

CHURCH PULVERBATCH PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2018, 7:30PM AT CHURCH PULVERBATCH VILLAGE HALL

1. **PRESENT** – Cllr W Higgins (Chairman), Cllr T Perkins, Cllr J Conde, Cllr P Whitley, Cllr P Taylor, Cllr R Clarkson S Ryan (clerk), Cllr D Morris Shropshire Council, 2 members of the public
2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr D Taylor
3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – none
4. **PUBLIC TIME** – members of the public spoke regarding agenda item 8 (a) raising concerns about the safety of the highway from Pease Lane to the main road junction at bottom of Cothecott Hill, particularly during wintry conditions, i.e. snow and ice. D Morris explained the Shropshire Council Winter Service Policy. It was agreed by all present that D Morris will discuss with local contractor and highlight the high risk junction to Highways Authority and where potential drainage work is required.
5. **MINUTES** - Minutes from 25 January 2018 approved as a correct record; proposed P Taylor; seconded J Conde and agreed by all present.
6. **REPORTS**
 - (a) Police report – circulated with agenda no crime reported for February
 - (b) Shropshire Councillors report – D Morris updated the Parish Council on Financial Strategy, change in Business Rate policy, concerns regarding GDPR and Discretionary Rate review.
P Taylor thanked D Morris for joining volunteers for litter pick held on Saturday 17 March
 - (c) Meetings or training attended by Parish Councillors - none
7. **PARISH MATTERS** –
 - (a) Village Hall land issue - It was agreed by all present to send further correspondence. Village Hall Committee are in discussion with their insurers following the ceiling collapse. An independent surveyor has given assurance that the building is now safe to use.
 - (b) Update on Quiet Lane status – following discussion it was agreed by all present that D Morris would contact and update the local resident who raised this issue.
 - (c) Royal mail response to issue during heavy snow – *From MP Parliamentary Office via D Morris 7/2/18 Thanks for your email and we actually raised this issue with the Royal Mail at the time. The process is, post is collected from post boxes and sent to Chester to be sorted. You can imagine with the large amount of snow we had, this in itself was a difficult process. When it was collected in Shrewsbury this then had to be transported to the Sorting Office in Chester along with post from other areas. This lead to a huge backlog of post waiting to be sorted and sent back to the delivery office in Shrewsbury. The Royal Mail advised 'The weather has been very bad in many parts of the country which has a significant impact along the delivery chain as it impacted the whole transport network. However, our people worked solidly to meet expectations and I am sorry if some residents were left disappointed'.*
8. **HIGHWAYS MATTERS** –
 - (a) New issues
 - Condition of Pease Lane to Pulverbatch Road via Wilderley – refer to agenda item 4
 - Salt bin replacement required at Wrentnall

(b) Update on previously raised issues - Speed Watch

The data collection information provided by Safer Roads Partnership was discussed and it was agreed by all present to work with Longden Parish Council to get volunteers for Community Speed Watch. Longden Annual Parish meeting date to be confirmed.

9. FRIENDS OF CASTLE PULVERBATCH – Annual report received and progress discussed. P Taylor highlighted future requirements are maintenance and running costs for equipment; insurance scheme for volunteers. B Higgins complimented the group on work done and in particular the quality of the Walking leaflet produced.

10. FINANCE

(a) Bank reconciliation and balance to bank statements approved; proposed T Perkin; seconded B Higgins and agreed by all present

(b) Approved adjustment to 2018/19 budget to allow for insurance increase: proposed J Conde; seconded R Clarkson and agreed by all present

(c) The following payments were approved; proposed R Clarkson; seconded P Taylor and agreed by all present

Clerk salary February and March plus expenses	£348.26
SALC – training	£47.00
SALC – Affiliation 2018/19	£172.02
Friends of Castle Pulverbatch grant	£100.00

(d) Retrospective approval for payment:- proposed T Perkins; seconded P Whitley and agreed by all present
Came and Company – insurance £218.00

(e) Receipts to note - interest on savings £0.12

11. PLANNING MATTERS

(A) PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – for information only - none

(B) PLANNING MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION - none

(C) PLANNING APPLICATIONS/NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS SENT OUT - none

12. CONSULTATION – on Eastridge, Shelve and Lodge Hill Forest Plan - Forestry Commission public consultation – no comments from Parish Council

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – none received

B Higgins thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.56pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018** AT CHURCH PULVERBATCH VILLAGE HALL, at 7.30pm