| Business Current account | £9904.52 |
| Business saving account | £3245.84 |
| Cambridge and Counties Bond | (at 1/6/20) £10468.27 |
- b) Accounts for payment;
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| Clerk December 2020 | £377.13 |
| George Crump – lengthsman | £40 |
| Shrawley Parish Hall – sweets for the sleigh | £100 |
- The above invoices were agreed for payment.

Invoices for December 2020 have not been paid to date as a cheque written has been returned unpaid by Barclays Bank due to a signature error. They will be paid within the next 2 weeks.

c) Current banking arrangements for Barclays Bank.

It was noted that the Clerk had not seen a Barclays statement since October 2020 or a Cambridge and Counties statement since June 2020.

Progress on actions:

To add Councillor signatories to the bank account. The forms for the change of signatories on the bank account are currently circulated amongst the Councillors for return to the Clerk.

To arrange electronic banking. This will be organised when the Clerk has the relevant documentation.

To arrange for debit card for Clerks use. This will be arranged when the Clerk has electronic banking and access to the accounts.

To change address of bank statements. Currently the Clerk is unaware of where the bank statements are sent.

d) Cambridge and Counties Savings account

To change address of bank statements and to arrange for additional signatories (Currently RM, MD, AD). The original forms for signature and return to the Clerk have been mislaid. The Clerk will arrange for the documents to be redistributed.

491 Projects for consideration by the Parish Council.

- The planting of wild native daffodils – it was acknowledged that there had been difficulty getting the bulbs, but 100 had been sourced and there are ongoing efforts to get more. It was suggested that other native wildflowers could also be sourced.
- Millennium Green project. Cllr MD notes that a quote for the work needed at this site was still being worked on.
- Defibrillator. The process of testing the defibrillators will be discussed with Mike Partridge.
- Fibre to the premises for the 01905 numbers in Shrawley. Cllr HJ noted that there had been much interest in the proposed FTTP programme, and enough households had agreed to this scheme so that £69.5K worth of Gigabit Vouchers could be applied for and this was deemed to be sufficient for the scheme to be installed. A site survey and actual cost of the project was the next step and HJ will arrange to get the relevant documents submitted. HJ thanked N Latcham and J Nicholson for their work on this project. It was noted that people who had not expressed an interest will not be excluded. HJ to advertise this project in the Parish Magazine.
- West Mercia Police 'Operation Snap' HJ updated the Council on this programme for the reporting of dangerous drivers passing through Shrawley.

To learn more and help report dangerous drivers, please see this webpage: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap>

42% of offenders receive warning letters and a further 43% processed for prosecution.

Cllr HJ noted that Operation Snap from West Mercia could provide signs at the size of 18' by 6' to promote this facility and will provide examples and pricing at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

492 Parish Maintenance

It was acknowledged that there had been a problem enrolling the lengthsman on to the latest training day and the next available training will be explored by the Clerk.

Footpath issue at Gazen Bridge. It was noted that the hedge and associated debris was overgrowing the footpath at this location. Cllr MD noted that he would arrange all footpath clearing and would speak to the landowners in question to ensure the hedges were cut back. The lengthsman will cut the hedges not covered by landowners. It was noted that there had been no village sweeper this year supplied by Highways. Pam Cumming will ask highways for their assistance on this matter.

Severn Bank. There is ice on the road at this location – due to an overflowing drain and this has been reported to Highways for investigation. The water flows from Holt Heath into Shrawley Parish. Cllr AD asked if the Parish could have warning signs and MD is to approach Highways to this effect.

It was noted that the hedge cutting on Rectory Lane needed addressing.
It was noted that wreaths from the Church had been stolen.

493 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings
9th February 2021 and 9th March 2021

The Parish Council meeting was closed at 21.00

Public Question Time (mid meeting)

- John Lee expressed his concern with regard to the planning application 20/01995 and asked the PC to visit the area and road in question. He noted that in his opinion the village could only sustain one nursery and the Village Hall relied on the income from the current nursery. He noted concerns on the private road that the proposed nursery would need to be utilised
- It was noted that the above application was in the open countryside and outside the development boundary.
- Jo Smith from “Little Squirrels” nursery noted her concern re the proposed planning application of 20/01995 and noted that she had worked hard to grow the business and the competition of an additional nursery could adversely affect the business of 30 years.
- John Lee asked the Parish Council to consider purchasing some traffic cones to help alleviate the issue of parking on New Inn Bank.

Public Question Time (after the meeting)

- Thanks were given to the parishioners who helped with the Father Christmas event.
- Thanks were given to HJ for his work on the FTTP and a request made to see it in the Parish Magazine
- A request to thank the people who litter collected in the Parish was made. This was to go in the Parish Magazine.
- A request to ask all dog owners to keep their dogs on leads was also requested to go in the parish magazine.