Melverley Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1 March 2017 at the Melverley Village Hall**

1. Members of the Public Address the Parish Council.

No Members were present

1. Present

Mr. B.C. Edwards (Chairman), Mr. S.G. Pritchard, Mr. L.L. Jones, Mr M. Davies, Mrs S. Herbert-Jones

R.W. Gittins (Clerk)

Also in attendance: Mr. A. Walpole, Councillor, Shropshire Council, Mr. C. Taylor, Head of Connecting Shropshire, Shropshire Council, Mr Chris New, SWS Rural Broadband Services.

Members of the Public: None

1. Apologies – None
2. Future of Rural Broadband

Cllr A. Walpole introduced Mr C. Taylor, Head of Connecting Shropshire Board Band who outlined the present situation in Shropshire regarding Superfast Broadband. Mr Chris Taylor introduced Mr Chris New of SWS Rural Broadband Solutions, who explained his company specialised in providing broadband by wireless mast to rural areas. A successful connection required a line of sight to one of their masts or relays. He went on to inform the Council the Company was in the process of commissioning a new mast on Middletown Hill, which should be operational during April. Also, he was happy attend a public meeting to outline his company’s solutions for the area.

Declarations of Interest

None were declared. The members present initialled statements in accordance with code of conduct.

1. To Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016 (circulated) were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, Mr B.C. Edwards.

1. Matter Arising

The damage to the fencing at The Rectory Corner requires repairing and it was suggested that this should be replaced with ”see through” fencing to provide improved sight lines and visibility for vehicles at the junction.. The storm drainage ditch would probably require clearing.

1. Finance

It was resolved to appoint Mrs Felicity Ramage as the Internal Auditor for the accounts for year ending 31 March 2017

Authority was given to pay: There were no financial transaction during the periods

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| Payments | None |
| Receipts | None |
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1. Planning Matters.

16/04791/FUL Cornfields. Melverley SY10 8PH Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act for the erection of a double garage (amendment to previously approved scheme 15/02000/FUL) - Permission Granted

1. Reports

Police – there was no reports from the Police

Shropshire Council – Cllr A. Walpole gave a comprehensive report on the recent activities of Shropshire Council, which included budget meeting, household rates may now be increased to 3.9%. The dip in the road between Wernlas to Argoed was now scheduled to be raised and would start shortly.

Cllr A Walpole informed the meeting he would not be standing for re-election to Shropshire Council. Mr B.C.E Edwards, Chairman, thanked him on behalf of the Council for the work he had carried on behalf of the people of Melverley and wished him well for the future

Local Joint Council – No from the Council could attend the meeting.

1. Parish Matters

Parish Plan – The plan was now at the printers and would be issued shortly

Cllr Martin Davies reported badgers were again undermining the road approaching the river bridge.

Rescue Punt Training – This would take place on 9 and 10 March 2017

1. Correspondence

The items received since the last meeting were discussed and the information noted.

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| **Correspondence Received 7 December 2016 to 1 March 2017** | |  |
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|  | Invoices received and items covered under the agenda | |
|  | are not listed below. |  |
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| From | Item |  |
|  | LCR Winter | Publication |
|  | Clerks & Council Direct | Publication |
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|  | Emails |  |
| ALC | Various emails | Information |
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| Parish Online | Parish online news | Information |
| SC | Rural Hub Newsletter | Information |
| Corbett | Corbett News Letter | information |
| SC | Notification of planned temp road closures | information |
| SC | Elections Bulletin 1 & 2 for Parish Clerks | information |
| SC | Briefing notes for Parish Councils Planning Consultations | Information |

1. Any Other Business

Mr R.W. Gittins, Clerk, reminded the meeting of the forth coming for the local elections which would take place on 4 May 2017.

1. Date of next meeting Wednesday, 10 May 2017

Signed ……………………………………………. Date…………………….