

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 8:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

2492. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors T Flashman, Mrs S Madeley and M Pye.

2493. PRESENT

Councillor M McFarland - Chairman, Councillors P Bodimeade, G Gough, A Richards, Dr C Stevenson, Mrs V Smith and Shropshire Councillor Mrs C Motley. Clerk C Maclean.

2494. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2495. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21 OCTOBER 2019

Councillor A Richards proposed and Councillor Dr C Stevenson seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2019 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

2496. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S NOTES

2496a. Longville Arms: No further information received from Shropshire Council.

2496b. Traffic and Road Matters: Clerk advised Councillors of recent meeting with Mr A Keyland of Shropshire Council Highways to discuss the road condition issues with Lushcott Lane. A further meeting with landowners of adjoining fields is planned to discuss options to address drainage issues.

Clerk also advised of recent contact from a Longville resident expressing concern over the water accumulating at the side of the B4371 next to the former Longville Arms. It is believed this may be due to a blocked or collapsed gully. Issue has been reported to Shropshire Council Highways.

Councillor A Richards advised of drainage issues at East Wall where blocked drains are adding to water accumulation issues on the road surface. Clerk will report this issue to Shropshire Council Highways.

2496c. Smartwater Initiative: Councillors noted that the Council was not in a financial position to purchase kits on behalf of parishioners. Clerk will seek ways of promoting the kits to parishioners with ability to purchase at a favourable price.

2497. CORRESPONDENCE

Items Requiring A Decision

2497a. The email from Luke Mills in relation to setting up a new sports venture that would include the parish and utilising the village hall was discussed. Councillor Mrs V Smith advised that this had also been considered by the Village Hall Committee who expressed some interest but required further detail on what was being considered and the requirements. Councillors agreed that the venture merited further scrutiny and that this be left with the Village Hall Committee to progress.

Other Correspondence

2497b. None received.

2498. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Mrs C Motley advised the Councillors of the following developments:

2498a. **General Financial Environment**

Constraints remain within Shropshire Council as attempts are made to reduce costs further to address the deficit. Pressure grows on town councils to address the gaps not filled by Shropshire Council.

2498b. **Youth Services**

Reductions in budgets and services has greatly impacted youth services the demands of which continue to rise due to more complex needs.

Discussions are ongoing on what services can be taken back into the County Council and the systems of support required.

Shropshire Council are reviewing the system of outreach workers and how these can be funded. Whilst focus has been on towns, concerns remain over the lack of focus on rural areas. Attempts being made to reinstate community enablement teams that can support and be supported within rural parishes.

2498c. **Boundary Reviews**

Opportunity presenting itself for parish councils to consider their boundaries to address anomalies and identify the most logical means to run their services. Demands on parishes, councillors and clerks suggest scope to rationalise to make best use of available resources. Proposal for Corvedale parishes to get together to consider options.

2498d. **Parish and Place Plans**

The Local Place Plan Review remains work in progress. Additional sites including Ironbridge Gorge and the M54 Commuter Belt being factored in with expectation that results will be published in 2020.

Community Led Surveys are being promoted within parishes.

2499. **PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

2499a. **Housing Needs Survey**

Clerk advised Councillors that 58 responses have been received to the Survey to date. More time being allowed for responses, but it is planned to start collating results and data within the next few days. Results expected in January 2020.

2499b. **Plan Update**

It was agreed that advice of and promotion of the Plan Update would commence in the parish magazine in February and March 2020. It would also be a key discussion topic at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2020.

Securing assistance and volunteers from the parish is key to moving this initiative forward and consideration to be given to how this can be achieved.

Early meetings in 2020 will focus on planning activities.

Some discussion was held on the potential of boundary reviews impacting the plan, but it was agreed that progress should continue.

2500. **PLANNING**

Planning Application has been received for:

2500a. None received

Planning Permission has been granted to:

2500b. None

2501. **FOOTBRIDGE AT CHURCH FARM**

The previous concerns expressed by Councillor T Flashman were reviewed and it was agreed that an approach be made to Shropshire Council to seek reassurance on the approach to repair the bridge and process to mitigate liability insurance risk.

2502. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

2502a. **Banking**

Community Account at 02.11.19	£229.69
Deposit Account on 01.11.19	£4,140.52

2502b. **Invoices to pay November**

Sodexo (9900504381)	£130.06
Rushbury Village Hall (3063)	£13.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (13974)	£3.60
DM Payroll Services (688)	£63.50

Resolved: Councillor P Bodimeade proposed and Councillor A Richards seconded that the payments be made.

2502c. Clerk advised that a transfer of £1,000 is required from the Deposit Account to the Community Account to enable future invoices to be paid.

2502d. **Invoices to pay December**

Sodexo (tbc)	£130.06
Rushbury Village Hall (tbc)	£13.00
Jason Gough Computing Services Ltd (tbc)	£3.60
SALC (Training)	£70.00
Millennium Green Insurance	TBC

Resolved: Councillor Mrs V Smith proposed and Councillor P Bodimeade seconded that the transfer be effected and payments made as they became due.

Clerk advised that he would notify Councillors of the amount of the insurance due for the Millennium Green prior to payment.

2503. **2020/2021 EXPENDITURE AND PRECEPT**

Councillors reviewed the budget forecast for 2020/2021. Whilst expenditure has been contained provision is required for the parish plan update and the council elections in 2021. **It was resolved that a precept amount of £7,200.00 be implemented for 2020/2021 resulting in an increase of 5.89% on the previous year.**

2504. **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

2504a. **Village Hall Update**

Councillor Mrs V Smith advised on recent developments at the Village Hall.

The ladies toilet are to be revamped.

Alternative storage is being considered for the items contained within The Committee Room. Hedge adjoining the B4371 and the entrance is to be removed to improve visibility and improve safety when exiting the car park.

A pop-up pub is to be introduced on the third Friday each month from 6pm to 9:30pm.

2504b. **Millennium Green and Playground Update**

No update.

2505. PARISH MATTERS

2505a. Councillor Dr C Stevenson advised that the dog foul receptors on the Millennium Green are full. No clear evidence these are being checked and emptied. Clerk to check the collection arrangements and follow up.

2505b. Clerk advised Councillors of recent meeting with Pete Tipton to discuss the condition of the Ball/Tennis Court surface. Quotes to be obtained on potential costs to renovate. It was agreed that the Court be locked up over the winter period to minimise further degradation.

2506. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Footbridge at Church Farm.

Items to be advised to Clerk in advance of next meeting.

2507. DATES OF 2020 MEETINGS

20 January; 17 February; 16 March; 27 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

18 May (AGM + Ord Meet); 15 June; 20 July

21 September; 19 October; 16 November

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.