

COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **Held at 7.30pm on 20 July 2023 at Cound Moor Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors S James (Chair), R Davies, J Hall, T Roberts, R Sartain, S Scott, M Smith, K Symonds, and Shropshire County Councillor C Wild

Clerk: Lisa Harris

31.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S Green and S Scott

32.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

33.23 Public Participation Session – *a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak, with a strict 5-minute limit per speaker. Members of the public may speak on matters appearing on the agenda. However, if a matter does not appear on the agenda, a written request should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2 working days before the meeting.*

There were no members of the public present

34.23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2023 and the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 29 June 2023.

The minutes of the previous meetings had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Roberts and **resolved (without opposition)**

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2023 and the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 29 June 2023 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly.

35.23 Clerk's report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting of 18 May 2023

- Both the Historic Environment and Conservation departments at Shropshire Council had been contacted to ask if it would be possible to replace the War Memorial. The response was unequivocal – under no circumstances could the Grade II Listed monument be removed and/or replaced. They also they advised that any restoration work would be subject to Listed Building Consent being granted.

- Application submitted to the War Memorial Trust for a grant to carry out restoration work to the War Memorial.
- Annual accounts published on website in accordance with relevant legislation.
- AGAR Certificate of Exemption submitted to external auditors.

36.23 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Wild presented a brief report which focused on Shropshire Council's financial position. Like other councils throughout the country, it is facing huge budgetary pressures and is having to make large savings - of £51M. Currently on track to be on a firm financial footing by year end. Savings will potentially be made by cutting non-statutory services such as pest control. Shropshire Council is having to make some very tough decisions and is considering withdrawing school transport support for nursery and post-16 children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) as it has no legal duty to do so. Such a move would be expected to save £350,000 a year. Over 85% of the budget is spent on just 3% of the population due to the provision of social care, which is a statutory requirement. The Council's Cabinet is keen to protect services like libraries and swimming pools to give something of value to the other 97% of the population.

37.23 To receive the defibrillator audit check for the period

Councillor Roberts had performed the audit checks for the period up to 16 July and confirmed that both defibrillators were ready to use as and when required.

38.23 Guildhall Matters

Councillor Sartain provided a brief update: The toilet block work is coming along well and should be finished by the middle of August allowing time for redecoration in readiness for a wedding reception being held there on 1 September.

39.23 Current Year Financial matters

a) Payments

Authorised payments for June and July 2023 from Treasurer's Account

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
20/07/2023	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses June/July	£ 58.30
20/07/2023	Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary June/July	£ 529.76
20/07/2023	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary June/July	£ 132.20
20/07/2023	D Burn	Environmental Maintenance May/June	£ 295.00
TOTAL			£1015.26

It was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Hall and **resolved (without opposition)**

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 16 July 2023

The bank was reconciled at £10,610.38, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting Agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by Councillor Symonds.

40.23 Planning

1. Decisions to note:

a) Ref: 23/01601/FUL

Address: Fair Acres Cound Moor Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 6AY

Description: Erection of extension to existing workshop/agricultural building to provide additional storage of timber and machinery

Validated: 13 Apr 2023

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration:

None

No objections nor comments were recorded on any of the above planning applications.

41.23 To consider restoration work to the War Memorial

The Clerk had provided an update on the situation in the earlier Clerk's Report. No decisions can be made until the War Memorial Trust have advised of their decision on the awarding of a possible grant. This will not happen until early January 2024.

ACTION: Clerk to put the item on January's agenda

42.23 To consider commemoration of the Coronation of King Charles III

The commissioning of a commemorative plaque at the War Memorial site had previously been agreed. However, this was now on hold until there was a decision on the restoration of the actual War Memorial.

ACTION: Clerk to put the item on January's agenda

43.23 Correspondence

- Email from Pageantmaster Bruno Peake regarding the lighting of a beacon for D-Day 80 Anniversary in June 2024. It was agreed that, as was the case with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a beacon will not be lit in the parish as it would be a fire hazard in the summer months.
- Email from parishioner regarding Public Right of Way from Cound Arbour Bridge to brook below Upper Cound
- Email from Outdoor Recreation at Shropshire Council advising that the above issue was being investigated

44.23 Future agenda items

None

45.23 Dates of next meetings

Thursday 21 September 2023 at 7.30pm at The Guildhall, Cound

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 21 September 2023