

SHRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Shrawley Village Hall

Monday 11th November 2019 commencing at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors Mr C Honan – Chairman
Mrs A Dorrell
Ms R Mosedale
Mr M Dymond
Mrs J Griffin

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk along with 7 members of the public.

384 Apologies for absence:

County Councillor Phil Grove & District Councillor Pam Cumming. The Chairman announced that he would step down from the Chairmanship following a recent operation so he could concentrate on a full recovery at this point the Vice Chairman Rebecca Mosedale took the chair.

385 Confirmation of the Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 9th September 2019 as circulated earlier were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

a) There were none. b) There were none.

387 Planning Matters

The Council had no live Planning Applications to consider and noted the outstanding decisions from MHDC on the Planning List.

388 Malvern Hills District Council – South Worcestershire Development Plan

The Council considered the Malvern Hills District Council South Worcestershire Development Plan consultation. Although making no comments to the Plan itself they RESOLVED to object to the Car Park adjoining the New Inn in Shrawley being included within the settlement boundary. Councillor Honan stated he would draft a response to Malvern Hills DC accordingly.

389 County & District Councillor's Report

In the absence of County Councillor Grove & District Councillor Pam Cumming it was noted they had sent written reports.

390 Correspondence & Update Sheet

There was no additional correspondence to be considered.

391 Community Infrastructure Levy

It was noted Malvern Hills District Council had paid the Parish Council £1,778.85 to be used for community infrastructure improvements within the Parish.

392 Shrawley War Memorial

Councillor Honan reported he had held a discussion with Mr Westwood recently regarding the War Memorial and Grass Cutting. The Clerk had investigated the War Memorial with the War Memorial Trust and Historic England. The War Memorial Trust states, *"that the Memorial is in poor condition and needs repair works carried out"* The Trust could not provide any information as to the owners of the Memorial or the land it sits on. The Clerk advised a Land Registry Search may identify the ownership of the land and the Vice Chairman stated she would pursue this search. The Clerk advised the PC had no ownership on the Memorial and it was not deemed appropriate to financially take on somebody else's risk and responsibilities. The Council RESOLVED not to pursue this option.

Regarding the verge grass cutting the Council RESOLVED to take over this element of work and budget for this expenditure from within their budget during the next Financial Year 2020-2021. The Parish Council wished to record their grateful thanks to Mr John Westwood who had voluntarily carried out this function for the community for the past 50 years. The Vice Chairman agreed to thank him accordingly.

393 Village Maintenance

Councillor Dymond stated various paths had recently been cleared using additional resources. It was felt by councillors present the pathways looked the best they had for many years. 2 new Grit Bins had been ordered and were due to be delivered later this week. Councillor Griffin reported on a successful litter pick recently, together with daffodil bulbs being planted, and the Glazenbridge Planter being restocked with spring shrubs.

394 Halloween Party

It was noted the recent Halloween Party supported by the Parish Council had been a huge success and thanks were expressed by the Council to Naomi Thomas for her hard work organising the event.

395 Malvern Hills District Council - Training

Council noted the new Training Programme issued by Malvern Hills District Council. The Clerk urged all councillors to consider attending as many of the training sessions as possible.

396 Community Grant

Council noted a grant application had been received from The Little Squirrels Nursery. No other organisations had approached the Clerk for a Grant. It was RESOLVED to consider grants at the January meeting following advertising the Grant in the Parish Magazine and on Social Media.

397 Parish Precept for 2020-2021

The Clerk circulated a Budget Working Spreadsheet to consider a precept for 2020-2021. It was RESOLVED to create a Working Group to look at this issue. The Vice Chairman agreed to coordinate a suitable date.

398 Finances

- Seven cheques were approved at the meeting for payment totalling £1,433.09:
 - £526.10 - Clerks Salary & Expenses October & November 2019
 - £107.40 – HMRC October & November 2019

- £355.60 – Glasdon – 2 Grit Bins
- £45.50 – Mrs Griffin – Daffodil Bulbs
- £137.00 - NWT Supplies – Rock Salt
- £240.00 - Mr S Evans – Garden Services
- £21.49 - Mrs Griffin – Plants for the Planter at Glazenbridge

Income & Expenditure sheets for 2019-20 to date were noted.

The Clerk confirmed he still did not have any access to the Barclays Bank accounts or the Online Facility. He had been into the Kidderminster Branch and they refuse to discuss the accounts with him. This matter needs resolving urgently as it is against the Parish Councils Financial Regulations for the Councils Clerk not to be able to access your banking accounts. The Vice Chairman stated she worked in Birmingham and agreed to go and speak to the Birmingham Branch to resolve this issue.

The Clerk advised the Cambridge & Counties 31-day savings account was now accessible to the current Parish Council following Councillors Dorrell & Dymond signing the mandate change form earlier in the meeting.

399 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.40 pm. The next meeting is the Monday 13th January 2020 commencing at 7.15 pm.

Chairman.....
13th January 2020

Matters raised under Public Participation included:

- Request for Village Benches
- Outdoor licensing regulations at the New Inn
- Village Christmas Tree
- Community Use of the New Inn Car Park