

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 8:00PM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIRTUAL REMOTE PLATFORM**

There being no members of the public in attendance and with all Councillors present the meeting commenced at 7:40pm.

**2578. APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillors Mrs S Madeley, Mrs V Smith and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley.

**2579. PRESENT**

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, T Flashman, G Gough, M Pye, A Richards, Dr C Stevenson. Clerk C Maclean.

**2580. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**2581. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 24 AUGUST 2020**

**Councillor A Richards proposed and Councillor M Pye seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2020 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.**

**2582. CHAIRMAN'S / CLERK'S NOTES**

**2582a. Chairman Update**

Councillor M McFarland advised he had received an invite to the induction of the new vicar, Sam Mann. Due to the current situation, he had declined the invitation.

**2582b. Clerk Update**

Clerk that he had raised tickets with Shropshire Council on the MyShropshire and reported the issues in relation to (i) the road surface creating flooding in heavy rain outside Hotel Cottage, Longville; (ii) poor road surface between B4371 and East Wall; and (iii) poor road surface between B4371 (Easthope) and Lushcott. No feedback received from Shropshire Council to date. Clerk will follow up.

Councillor T Flashman raised concern over poor drainage and flooding incidents at Jack's Cottage. It appears that there has been damage to the pipe running into the adjoining fields. Investigations suggest that this needs to be raised with Shropshire Council.

**2583. CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk advised of an email received from a party interested in the purchase of a property within Rushbury which is subject to local and affordability criteria. Whilst the interested party was seeking details of the criteria from the estate agent enquiries were being made of the parish council whether information and assistance could be provided. Councillor M McFarland advised that further information on the interested party would be required to consider further.

**2584. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs C Motley Councillors noted the report provided.

.2585. **PLANNING**

**Government White Paper Consultation**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised Councillors of his interpretation of the White Paper and the consultation questions. Councillors considered the questions and the impact of the consultation. It was considered that the consultation was more focused on urban development rather than rural.

Councillors noted that there appeared to be conflict over interpreting the intentions of the Government in terms of brownfield sites; affordable/social housing; allocation of responsibility to local authorities over decision making and exception site focus. Concern also expressed over the potential for developers to take advantage and progress their own ambitions.

Councillors shared concerns over the expectation of members of the public to have access via social media when a key portion of the public do not have such access. Concerns also shared over the level of scrutiny that may be available over the reviews of applications and subsequent decisions.

Councillors agreed that the questions should be carefully reviewed and responses considered in advance of a response prior to the end of the consultation period of 29<sup>th</sup> October.

2586. **FINANCE**

2586a. **Banking**

Community Account at 02.09.2020 £93.63

Deposit Account at 01.09.2020 £6,245.81

2586b. **Invoices to pay September**

Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (115329) £19.80

Clerk Salary (April to September) £1,500.00

**Resolved: Councillor T Flashman proposed and Councillor G Gough seconded that the payments be made.**

2587. **PARISH MATTERS**

2587a. **Village Hall**

Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised of an approach from the Secretary of the Village Hall enquiring of the use of the facilities by the Parish Council. Concern was expressed by the Councillors that there may be a funding issue with the village hall.

**Resolved: Councillor G Gough proposed and Councillor P Bodimeade proposed that the Council for the bookings that it had reserved. All Councillors in agreement.**

Councillors discussed the appropriateness of meeting in person but noted the guidance from the National Association of Local Councils that meetings continue to be held online.

2587b. **Broadband**

Clerk advised Councillors of a fresh initiative from BT to roll out full fibre broadband.

Councillor M McFarland updated Councillors on the initiative by SWS to extend their offering within the parish. With the installation of the aerial at the village hall, SWS intend to promote their offering via the parish magazine and council website.

2588. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Planning: Government White Paper

Update on MyShropshire Highways tickets

Packhorse Bridge, Church Farm  
Further items to be advised to Clerk in advance of meeting

2589. **DATES OF FURTHER 2020 MEETINGS**

19 October; 16 November

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.